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

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - On Wednesday evening, District 10 Supervisor and Board President Shamann Walton joined community members and local small businesses to "Light the Night" on Leland Avenue in the Visitacion Valley neighborhood as part of the Light Up the City Project to bring string lights to 12 of San Francisco's top commercial corridors. The Friends of Leland Avenue put together a family night at 99 Leland Avenue (at Alpha Street) to celebrate the installation of the lights with music, entertainment, food specials, kid crafts and special pop-up stores.

"We have so many wonderful things happening in District 10 today and I am so excited that Leland Avenue is now officially part of the Light Up the City Project," said Board President Shamann Walton, District 10 Supervisor. "The community and our small businesses have been working on these improvements for Leland Avenue and we hope this will bring more foot traffic and businesses to our local merchants. We want the rest of San Francisco and the surrounding cities to come visit Leland Avenue, have a meal, get some coffee, and explore the Visitacion Valley neighborhood."

"Visitacion Valley and Leland Avenue are making a comeback," said Kellie McCord, owner of Mission Blue Cafe on Leland Avenue. "This investment elevates the quality of life for our



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pedestrians, businesses, and neighbors. I encourage everyone to come and experience the beauty of Leland Avenue!”

“I’m honored to be part of this effort to light up the City,” said Manny Yekutieli, owner of Manny’s in the Mission and lead organizer of the Light Up the City Project. “Leland Street, along with 11 other commercial corridors, will get the lights they deserve as we all do our part to recover and thrive, thanks to the hard work and generosity of the City’s citizens.”

Leland Avenue is a small commercial corridor that spans about three blocks from Bayshore Boulevard to Rutland Street in the Visitacion Valley neighborhood located in the southeast part of San Francisco. Local small businesses and the community hope the lights will help galvanize the corridor to bring visitors to Leland Avenue and attract small businesses to open shops.

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