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Northgate Market Opens at Previous Albertson's Location



Northgate Super Market is now open for business. The new market hosted their Grand Opening Ceremony on September 27, 2007. The market replaces the former Albertson's Market on the southwest corner of Firestone and Pioneer Blvds. at 11660 E. Firestone Blvd.

The mission of Northgate is to operate with integrity and provide full service supermarkets for all customers who enter the store, to provide high value food products for competitive prices and offer an authentic Mexican homeland experience.

The story of Northgate González Markets is the story of a family of immigrants that sought the American dream through vision, hard work and faith. It began in Jalostotitlán, Jalisco when Don Miguel González Jiménez' shoe store burned down in 1952. After struggling for 14 years to get reestablished, at 44 years of age, Miguel and his older sons immigrated to Los Angeles, leaving behind his wife and other children.

sons worked long hours to maintain the family in Mexico. By 1979, the family was reunited and they relocated to La Mirada. They purchased a 2,000 square foot market in Anaheim named Northgate #1. It opened in January of 1980. Being the original store was named Northgate; the name was kept over the years and given to subsequent acquisitions. From the beginning, the whole family participated by holding other jobs while the business got established. More stores were bought in fulfillment of the family dream that each brother and sister would one day have their own store. Their goal was reached years ago and today, two generations worth of work later; Northgate has 25 locations and over 3,500 employees.



The newer stores are about 50,000 square feet in size, offering a large full service meat department, bakery, tortillería and prepared foods in addition to a sizeable selection of domestic and imported Latin American grocery goods.

Northgate is committed to ensuring that their customers have a positive, quality grocery shopping experience. They state that everything they do is done with their customers in mind and they welcome your feedback. As part of this effort, most stores offer check cashing, acceptance of debit and credit cards, shuttle service, money orders, money transfers and utility bill payments. For more information, Northgate has a website at www.northgatemarkets.com.

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Monument Unveiled at City Hall

On September 27, 2007, the City of Norwalk dedicated its newest art piece, "Tribute to Norwalk's Emergency Professionals" in front of nearly 400 representatives from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, the California Highway Patrol and Norwalk's Public Safety Department. After introducing his colleagues and dignitaries the mayor said, "As I was walked over here, I noticed all the uniforms and emergency vehicles and realized through the construction of this monument, for the first time on this scale we are furthering the legacy of Norwalk's commitment to the men and women who daily risk their lives for each of us. And that is indeed a good thing."

The Mayor went on to say, "I appreciate Luigi Vernola, President of the Friends of the Norwalk Sheriff's Station Foundation for all his hard work and the group's dedication to constructing this permanent tribute to our Emergency Professionals."

According to Vernola, the foundation founder, the idea came to him a couple of years ago when he realized that even though the City hosts a yearly luncheon there was no monument to these brave men and women who serve as role models for the community. The statuary on the monument consists of images of four real life emergency professionals.

If you are interested in offering financial support to help defray the cost and preserve this beautiful monument honoring "Norwalk's Emergency Professionals," you may do so by contributing \$500 or more and your name will be recorded in the official registry of members and etched in the perpetual "supporting members plaque" placed in a prominent location on the memorial base. Visitors for generations will know whom they have to thank for the building and preservation of this historic monument. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, please contact Luigi Vernola (562) 864-5800 or (562) 868-1595

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