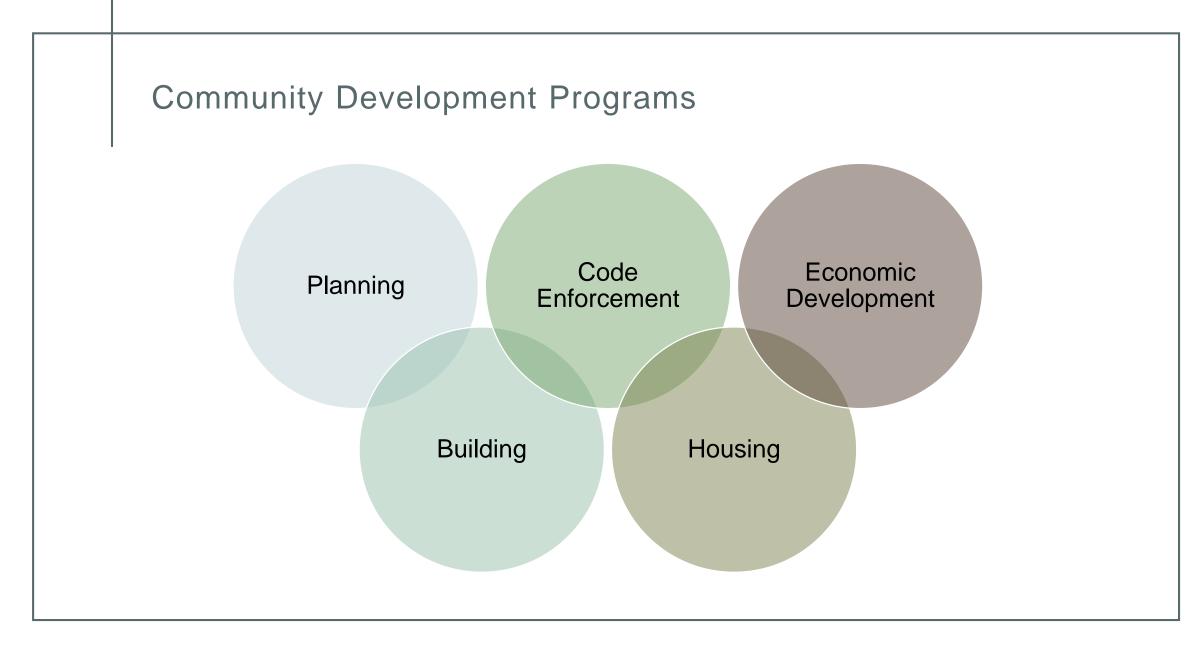


# Community Development Update

Hercules City Council



05/13/2025



### Meet the Team

Tim Rood
Director

**Seana Field**Senior Planner

**Shiva Matinpour** *CD Specialist* 

#### Larissa Alchin Associate Planner

Associate Planner (contract)

# James Jonte Code Enforcement Officer (contract)

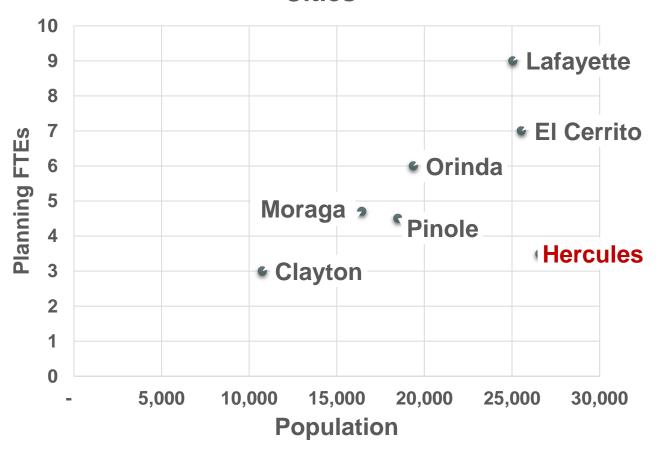
Bob Ross Wireless planner (contract)



