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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

*****LUCKY BAYVIEW SUPERMARKET GRAND OPENING*****

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - On Wednesday at 10 a.m., District 10 Supervisor and Board President Shamann Walton will join community members, representatives from the Office of Economic Workforce and Development, and Save Mart to welcome the grand opening of Lucky Bayview Supermarket at the Bayview Plaza on 3801 Third Street between Evans and Newhall Avenue. Lucky Bayview brings much-needed access to fresh healthy food and produces in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood as well as community activation of the former Walgreens location and opportunities for local jobs.

Bayview Hunters Point has historically been and still is a food desert located in the southeast part of San Francisco where there is limited access to affordable, fresh, healthy, and nutritious food. The U.S. Census classifies census tracts as food deserts based on low-income: a poverty rate of 20 percent or greater, or a median family income at or below 80 percent of the statewide or metropolitan area median family income and low-access: at least 500 persons and/or at least 33 percent of the population lives more than one mile from a supermarket or large grocery store.

This location at the Bayview Plaza was vacant since July 2019 when the former Walgreens store closed its doors after 30 years. Early this year, Save Mart/Lucky California signed a lease at the site to provide a full-service grocery store. The 9,549 square foot space will be a smaller neighborhood store and will offer fresh, local products, varied and eclectic flavors, and bargains. Customers will also have a selection of beer and wine for purchase. In addition to the grocery store, there is a community room, adjacent to the store which was designed with a focus on public community use for small gatherings and meeting space.

“We are excited that Lucky Bayview is now open for business at the Bayview Plaza. This grocery store has quality produce, meats, and necessities for all residents,” said Supervisor Shamann Walton of District 10. “Our office has been working closely with the community and



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the Office of Economic Workforce Development to bring a supermarket to the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood. We will keep delivering on our commitments to bring more fresh food and grocery stores to District 10.”

"Lucky Bayview is a new grocery store in San Francisco's thriving Bayview neighborhood that offers residents and businesses fresh quality groceries and meal solutions, all at Lucky's low prices," said Bobby McDowell, vice president of Lucky store operations. "Serving San Francisco since the 1950s, this store will be our third location in the city."

In preparation for the opening and product line at Lucky Bayview, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) has been working closely with the Economic Development on Third (EDOT) in partnership with Save Mart to host a local producer's fair in Bayview where forty-five local businesses showcased their products and fifteen were selected to sell their products on the Lucky Bayview shelves. EDOT has helped fifteen small businesses in acquiring their Processed Food Registration in order to sell their products in stores.

“Thank you to Board President Walton, Save Mart/Lucky, Young Community Developers, and OEWD for bringing us more fresh and healthy food options into the community,” said Earl Shaddix, Executive Director of Economic Development on Third. “In addition to providing opportunities for our small businesses to collaborate, we welcome Lucky Bayview to the Third Street Merchant Corridor.”

Along with Young Community Developers (YCD), OEWD hosted three job fairs in District 10 and received 80 job applications for Lucky Bayview. Lucky Bayview has hired 20 employees from District 10.

“To be the workforce partner for the Lucky Bayview project has been nothing less than a privilege as we worked alongside the community,” said Dion-Jay Brookter, Executive Director of Young Community Developers. “Our involvement has been rooted in the commitment that we have at YCD to seeing Bayview Hunters Point thrive year after year in ground-breaking ways. This partnership is a demonstration of our vision being actualized in a real way. We are thankful to have been connected to the project from the beginning stages of planning to now, as we



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prepare for the grand opening with hires sourced and reflective of the very community it will serve.

Lucky Bayview is located on 3801 Third Street and is open daily, 7 days a week, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and will offer online shopping and home delivery by Instacart. It is accessible by Muni lines: T, 15, 19, 44, and 54. Parking is available on-site at the Bayview Plaza.

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