

RESOLUTION NO. 4485

A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION OF CITY COUNCIL TO ADDRESS WEST ALBANY AND NORTH ALBANY GROCERY SHOPPING LIMITATIONS.

WHEREAS, Safeway, Inc. has announced that they will not relocate a grocery at their former store site at Queen Avenue and Pacific Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, lack of a larger-scale grocery in West Albany and North Albany forces the approximately 15,000 underserved residents of these areas to travel across Albany to where all of Albany's larger-scale groceries have concentrated (if they wish to do their major grocery shopping in Albany); and

WHEREAS, the transportation impacts created by the need to commute across Albany for basic grocery shopping needs do not meet the transportation and land use goals and objectives of the City of Albany Comprehensive Plan or promote community livability; and

WHEREAS, the site formerly occupied by Safeway at Queen Avenue and Pacific Boulevard was identified in the community-based CALUTS Town Center Plan as an "anchor attractor" that provides an important gateway in the community; and

WHEREAS, the newly formed Central Albany Revitalization Area urban renewal authority has several tools that may be positioned to assist in the redevelopment and development of property within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City Council subcommittee appointed to evaluate this grocery shopping issue has met twice and recommends the following action.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the impacts on Albany's transportation and land use systems and on community livability warrant the City's involvement in addressing grocery shopping limitations in West Albany and North Albany and in attracting an active use at the former Safeway site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council is committed to using appropriate City resources and tools to address the grocery shopping limitations in West Albany and North Albany; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council directs City staff to identify and promote potential grocery locations in West Albany and North Albany to prospective mid- to large-scale grocers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council is committed to using appropriate City resources and tools to address the need for an active use at the vacated Safeway site at Queen Avenue and Pacific Boulevard.

DATED THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2001.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Recorder