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Mayor Reed and Members of the City Council:

As developers and owners of the new mixed-use project known as "The 88" in downtown San Jose, we write to respectfully request your Council's consideration of file CP08-056/ABC08-007.

In addition to delivering quality new urban residences, The 88 has been designed and developed to provide outstanding new retail opportunities for the benefit of the entire downtown and beyond. Neighborhood outreach and response during the last few years strongly suggests that many members of the local community see great value in the notion of introducing a new full-service urban market within The 88 given its immediate proximity to light rail and convenient attached, covered parking. We share this belief, and further feel that such an addition would encourage other quality retailers to return downtown at an accelerated pace.

To facilitate this potential, we have submitted Conditional Use Permit and Determination of Public Convenience and Necessity applications for the off-sale of alcohol in our project. As depicted in the attached conceptual floor plan, alcohol sales would be incidental, but nonetheless critical, to any urban market concept.

While we are encouraged by the general level of community and administrative support on behalf of a full-service market, we remain completely mindful of the concern and scrutiny rightly accompanying requests for issuance of such permits and licenses, and look forward to providing your Council with all necessary information to allow open consideration of our important request.

Sincerely,



Seth Bland
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Block 3 Development Partners, LLC