# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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### **AGENCY COMMENT REQUEST**

Date 08/06/2025

Ve request your comments rega	arding the attached applic	cation currently under review.				
DISTRIBUTI		Please submit your comments to:				
INTERNAL		Project Planner Dominique Vogelpohl				
✔ Building Inspection	Grading Inspection	Phone #_902-655-2880				
Advance Planning	Housing Programs	E-mail_dominique.vogelpohl@dcd.cccounty.t				
Trans. Planning	Telecom Planner	County File #CDLP25-02021				
ALUC Staff	HCP/NCCP Staff					
County Geologist		Prior to 09/05/2025				
HEALTH SERVICES DEPAR	<u>TMENT</u>	* * * *				
✓ Environmental Health  PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  PUBLIC WORKS DEPA		We have found the following special programs app to this application:				
✓ Engineering Services	<del></del>	Landslide Active Fault Zone (A-P)				
✓ Traffic	Opeolal Districts	✓ Liquefaction Flood Hazard Area				
Flood Control (Full-size)		✓ 60-dBA Noise Control				
LOCAL		CA EPA Hazardous Waste Site				
✓ Fire District SAN RAMON	VALLEY FPD	High or Very High FHSZ				
San Ramon Valley – (ema		****				
Consolidated – (email) <u>fire</u>	,	AGENCIES: Please indicate the applicable code				
		section for any recommendation required by law ordinance. Please send copies of your response to the				
✓ Sanitary DistrictCENTRAI	LSAN	Applicant and Owner.				
✓ Water District EBMUD		Comments: None Below Attached				
City of						
School District(s)						
LAFCO						
Reclamation District #						
East Bay Regional Park D	District					
Diablo/Discovery Bay/Cro	ckett CSD					
✓ MAC/TAC ALAMO						
✓ Improvement/Community	Association - <b>Alamo</b>					
✔ CC Mosquito & Vector Co	ntrol Dist (email)					
OTHERS/NON-LOCAL						
CHRIS (email only: nwic@	sonoma.edu) CA					
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erican Tribes		Circottura DATE				
ADDITIONAL RECIPIENTS		Signature DATE				
		Agency phone #				



### **Planning Application Summary**

County File Number: CDLP25-02021 File Date: 8/6/2025

**Applicant:** 

Daniel Hoy AIA, Architect danielhoyarch@gmail.com

314 Pacific Ave (510) 520-6528 ALAMEDA, CA 94501

**Property Owner:** 

JOHN L TRE LINEWEAVER john@diabloholdings.com

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ALAMO, CA 94507 068

**Project Description:** 

Request approval of a Land Use Permit and Development Plan for outdoor seating in the parking area of an existing shopping center. This application includes a request for a Variance from the parking requirements of the Off-Street Parking Ordinance.

Project Location: (Address: 3160 DANVILLE BLVD, ALAMO, CA 94507 156), (APN: 192071064)

