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Andrew Thomas
City of Alameda
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2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 190
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Dear Andrew,

The Downtown Alameda Business Association is respectfully requesting an extension of the Citywide Use Permit (PLN 20-0215,) through November 1, 2021.

While we expect the social distancing orders will be lifted on June 15, 2021 in Alameda County and the State of California, we believe that this date does not signify the end to the pandemic, but merely the beginning of a transition period to what will be a long road to recovery.

The Citywide Use Permit has provided a valuable and necessary lifeline of support to our struggling business district during these unprecedented times.

By aligning the Citywide Use Permit to the Commercial Streets program you will allow businesses time to understand and evaluate what these next few months will reveal. The continuation of this opportunity to continue to creatively re-imagine their use of space will provide a solid framework as our businesses, and their customers, slowly begin rebuilding the return to normalcy.

We thank you for your partnership and we look forward to continuing to work together to create and sustain a vital and vibrant business community.

Kind Regards,

Kathy Weber
Executive Director