### Peer City Staffing

Hercules CDD has a very small Planning staff compared to peer cities

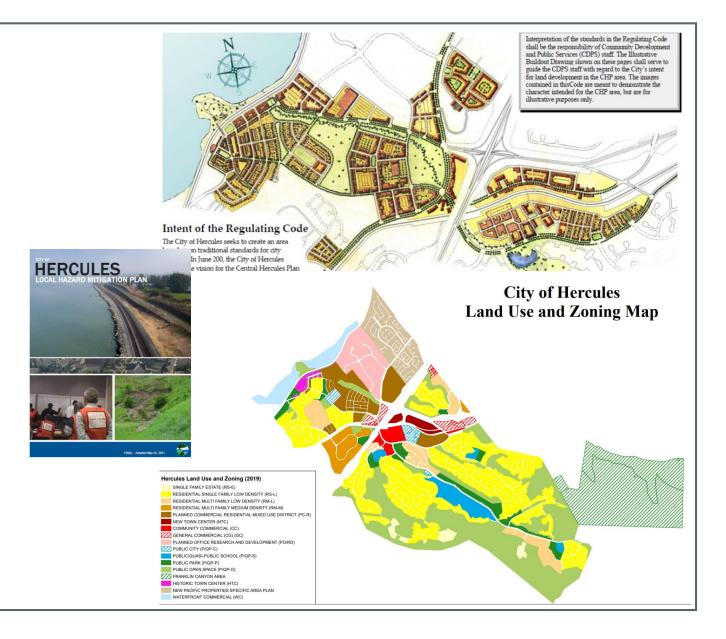
# Planning FTEs - Hercules and Peer Cities



### Planning

### Long Range Planning

- General Plan
  - Housing Element Update
  - LHMP Update
  - Replacement RHNA sites
  - Resilient Shoreline Plan
- Zoning Ordinance Updates
- Mandatory Reporting
  - General Plan
  - Housing Element
  - Measure J
  - LHMP



# Key Initiative: General Plan Update & EIR



- Supports Council's Strategic Goals:
  - Land Use Strategy
  - Economic Development Strategy
- Dedicated Funding from Permits
- Community Engagement Process
- Environmental Impact Report
- RFP to be released this summer
- 2 to 3-Year Timeframe to Adoption

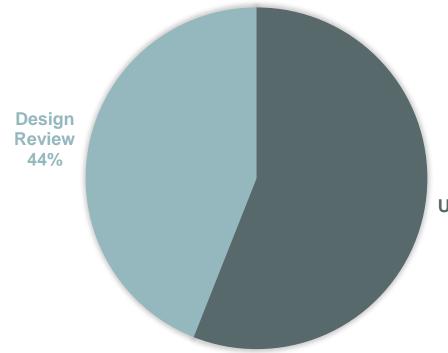
### Planning

#### Current Planning:

- Use Permits
- Design Review Permits
- Lot Line Adjustments
- Agenda material for Planning Commission/ Council
- Review Building permits for zoning/permit conformance
- Public Information
- Wireless applications, permits and leases
- Monitoring project compliance (COAs, MMRPs)



### 2024 Planning Permits



- 42 Planning permits reviewed
- 172 housing units proposed
- \$91,995 received in planning permit fees
- \$12,644 waived fees for cosponsored events
- 42 Planning inquiries (July-December)

Use permits 56%

## Transportation Planning

- Hercules Hub
- Measure J Biannual reports and presentations
- I-80 Alternatives Assessment
- SR-4 Corridor Vision
- MTC Transit-Oriented Communities Policy
- STPG Grant Application
- General Plan Circulation Element update



### Housing

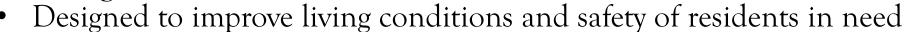
Adopted 2023-31 Housing Element commits the City to many new programs, including:

- Provide affordable housing incentives, outreach and streamlining
- Support at least one voucher-based housing development project
- Revise code standards for senior housing, manufactured housing, etc. as needed
- Expand by-right processes and flexibility for adaptive reuse of nonresidential existing buildings
- Develop policy and issue NOFA for Housing Asset Funds
- Assist in pursuing funding applications for low-income housing projects
- Provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners for minor repairs

### Housing Program Highlight: Home Repair

Draft FY 25-26 Budget includes \$30,000 to initiate a new home repair program

# Implements Housing Element Program H1-4: Monitor and Preserve Affordable and At-Risk Housing



- Use available funding to provide financial assistance for minor repairs of homes owned and occupied by lower-income residents
- Eligible repairs include a wide variety of essential maintenance such as plumbing, electrical, painting, carpentry, roof repairs and masonry work
- Partnership with a local nonprofit organization, Rebuilding Together East Bay Network



### **Building Division**

Partnership with County Department of Conservation and Development

Intake, completeness check, payment for Planning and Building applications

Impact fee collection

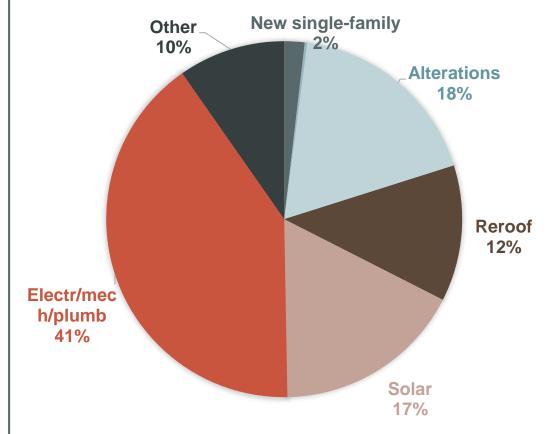
Counter service (public information)