**Additional APNs:** 

**General Plan Designation(s):** MUC **Zoning District(s):** "R-B, -CE -S-2"

Flood Hazard Areas: X AP Fault Zone: NO

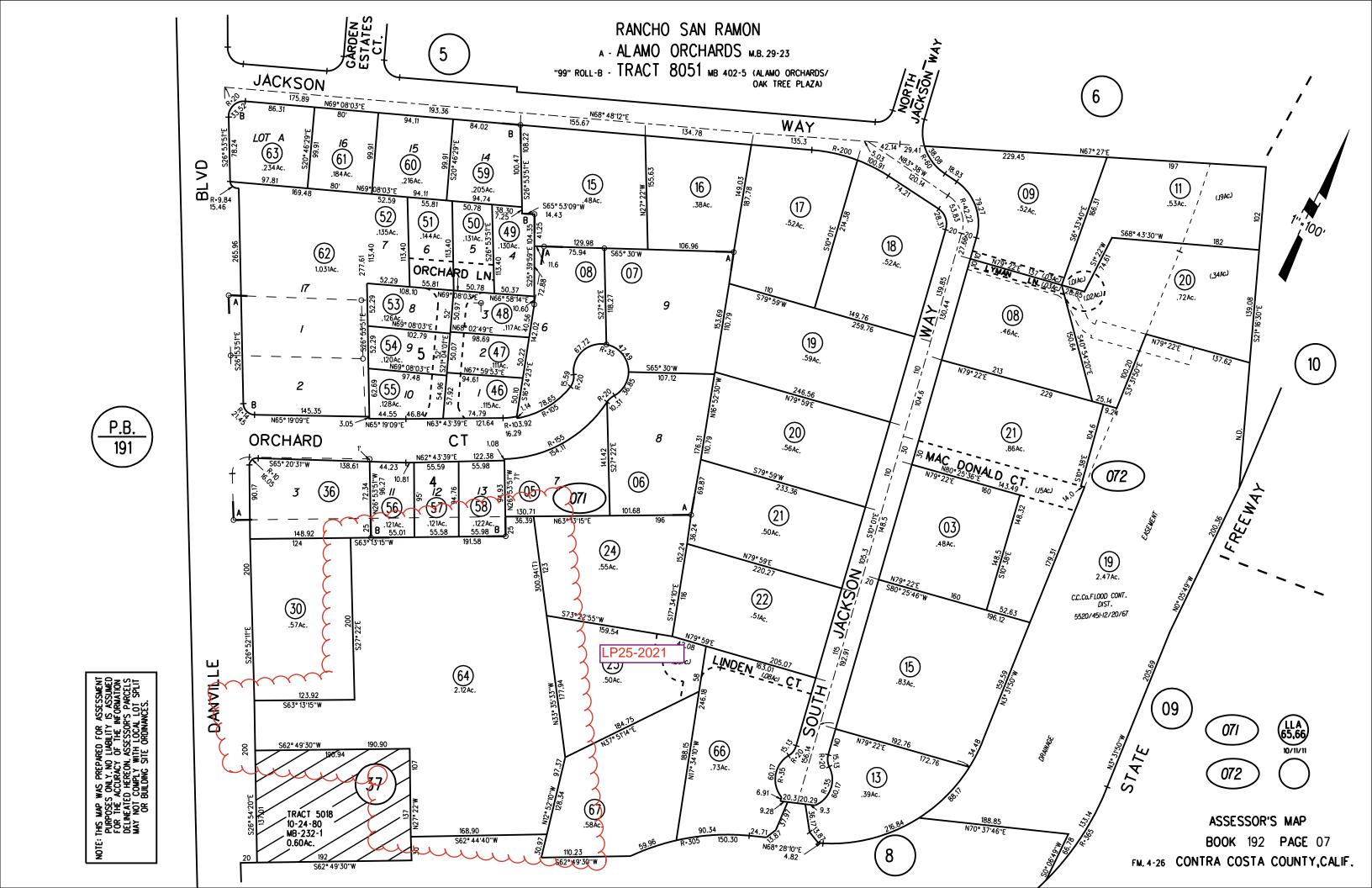
60-dBA Noise Control: 'YES MAC/TAC: ALAMO MAC

