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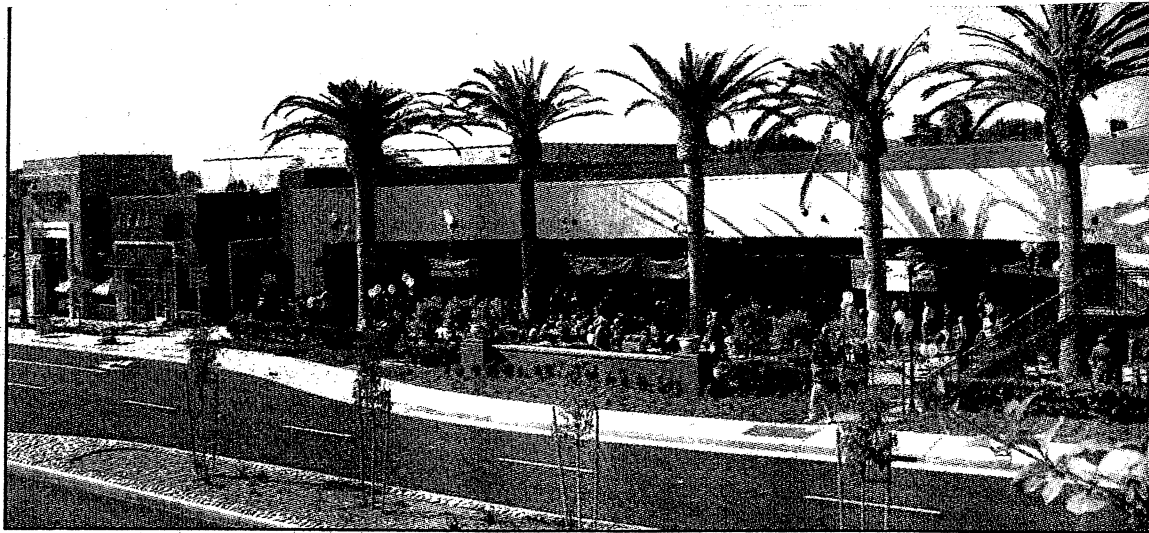
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Alhambra recently welcomed "The Shops at The Alhambra" to Fremont Avenue and Mission Road.

'The Shops at The Alhambra' Are Now Open

CITY NEWS

It was as gala a day as Alhambra has seen in many a moon when the Ratkovich Company, owners of the 1-million-square-foot office campus known as "The Alhambra" opened "The Shops at the Alhambra," their new, adjacent retail center located across Fremont near the corner of Mission.

The Shops at The Alhambra currently houses Starbucks Coffee, Jamba Juice, Nextel, Subway, Red Brick Pizza and Pickup Stix and is the beginning of what Ratkovich Company President Wayne Ratkovich calls "an enticing urban streetscape." A major element of that enticement is a large open-air plaza, with seating for 165, complemented by a Moroccan tiled fountain and five towering Canary Island palm trees.

Ratkovich expects to add a fitness center, residences and a day care center to the complement of existing office space – The Alhambra, which houses among others the USC Keck School of Medicine, the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and



Tenet Healthcare – and the new shops. In addition, a new Kohl's Department Store, some 98,000 square feet strong, will soon be completed just south of "The Shops."

Coordinated by Ratkovich Company Senior Development Manager Victoria Deise, the opening festivities included remarks by Alhambra Chamber of Commerce President Michael Carney and Alhambra Mayor Paul Talbot, in addition to Ratkovich.

Talbot complimented the

Ratkovich Company on the speedy completion of this project, stating that it was completed within his brief nine-month term as mayor – in just eight months – "from the tip of the shovel (the groundbreaking) to the tip of the scissors (the ribbon cutting)."

The large crowd in attendance at the ribbon cutting, including many employees from The Alhambra and interested community members and neighbors, enjoyed free food samples provided by the participating tenants.