Noticing for hearings and decisions

Project accounting and invoicing



# 2024 Building Permits



- 865 building permits issued in 2024
- Facilitated \$25 million in private investment
- \$120,796 received in building permit fees

# Code Enforcement

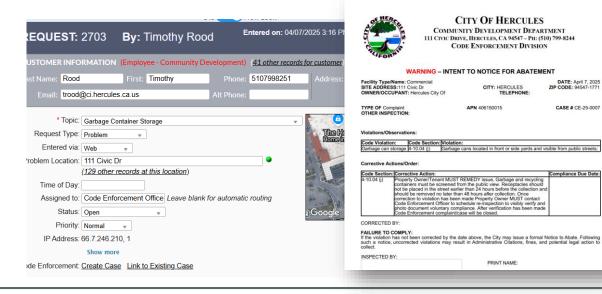
In 2024:

114 requests opened

114 requests closed

18 Code cases opened

6 Code cases closed



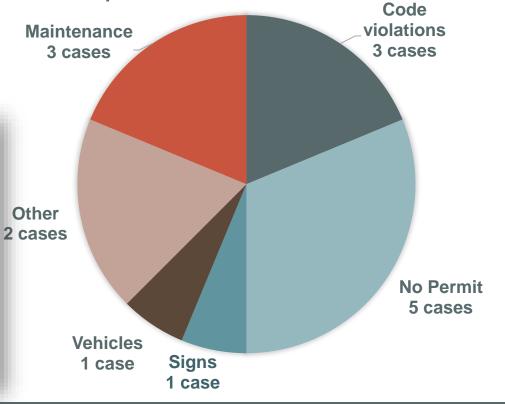












# Special Project: Deferred Records Management

Planning permit records from ~1996 to 2011 are paper files stored in a portable building filled with debris

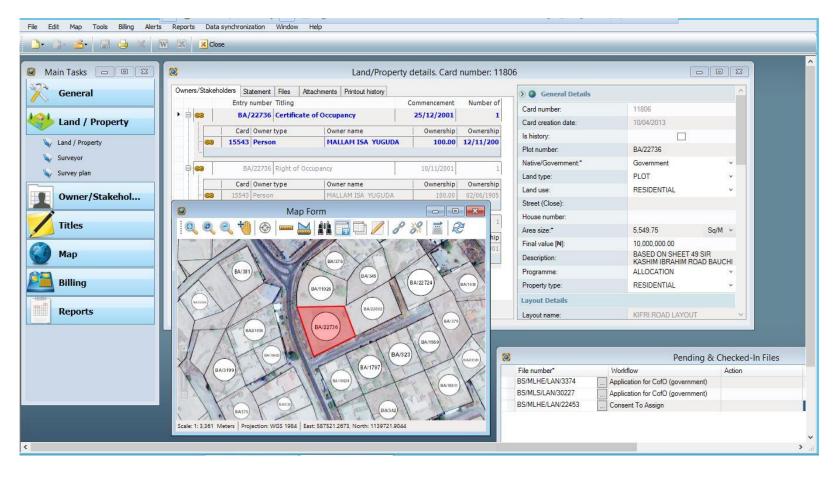
Other records are in mixed, unlabeled boxes in the attic

These records should be organized digitized and saved to an accessible permit management system of approval and providing a basis for evaluating future code enforcement complaints

- One parcel can have multiple different types of approvals and modifications
- A land management system is needed to tie permits to parcels