Sphere of Influence: N/A Fire District: SAN RAMON VLY FIRE

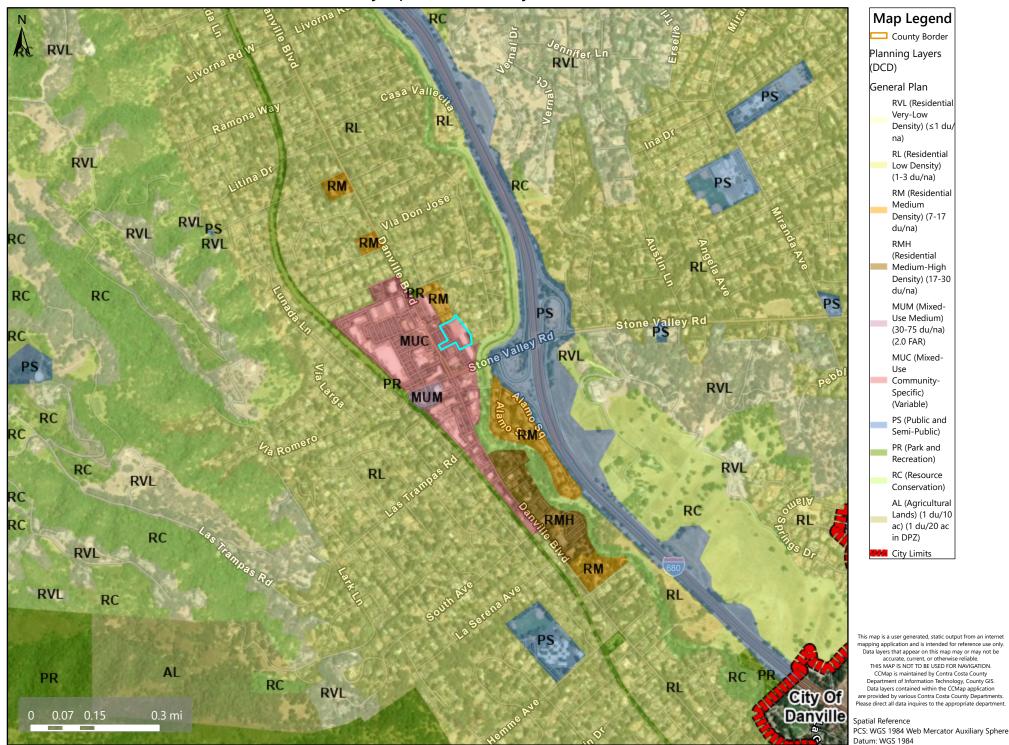
Sanitary District: CENTRAL SANITARY Housing Inventory Site: NO

**Specific Plan:** N/A

Fees:				
Fee Item	Description	Account Code	Total Fee	Paid
048F	Fish & Wildlife Fee (\$75)	002606-9660-REV-000-5B048F	75.00	75.00
052B	Notification Fee (\$30)	002606-9660-REV-000-5B052B	30.00	30.00
HSDR	Environmental Health Fee (\$57)	002606-9660-REV-000-5BHSDR  \$5.00	57.00	57.00
LPS0029	Land Use Permit-Other DCD	002606-9660-REV-000-5B0029	5500.00	5500.00
		Total:	5662.00	5662.00



