

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS

Special Development Permit

General Plan Goals and Policies that relate to this project are:

Land Use and Transportation - Policy LT 4.13: *Promote an attractive and functional commercial environment.*

- *LT-4.13b: Support convenient neighborhood commercial services that reduce automobile dependency and contribute positively to neighborhood character;*
- *LT-4.13c: Provide opportunities for, and encourage neighborhood-serving commercial services in, each residential neighborhood.*

Community Character – Policy CC-3.2: *Ensure site design is compatible with the natural and surrounding built environment.*

1. The proposed use attains the objectives and purposes of the General Plan of the City of Sunnyvale as the project, as discussed below:

Staff finds that the proposed retail grocery use is consistent with the commercial zoning of the property and surrounding uses. The project will encourage pedestrian activity along this commercial portion of Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road. Through the use of high quality architectural design, the new building will improve the condition of the site, while being compatible with surrounding commercial development. Associated pedestrian and bicycle improvements create a more desirable and functional commercial environment for the site.

2. The proposed use ensures that the general appearance of proposed structures, or the uses to be made of the property to which the application refers, will not impair either the orderly development of, or the existing uses being made of, adjacent properties:

Proposed street frontage and parking lot landscaping improve the visual aesthetics of the site to the surrounding area. Additional improvements to the architecture and circulation, per the Conditions of Approval, improve the overall design and connection to the neighboring commercial property. The site meets parking standards with the additional commercial floor area for the site and increases deficient landscaping over current conditions.