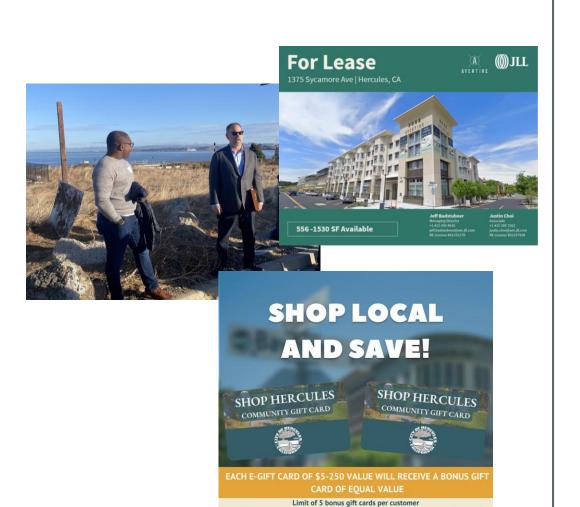
### Land Management System Example



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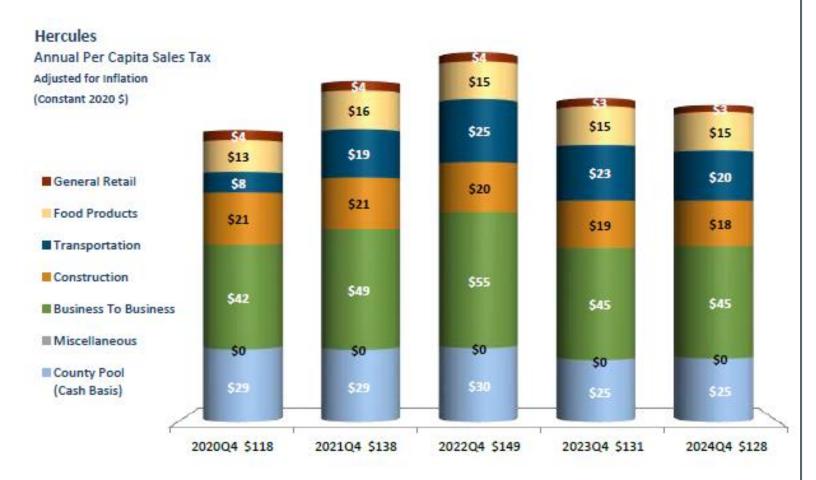
### **Economic Development**

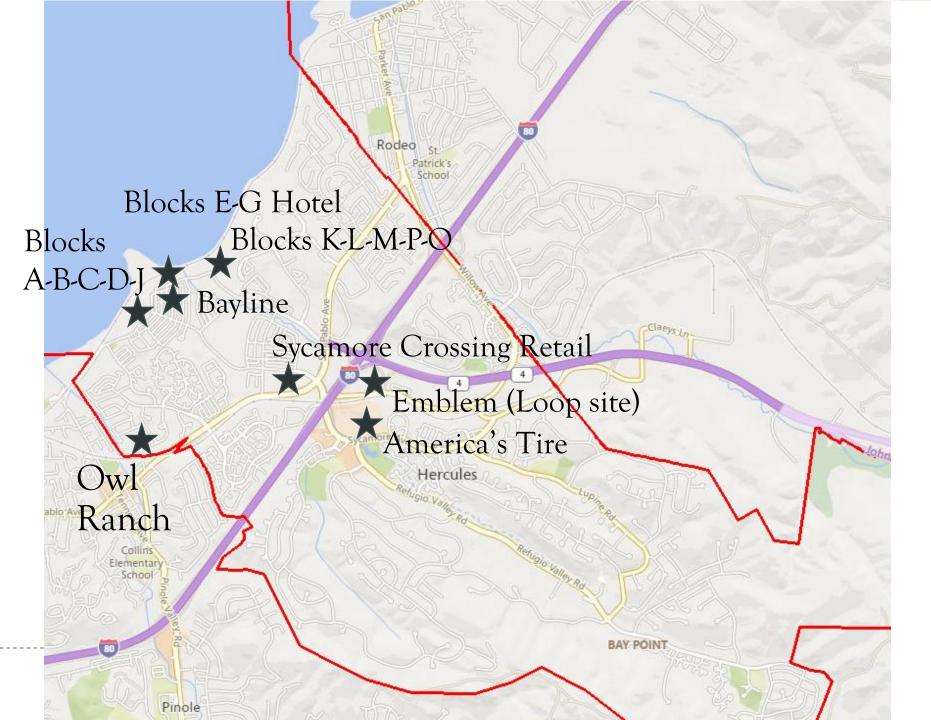
- Yiftee program
- Business Attraction Grants
- SBA Community Builders Network (in progress)
- Outreach to Major Employers, Businesses, Brokers, Bayfront Chamber
- Northern Waterfront Green Empowerment Zone
- County Economic Development Group
- East Bay EDA Development Directors Council
- Council ideas to help businesses



### Sales Tax Receipts

About \$3.7
million collected
annually (YE
24Q4)





