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Gateways Community

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The Gateways Area includes much of South Merced (south of Highway 99) and southeast Merced, in the vicinity of Yosemite Parkway. Frontages along Highway 99 are also included. The Gateways Area has large areas of

residential neighborhoods, and commercial arterials along Highway 140 (Yosemite Parkway) and Highway 59

(Martin Luther King, Jr. Way).

The area's commercial development includes smaller neighborhood convenience and food stores, auto parts and

repair, and a the Merced County Environmental Health division. The area's major institution, Merced County

Fairgrounds is located on Martin Luther King Way.

Adjacent to the freeway is the largest concentration of motels in Merced, including Ramada, Express by Holiday

Inn, Marriot Courtyard, Hampton Inn, Days Inn, Motel 6, Best Western and others. A number of fast food

restaurants are found at freeway interchanges.

Opportunities in the Gateways community include sites suitable for development of community shopping centers

including grocery/drug, additional freeway-oriented businesses, and office. The newest development in the

Gateways Project Area is Rancho San Miguel. Rancho San Miguel serves a good portion of South and East

Merced and pulls in a good portion of North Merced due to the unique variety offered. They offer restaurant food

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service, grocery and pharmacy services.