### General Plan: Mixed-Use Community Specific Density (MUC)

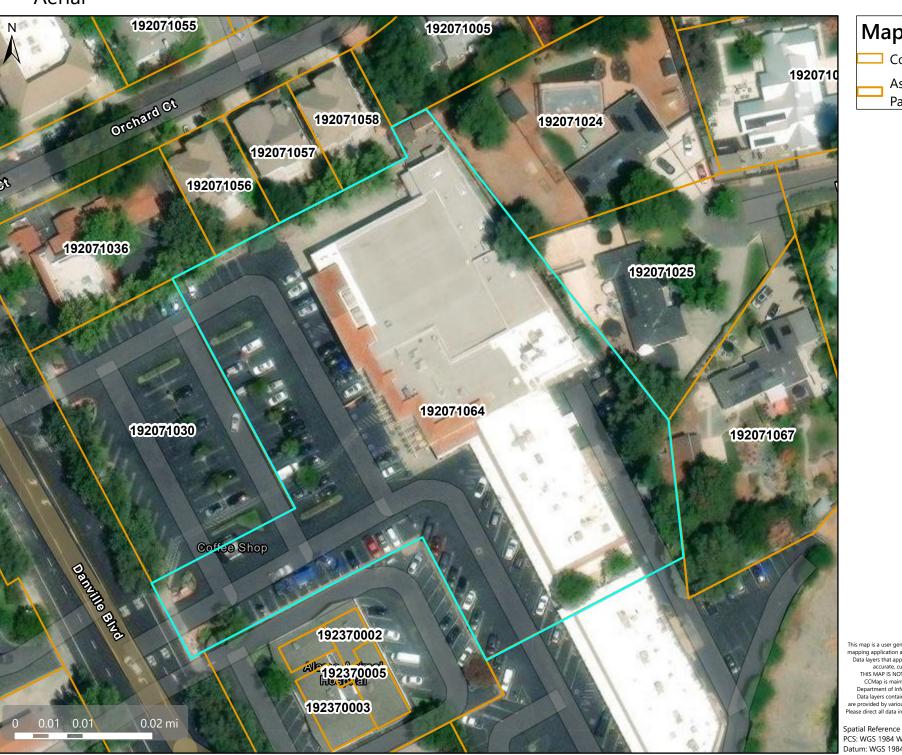


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#### Zoning: Retail-Business (R-B), Cannabis Exclusion (-CE) and Sign Control (-S-2) District Map Legend County Border Planning Layers (DCD) Zoning ZONE OVER R-20 (Single Family Residential) R-40 (Single Family Residential) R-65 (Single Family Residential) R-100 (Single Family Residential) M-12 (Multiple R-65 Family Residential) M-17 (Multiple Family R-20 A-2 A-2 (General Agriculture) A-80 (Exclusive Agriculture) O-1 (Limited Stone Valley Rd Office) N-B -S-2 (Sign R-20 Control R-40 Combining R-65 R-40 District) R-B -CE -S-2 A-2 (Cannabis Exclusion and R-40 Sign Control) R-100 P-1 (Planned R-65 Unit) P-1, -CE (Cannabis A-2 Exclusion Combining District) HE-C (Housing Element Consistency) HE-C -CE (Cannabis Exclusion Combining District) A-2 R-65 This map is a user generated, static output from an internet mapping application and is intended for reference use only Data layers that appear on this map may or may not be THIS MAP IS NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION. CCMap is maintained by Contra Costa County Data layers contained within the CCMap application R-40 are provided by various Contra Costa County Departments Please direct all data inquires to the appropriate department 0.3 mi 0.07 0.15 PCS: WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere

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### Aerial



Map Legend
County Border
Assessment
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August 5, 2025

Mr. John Lineweaver and Andy Lineweaver The Lineweaver Trust PO Box 680 Alamo, CA 94507

RE: Stone Valley Shopping Center parking analysis regarding proposed parklet with outdoor seating project at existing restaurant.

Dear Mr. Linweaver:

This letter report summarizes our Stone Valley Shopping Center parking demand analysis and characteristics regarding the proposed restaurant outdoor seating development within the center. This report reflects our discussion of the shopping center features, field survey of existing center parking spaces, current leased and vacant uses, and a review of County parking code requirements.

#### EXISTING SITE CHARACTERISTICS AND HISTORY

The Stone Valley Shopping Center is located in unincorporated Alamo, north of Stone Valley Road and east of Danville Boulevard (see attached Project Site Plan). Tenants and services in the Center include CVS, several restaurants, a thrift store, a nail salon, veterinary clinic, dry cleaning, liquor store, skin care and personal care services.

Vehicle access to the Center is provided by two full-access driveways located on Stone Valley Road and two full-access driveways on Danville Boulevard. There is a parking field located in both the Center's southern and northern halves. Parking aisles in the southern half are oriented in a north/south direction and primarily serve the smaller tenant retail spaces on the east side of the Center. Parking aisles in the northern parking field are also oriented in a north/south direction and primarily serve the CVS and the restaurants located at the north end of the Center. Other parking areas are located at the perimeter of the site, along street frontages and at the rear service area of the Center. Parking spaces are both diagonal and perpendicular in orientation.

According to recent discussions with the Stone Valley Shopping Center property management, an informal onsite parking survey has been conducted at the Center to obtain relative use occupancies of parking spaces between the Noon-1:00 p.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m. hours. The parking occupancy conversation revealed that the site is generally overparked, resulting in a large number of

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unused spaces. Overall, the onsite parking survey indicates that there are many unoccupied parking spaces during some of the peak retail and restaurant demand periods.

#### **EXISTING PARKING SPACE SURVEY**

A parking survey was conducted to inventory all existing parking spaces related to the Stone Valley Shopping Center (see attached Parking Inventory Survey). Note that there are two parcels located in the southwest quadrant of the site that are not part of the Stone Valley Shopping Center. These parcels do not share common access driveways with the Center.

As surveyed, the total number of parking spaces for the Center is 209 spaces. These include 8 handicapped spaces and 201 standard parking spaces.

The parking space survey also included field observations of where additional parking spaces could potentially be added to the Center. For the most part, the Center's parking fields are carefully and efficiently striped and cannot accommodate additional spaces.