# Major Development Projects in Hercules

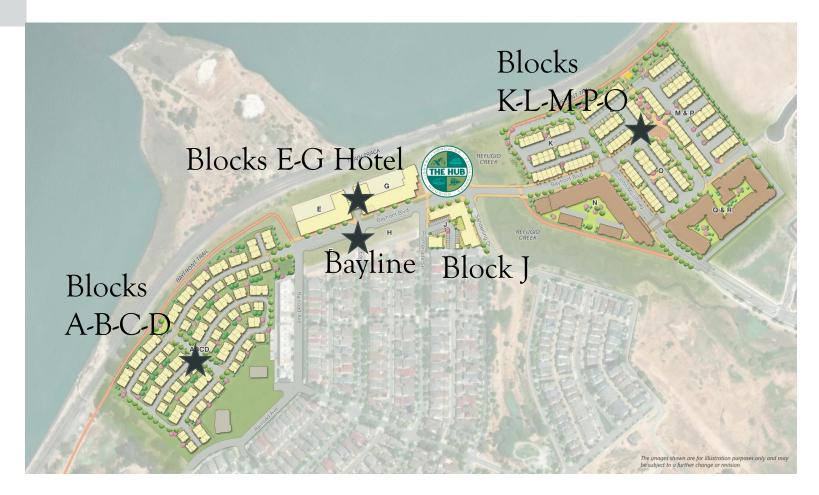


# Owl Ranch

40 single-family homes on a 7.44-acre site

Developer: D.R. Horton

Sales center and models open



# Bayfront

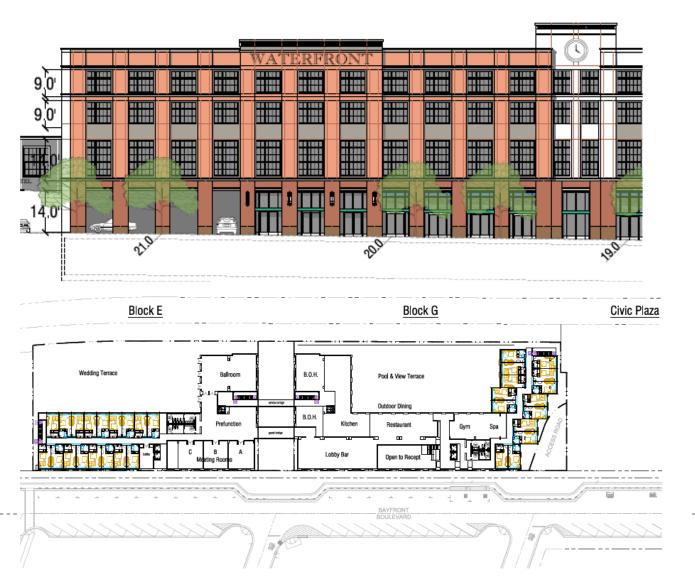
- A total of 459
   housing units and
   207 hotel keys
   proposed
- Four separate
   entitlements under
   review
- Two developers



# Bayfront Blocks KLMP&O

SB 330 proposal for 175 townhomes (incl. 22 live/work) within the approved 90-acre mixed-use Bayfront project

Master developer: Ledcor



# Bayfront Blocks E&G Hotel

Proposed 207-key hotel with retail, restaurant, meeting rooms and amenities

Master developer: Ledcor







# Bayfront Blocks ABCD&J

SB 330/Builder's remedy proposal for 142 market-rate townhomes and 36 affordable apartments

Master developer: Ledcor



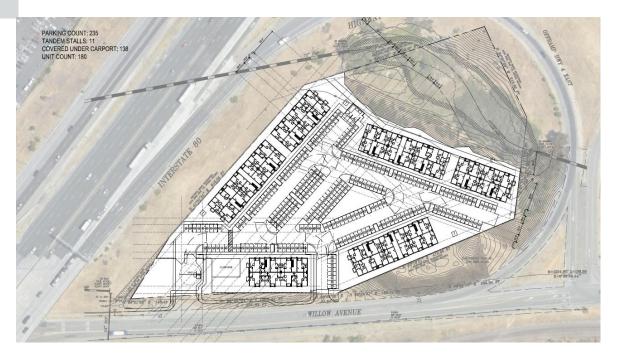


# Bayline Bayfront Blocks F&H

Proposed 110-unit affordable/workforce housing, with up to 25% of units reserved for people with disabilities

Targeting SB 35 ministerial approval and State Density Bonus

Developer: Community HousingWorks
Pre-application





# Emblem Loop Site

SB 330/Builder's Remedy proposal for 162 market-rate and 18 affordable apartments

Requires City to identify and rezone adequate replacement RHNA sites within 120 days of project approval

