

Peninsula Community Planning Board
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Catalina-Talbot Properties, LLC

Re: Future Use of Former Fresh and Easy Grocery Store on Catalina Boulevard

To Whom It May Concern:

At the regular meeting of the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) on January 21, 2016, a request for support was presented to the PCPB by residents of Point Loma in the City of San Diego. Their concern, as expressed to us, is the loss of a grocery store in the small shopping center at Catalina Boulevard and Talbot Street and their fear that a CVS pharmacy will move into that location.

It is our understanding that the former tenant, Fresh and Easy Grocery chain, went into bankruptcy and CVS Pharmacy acquired rights to the lease which is currently being disputed in bankruptcy court by the property owner. Various grocery stores have operated in this location for nearly 65 years.

Thousands of Point Loma residents including students from Point Loma Nazarene University have depended on this location for groceries. The next nearest grocery store is two miles away and is not within reasonable walking distance because of the relatively steep hills to and from. Plus an independent pharmacy already exists and shares a common wall with the grocery space.

Close to three thousand Point Loma residents have signed a petition to stop this move by CVS stating emphatically that they want and need a grocery store NOT another pharmacy.

Although this issue differs somewhat from the planning board's main mission, we do appreciate our neighbors' plight and do agree in principle with them in that a grocery is a better fit for this location.

Sincerely,



JULIA QUINN

Chair, Peninsula Community Planning Board, San Diego, CA

Approved by an Action of the Peninsula Community Planning Board on January 21, 2016.