

## Huge food hall project coming to Castro Valley

Marketplace is sprouting on the former Daughtrey's department store site



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An artist's rendering of the Castro Valley Marketplace, a food hall and community gathering space now under construction on Castro Valley Boulevard. A summertime opening is anticipated. (Photo courtesy of Castro Valley Marketplace)

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Construction is under way on a massive project to transform Castro Valley's long-vacant Daughtrey's department store site into a two-story food hall.

The [Castro Valley Marketplace](#) is scheduled to open this summer, a spokeswoman said.

Four partners have been working on this Alameda County Community Development Agency. Two of them — Layburn and Edward Yoo — are entrepreneurs whose businesses will occupy key spaces at 3295 Castro Valley Blvd. The other two are Main Street Property Services of Lafayette and Pleasanton and SZFM Design Studio of San Francisco.

Layburn's Castro Valley Natural Grocery will anchor the street level. Originally a vitamin shop owner, she created the Alameda Marketplace on the site of a former car dealership in that city in 2003. Edward Yoo and wife Sandy Liu, owners of Gogi Time and Blind Tiger in Oakland, will open a restaurant and craft cocktail lounge here called Night Owl.

Other tenants that have been lined up include:

**Barons Quality Meats:** Butcher David Samiljan, who launched his enterprise at the Alameda Marketplace in 2005 and then expanded to San Francisco in 2016, will make this his third location. He specializes in sustainably sourced meat and poultry.

**Cannery Kitchen & Tap:** The operators of the Cannery Cafe at the Hayward Area Historical Society museum, caterer Debbie Pfisterer and chef Jeff Rosen, will open a restaurant and taproom.

**Seven Hills Baking Co.:** Baker-chef Julien Wagner, of Alameda's Feel Good Bakery, will open an artisanal bread and pastry bakery at the front entrance of the Castro Valley Marketplace.

Other plans include Pop Out Kitchen, which will provide space for pop-up chefs, a cooking school and events, and Lab 200, billed as Castro Valley's first dedicated co-working space.



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