Developer: Quarterra



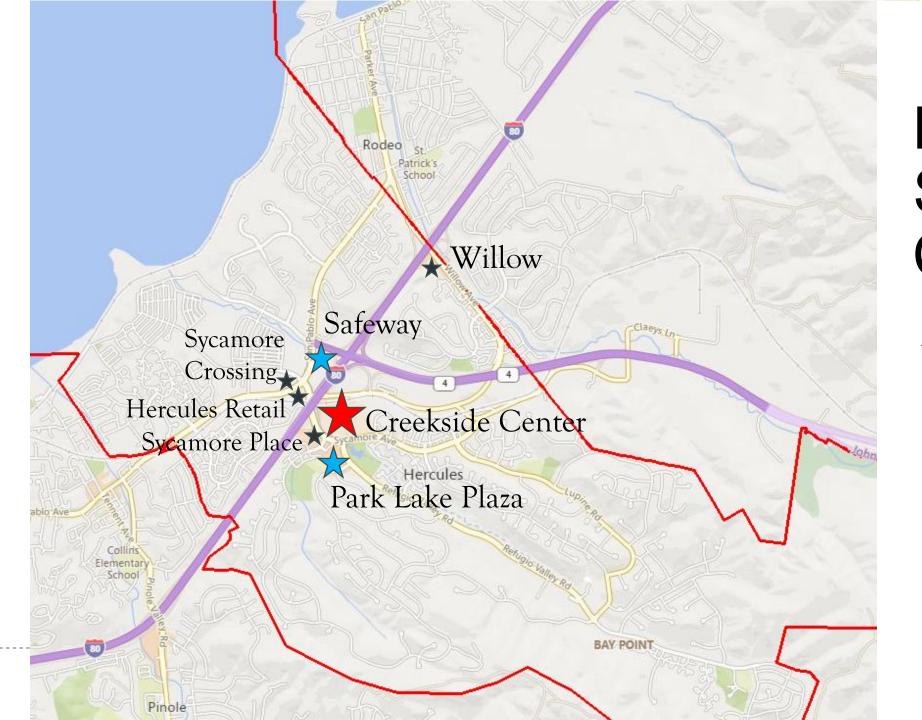
# Sycamore Crossing Retail

Approved for 29,511 sq ft retail

Master Developer: The Lewis Group

Leasing underway

Design Review Permit for modifications under review



# Hercules Shopping Centers





**★** Convenience

### ICSC Shopping Center Classifications

# RCULES CENTERS

### **Community Center**

Creekside

#### **Neighborhood Center**

- Safeway
- Lucky

#### **Convenience Center**

- Willow
- Hercules Retail
- Sycamore Place

#### **Power Center**

Pinole Vista Crossing

#### **Lifestyle Center**

Fourth Street

U.S. Shopping-Center Classification and Characteristics												
Type of Shopping Center	G	Center Count			Average Size	the second secon	Aeros	# of Anchors	% Anchor GLA	Typical Number of	Tunical Type of Anchors	Trade Area Size
General-Purpose C	Concept enters	112,520	(Sq. Ft.)	GLA	(Sq. Ft.)	Ft.)	Acres	# OF ARCHOIS	GLA	Tenants	Typical Type of Anchors	Size
Super-Regional Mall	Similar in concept to regional malls, but offering more variety and assortment.	620	778,336,548	10.2%	1,255,382	800,000+	60-120	3+	50-70%	NA	Full-line or junior department store, mass merchant, discount department store and/or fashion apparel store.	5-25 miles
Regional Mall	General merchandise or fashion-oriented offerings. Typically, enclosed with inward-facing stores connected by a common walkway. Parking surrounds the outside perimeter.	600	353,795,548	4.7%	589,659	400,000- 800,000	40-100	2+	50-70%	40-80 stores	Full-line or junior department store, mass merchant, discount department store and/or fashion apparel store.	5-15 miles
Community Center ("Large Neighborhood Center")	General merchandise or convenience- oriented offerings. Wider range of apparel and other soft goods offerings than neighborhood centers. The center is usually configured in a straight line as a strip, or may be laid out in an L or U shape, depending on the site and design.	9,776	1,930,849,736	25.4%	197,509	125,000- 400,000	10-40	2+	40-60%	15-40 stores	Discount store, supermarket, drug, large-specialty discount (toys, books, electronics, home improvement/furnishings or sporting goods, etc.)	3-6 miles
Neighborhood Center	Convenience oriented.	32,588	2,340,711,371	30.8%	71,827	30,000- 125,000	3-5	1+	30-50%	5-20 stores	Supermarket	3 miles
Strip/Convenience	Attached row of stores or service outlets managed as a coherent retail entity, with on-site parking usually located in front of the stores. Open canopies may connect the store fronts, but a strip center does not have enclosed walkways linking the stores. A strip center may be configured in a straight line, or have an "L" or "U" shape. A convenience center is among the smallest of the centers, whose tenants provide a narrow mix of goods and personal services to a very limited trade area.	68,936	911,202,922	12.0%	13,218	< 30,000	<3	Anchor-less or a small convenience- store anchor.	NA	NA	Convenience store, such as a mini- mart.	<1 mile
pecialized-Purpos	e Centers	3,275										
Power Center	Category-dominant anchors, including discount department stores, off-price stores, wholesale clubs, with only a few small tenants.	2,258	990,416,667	13.0%	438,626	250,000- 600,000	25-80	3+	70-90%	NA	Category killers, such as home improvement, discount department, warehouse club and off-price stores	5-10 miles
Lifestyle	Upscale national-chain specialty stores with dining and entertainment in an outdoor setting.	491	164,903,247	2.2%	335,852	150,000- 500,000	10-40	0-2	0-50%	NA	Large format upscale specialty	8-12 miles
Factory Outlet	Manufacturers' and retailers' outlet stores selling brand- name goods at a discount.	367	87,368,113	1.2%	238,060	50,000- 400,000	10-50	NA	NA	NA	Manufacturers' and retailers' outlets	25-75 mile
Theme/Festival	Leisure, tourist, retail and service-oriented offerings with entertaiment as a unifying theme. Often located in urban areas, they may be adapted from oldersometimes historicbuildings and can be part of a mixed-use project.	159	23,498,769	0.3%	147,791	80,000- 250,000	5-20	Unspecified	NA	NA	Restaurants, entertainment	25-75 mile:
Limited-Purpose Pr	roperty	62										
Airport Retail	Consolidation of retail stores located within a commercial airport	62	15,452,860	0.2%	249,240	75,000- 300,000	NA	NA	NA	NA	No anchors; retail includes specialty retail and restaurants	NA
		115,857										
otal Industry Total Industry	Traditional + Specialty + Special Purpose	115,857	7,596,535,781	100.0%	65,568							

