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Historical Advisory Board
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Members of the Historical Advisory Board,

On behalf of the Downtown Alameda Business Association and our Board of Directors, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed improvements to the commercial storefront located at **1325 Park Street**.

This property has been vacant for an extended period of time, and its revitalization represents a critical opportunity to enhance the vibrancy of our downtown business district. Once the improvements are complete, the space will be reactivated as a **restaurant by highly successful restaurateurs**, bringing renewed energy, foot traffic, and investment to this key section of Park Street

The proposed improvements are not only necessary to bring the building into compliance with **current safety and accessibility codes**, but they are also vital to ensuring that the property can once again serve as a safe, functional, and attractive commercial space.

Importantly, the project retains the building's character-defining features, with modifications limited to those required for code compliance. Original materials will be restored or reused to the greatest extent feasible, and any deteriorated elements will be replaced in kind. The **brick façade, clerestory windows, terra cotta waffle-pattern frieze panels, granite pier bases, sandstone trim, and tile bulkhead** are all being preserved, ensuring the storefront's historic integrity is maintained.

Approving these improvements will allow this long-vacant site to contribute once again to the economic health of Downtown Alameda. Restoring the property will encourage new business activity, generate local jobs, and provide a welcoming experience for visitors and residents alike. This project is fully aligned with the City of Alameda's broader goals of **preserving historic character while fostering economic revitalization**—an outcome that benefits both our community identity and our local economy.

We urge the Historical Advisory Board to approve the requested improvements. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued stewardship of Alameda's historic and cultural resources.

Respectfully,

Kathy Weber
Executive Director
Downtown Alameda Business Association