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## **San Jose's MarketCenter is a Popular Spot for Successful Retailers and Eateries**

*Panda Express and Pasta Market are the latest businesses to open*

**Event:** The San Jose Redevelopment Agency and the City of San Jose will be welcoming Panda Express to Downtown San Jose.

**When:** **Thursday, July 1, 2010, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Where:** 567 Coleman Ave  
San Jose MarketCenter (at Coleman and Taylor Streets)

**Who:** San Jose Councilmember Sam Liccardo, District 3  
Harry S. Mavrogenes, Executive Director, San Jose Redevelopment Agency  
Panda Express Executives

**Background:** Founded in 1984, Panda Express is the nation's leader in Asian dining experiences, and recently opened its 11th location in San Jose at the MarketCenter retail complex in the greater downtown area. The privately held, family-owned company is dedicated to high-quality food preparation and ingredients. The restaurant's opening will provide approximately 20 new jobs.  
[www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com)

Built in 2006, the MarketCenter, is home to 35 restaurants and retail shops, including featured anchors retailers Target, Marshalls, Costplus World Market and Trader's Joes. The Pasta Market, a local favorite Italian Restaurant, recently opened its newest location at the Center, and Tutti Frutti, a self-serve yogurt shop, is currently under construction. The Redevelopment Agency contributed approximately \$1.7 million to construct the retail hub and provided permitting assistance to Panda Express and to The Pasta Market.

To date, the Redevelopment Agency has invested approximately \$2 billion into the Downtown area. Other recent retail projects include Safeway's The Market located at The 88, and the current San Pedro Square Market project.  
[www.sjredevelopment.org](http://www.sjredevelopment.org).

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