### Hercules Shopping Centers

Creekside Center – Community Center

Anchor: Home Depot

170,000 sq ft; 30,000 sq ft Big Lots! space available

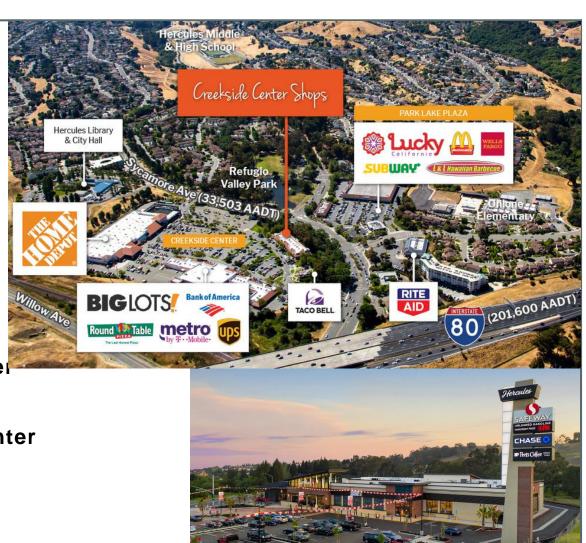
Park Lake Plaza – Neighborhood Center 74,000 sq ft, Anchor: Lucky

Safeway Center - Neighborhood Center 65,000 sq ft; Anchor: Safeway

Willow Avenue Plaza - Convenience Centel 29,000 sq ft. Starbucks, Mazatlán, El Cuscatlán, etc

Hercules Retail Center - Convenience Center 20,000 sq ft. Kinder's, Starbucks, etc

Sycamore Place – Convenience Center 13,000 sq ft, Vacant due to reconstruction



### **Shopping Center Vacancies**

**Creekside Center – Community Center** 

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Safeway Center - Neighborhood Center

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Willow Avenue Plaza - Convenience Center

29,000 sq ft. Starbucks, Mazatlán, El Cuscatlán, etc.

One 1,200 sq ft suite available

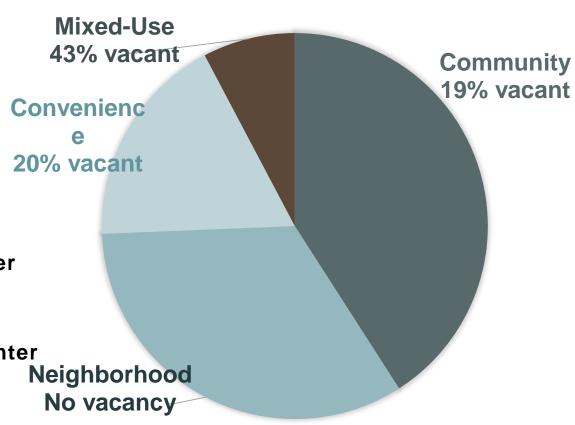
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13,000 sq ft, Vacant due to reconstruction

### **Retail Square Footage by Type**



Overall, 13% total vacancy in shopping centers

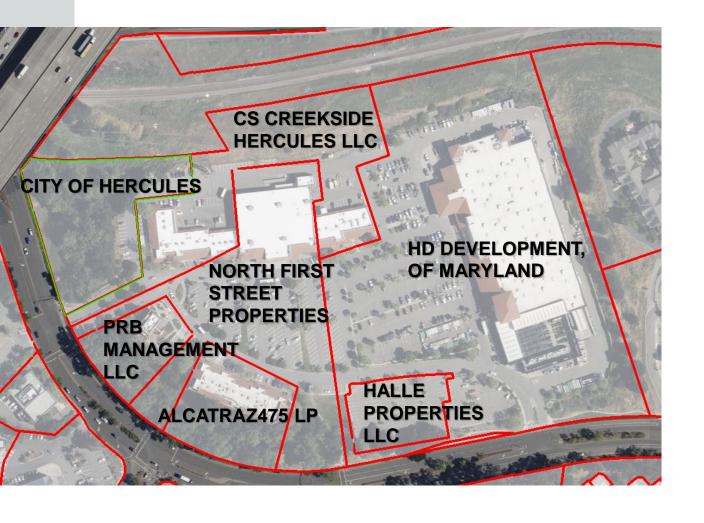
## Retail Opportunities

Based on 2024 leakage analysis, opportunities include:

