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**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**H-Mart Signs Lease for first Store in San Francisco at  
Oceanview Village Shopping Center**

San Francisco, CA - Today the Office of economic and Workforce Development, Supervisor Norman Yee, Supervisor Ahsha Safaí, and the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association, join H-Mart in announcing the signing of a lease to fill a 42,000 square feet vacant storefront at Oceanview Village Shopping Center with a grocery store that has a successful track record for providing quality products and a wide variety of fresh produce, poultry, seafood and ready-to-cook items at a reasonable price.

“Every neighborhood in San Francisco should have access to healthy, high-quality food,” said Mayor London Breed. “City and community leaders worked together to fill this vacant storefront and I am excited that residents in the Ocean View-Merced Heights area will now have a neighborhood grocery store.”

“The loss of a supermarket in Oceanview Village left a noticeable void in this neighborhood for many years. That is why I am excited to see that H-Mart, a supermarket providing diverse, high-quality food, decided to lease this location,” said Supervisor Norman Yee. “This part of the City has needed a grocery store for a long time and H-Mart will help fill a community need. I am grateful that my office was able join in this collaborative effort to support the community’s tireless advocacy to make sure this vacancy was filled.”

“The Ocean View-Merced Heights-Ingleside (OMI) neighborhood is in great need of a large retail grocer, with only two corner stores supplying limited produce to more than 20,000 residents,” said Supervisor Ahsha Safaí. I couldn’t be happier that H-Mart chose the Oceanview Village to open their first San Francisco location.”

“We’re excited to welcome H-Mart to the Oceanview neighborhood, bringing good jobs to the community, ensuring families here have access to healthy, fresh, affordable foods, and activating



Oceanview Village with new purpose and vitality,” said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “The Office of Economic and Workforce Development is proud to lead the recruitment of local jobs to H-Mart, and I want thank the community for supporting this new grocery store’s introduction to the neighborhood.”

The site at 3995 Alemany Blvd. was previously occupied by a family-owned market, which shuttered in 2013. Immediately following the closure of the market, Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association reached out to all partners to help in attracting and securing a grocery store to serve the community at that location. Supervisors Norman Yee and Ahsha Safaí, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, along with the property owner and lease holder, have been working over the last five years to fill this deep void. While several well-known retailers demonstrated an interest, none successfully secured a lease until now. The addition of H-Mart will provide the community and broader neighborhood with a variety of fresh offering at a reasonable price.

“We are looking forward to H-Mart coming in to serve our neighborhood and the surrounding neighborhoods with a good quality supermarket,” said Marc Christensen, Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association President.

H-Mart, is a New Jersey based Asian-American supermarket chain that has been in business for more than 36 years. While they specialize in traditional Asian and international food, their appeal expands beyond those demographics providing high quality fresh produce, poultry, seafood, ready-to-cook items, a food court and housewares at consumer friendly prices.

“H-Mart would like to give special thanks to San Francisco and the surrounding communities for welcoming our store, we will prepare hard every day to serve our customers and to exceed their expectations beyond our opening,” said Sam Kim of H-Mart.

The company operates more than 90 stores nationwide including 12 locations in California. In 2017 they made their Northern California debut opening their first store in San Jose, and now working towards opening their first store in San Francisco. H-Mart will be making substantial capital improvements and renovations, investing more than \$8.5 million to ensure that this location fits the model of their other quality stores. The Office of Economic and Workforce Development will be working closely with H-Mart’s team towards their opening and hiring from the local workforce. H-Mart estimates that this location will create more than 150 full time and part time jobs. As the permitting process commences H-Mart will be engaging with the community and holding public meetings to share their plans. Renovations are expected to take place over the next year.

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