All site parking areas were restriped in 2020, with added ADA compliant parking.

#### PROPOSED PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

The Stone Valley Shopping Center has a total gross leasable area (GLA) of 40,851 square feet and 209 striped parking spaces. From the total 40,851 square feet of GLA, 39,766 square feet is leased and 1085 square feet is vacant. The leased space includes 13,103 square feet of restaurant uses, 20,280 square feet of commercial-retail uses, and 6,383 square feet of personal care and services.

Parking demand requirements for existing Stone Valley Shopping Center use has been based on the Contra Costa County municipal code for off-street parking requirements. Commercial-retail parking space demand is calculated on the basis of square feet per space use. Restaurant parking space demand is calculated based on the number of seats or square feet of GLA, whichever yields a higher parking requirement. The GLA for current shopping center use (in square feet) and/or restaurant seating positions have been used in the County Code calculations of the shopping center's parking demand. Note that retail-commercial use has been assumed for the vacant space within the Center.

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## PARKING DEMAND CALCULATIONS BASED ON COUNTY CODE REQUIREMENTS

The County Code parking demand calculations for the Stone Valley Shopping Center are shown in the attached Parking Inventory Survey. As indicated, the total shopping center demand is calculated at 229 spaces. This calculation includes the 39,766 square feet of leased space as well as 1,085 square feet of vacant space (calculated as retail development at 1 space/300 square feet). Based on an existing supply of 209 spaces, this results in a parking deficit of 20 parking spaces for the shopping center. Note that calculated parking demand for vacant space GLA does not include parking demand for the proposed Restaurant outdoor seating project.

The proposed Restaurant outdoor seating would consist of approximately 1,390 square feet and have an approximate "target" of 92 outdoor seats. Using the County's most conservative parking code requirement of 1 space/100 square feet of GLA or 1 space/3 seats, the project generated demand would be 31 spaces. The Center's overall parking demand would increase to 260 parking spaces. Calculated parking demand for the Center and proposed Restaurant outdoor seating project would result in a 51 space deficit based on an overall supply of 209 spaces. Furthermore, four parking stalls will be removed to accommodate the project seating area, reducing the available parking to 205 total stalls on the site.

The County parking code requirement calculation for the shopping center includes all of the various restaurant outdoor seating. Because outdoor seating is less usable during the peak December parking period, the inclusion of the outdoor seating provides a worst case analysis parking demand. In addition, the County's Code application of separate parking demand ratios to each center use does not account for customer interaction between retail uses and other center uses. This application of parking codes results in a very conservative overall parking demand calculation. As an example, research published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) indicates that up to 25% of the total activity within a multi-tenant shopping center would reflect internal trips. This statistic suggest that the separate parking calculations for each shopping center tenant tends to overstate the actual total demand.

PARKING DEMAND CALCULATIONS BASED ON URBAN LAND INSTITUTE (ULI) AND INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTER (ICSC) RESEARCH

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The ULI and ICSC have jointly published a summary document with overall recommendations for shopping center parking ratios. The recommended parking ratios reflect the size of the center and the portion of the center dedicated to restaurant and entertainment uses. The ULI/ICSC methodology recognizes that a shopping center functions as a mix of various tenants with multiple internal trips. These internal trips allow the overall parking supply to satisfy the needs of all tenants.

The ULI/ICSC parking ratios represent the 20th highest hour of annual parking demand (likely during the pre-holiday period). These recommended ratios recognize that there will be some pre-holiday days when the absolute peak demand will exceed supply, and customers will have to circulate before finding a space.

The Stone Valley Shopping Center has a total gross floor area of 40,851 square feet with 13,103 square feet, or approximately 32%, dedicated to restaurant uses. If it is assumed that 1,085 square feet of the center's vacant space was leased for Restaurant use, the total restaurant area would increase to 14,188 square feet, or approximately 35% of the total center area. The ULI/ICSC recommended parking ratio is 4.12 spaces per 1,000 square feet or a total of 168 spaces. This calculated demand would be met by the center's 209 available spaces. If the proposed outdoor seating area of 1,390 square feet is included in the calculation then, using the ULI formula, the number of parking stalls needed would be 174, which would still be met by the proposed number of overall project spaces at 205.

#### SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

Parking demand calculations for the Stone Valley Shopping Center based on County Code requirements indicate that the current parking supply of 209 spaces does not meet the calculated demand of 229 spaces with a 20 space deficit. The addition of the proposed Restaurant outdoor seating project would add 31 spaces to the overall demand, thus increasing the deficit to 51 spaces (or 260 space calculated parking demand). If the Center added future restaurant uses beyond the proposed outdoor seating there would be a further parking deficit as per the code calculation. The County code requirements for

Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Trip Generation Handbook, Third Edition—An ITE Recommended Practice

Urban Land Institute (ULI) and International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), Parking Requirements for Shopping Centers, Summary Recommendations and Research Study Report, Second Edition, 1999

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restaurant uses stipulates that it should be based on 1 space per 100 square feet or 1 space per three spaces, whichever is greater. Because outdoor seating is less usable during the peak December parking period, the inclusion of the outdoor seating provides a worst case analysis parking demand. Additionally, the County's Code application of separate parking demand ratios to each center use does not account for customer interaction between retail uses and other center uses which results in a very conservative parking demand calculation. Assuming just 10% of the total activity within the Center reflects internal vehicle trips between tenant uses (and not 25% as ITE recommends), calculated parking demand would be reduced by 17 spaces yielding an acceptable surplus. Using ULI/ICSC research on parking research for shopping centers, the addition of the proposed Restaurant outdoor seating project would create a parking ratio of 4.12 spaces per 1,000 square feet. This parking ratio is based on the amount of overall restaurant uses within the shopping center. A 4.12 parking ratio would yield an overall demand of 168 spaces for the center and maintain a 37 space surplus.

I trust that this letter report responds to your needs relating to the Stone Valley Shopping Center parking demand and addition of a proposed Restaurant outdoor seating project.

Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hoy, AIA Architect Architecture and Project Management

Cc: Andy Lineweaver
Jeff Dudum
Stan Muraoka
Principal Planner
Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

8/1/2025	Parking Inventory Survey						
3160 DANVILLE BLVD., ALAMO							
	192-071-030-6(Kiosk) +192-071-064-5(3160-62)						
	TENANT DBA	SQ FT					
3158	CVS PHARMACY	16,010					
3160 A	ALAMO RESTAURANT & BAR, LLC	5460					
3160 A2	SUBWAY	815					
3160 B	TACO BELL	1,681					
3162 A	HOSPICE THRIFT SHOPPE	2,010					
3162 B1	CUSTOM NAILS	1,020					
3162 B2	SEXTON VET CLINIC	990					
3162 C	RJ'S ASIAN FUSION	2,010					
3164	FRED'S CLEANERS	1,957					
LAND	COFFEE SHOP ALAMO, LP	LAND					
	TOTAL 3160	31,953					
3168 DANVILLE BLVD., ALAMO							
	192-081-004						
	TENANT DBA	SQ FT					
3168A	ALAMO LIQUOR	2,260					
3168 B	ADVANCED LASER & SKIN CARE CENTER	900					
3168 C	Vacant	1,085					
3168 D	ELEMENTS MASSAGE	1,516					
3168 E	MAGUEY MEXICAN RESTAURANT	3,137					
	TOTAL 3168	8,898					
	Grand total sq ft.	40.851					

	Seats in	Seats out	Total seats	Retail Area 16010	Storage Area 1673	0.33	0.00333 Parking of 1/300	0.01 lemand 1/100	0.001 1/1000 2	Highest	Parking demand total 55		Project created parking space demand
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Parking demand (existing)

Additional spaces required

Revised total required

229

31

260

Parking demand total (proposed)	260
Standard parking stalls provided (existing)	201
ADA parking stalls provided (existing)	8
Total existing parking stalls provided	209
Stalls to be removed	-4
Total proposed parking stalls to be provided	205
Delta	-55

 ULI parking standard
 4.12 per 1000 sf of lease space

 Total lease space
 40851
 100

 ULI quotient per 1000 sf
 4.12
 4.12

 Parking spaces recommended per ULI guidance
 168
 37

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