- Auto Dealers
- Furniture/Home Furnishings
- General Merchandise
- Grocery Stores
- Specialty Food Stores
- Health/Personal Care
- Clothing/Shoe Stores
- Department Stores
- Beer/Wine/Liquor Stores
- Bars/drinking places

	5 Min	10 Min	15 Min
Population	44,301	103,606	225,449
Daytime Population	31,194	74,882	174,105
Households	15,360	36,750	78,107
Average HH Income	\$124,159	\$113,992	\$102,380
Average Age	42	41	40
White Collar	70%	65%	59%
College Degree & Above	43%	40%	35%





# Creekside Center

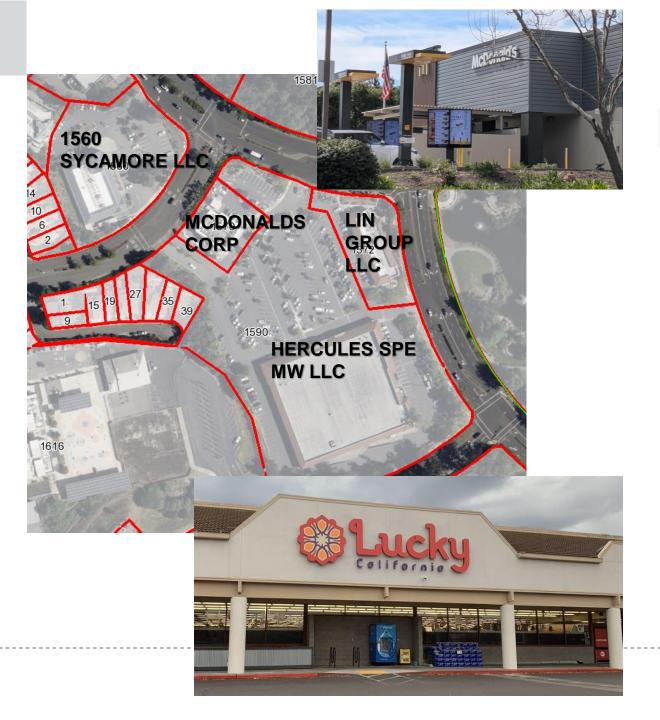
### Community Shopping Center

- Built 1984 to 2004
- 170,000 sq. ft.
- 19% vacant (Big Lots!)
- 8 new leases since January 2023
- \$ 1.172 million invested in 2024
- 7 property owners (!)
- Home Depot responsible for overall exterior maintenance, pavement, and monument signs per CC&Rs
- Repairs include red curbs, striping,
   new ADA parking, dry rot repair



# America's Tire

Approved 8,938-square foot tire store at Creekside Center Under construction Includes 2 EV chargers and 6 EV-ready spaces



# Park Lake Plaza Neighborhood Center

- Built 1990-91
- 74,000 sq. ft.
- 0% vacant
- 3 property owners
- \$130,000 invested in 2023-
- McDonald's drive-thru expansion in 2023





# Safeway Neighborhood Center

- Built 2021
- 65,000 sq. ft.
- 0% vacant
- 2 property owners
- 11 DC fast EV chargers and one Level 2 charger; solar canopy/generator/battery coming in 2025
- \$5.4 million being invested





# Hercules Retail Convenience Center

- Built 1999
- 20,000 sq. ft.
- 0% vacant
- One owner (acquired 2022)



# Willow Center Convenience Center

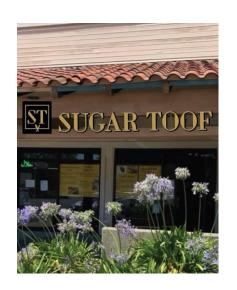
- Built 1990, 2000, 2010
- 28,000 sq. ft.
- 5% vacant (1 space open)
- 4 property owners
- \$325,000 invested in 2023-
- Starbucks remodel 2023



# Sycamore Place Convenience Center

- Built 1984
- 13,000 sq. ft.
- 100% vacant
- Under reconstruction following 2023 fire
- \$388,000 being invested

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# **New Businesses**

\*Grant awardees

Tommy's BBQ\*

Pho Hanoi 89\*

Sugar Toof\*

**HōM** Coffee\*

BT Nails & Spa

Starbread Bakery

# Key Initiative: Shopping Centers

- Councilmembers desire improvements such as Tesla chargers, new signage, planter boxes, and additional trash receptacles
- Property owners/managers would need to authorize expenditures and maintain facilities
- City could offer incentives
- To be explored further with Economic Development Committee







Thank you!

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