

# Sale pending on blighted property at Blackstone and Clinton

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Fresno developer Darius Assemi in escrow to buy central Fresno parcel once slated for Smart & Final



Traffic passes a dead tree along Blackstone Avenue at Clinton Avenue with the former China Chop Suey Restaurant to the left on Sept. 18, 2015. ERIC PAUL ZAMORA [ezamora@fresnobee.com](mailto:ezamora@fresnobee.com)

A blighted parcel of land once slated for a [Smart & Final](#) store in central Fresno may have a new buyer with a long history of building homes in the community.

Fresno City Council Member Clint Olivier confirms that the property on the southwest corner of Blackstone and Clinton avenues "is in escrow and that Darius Assemi is one of the parties to that escrow."

The four-acre property earlier this year became the center of a dispute between the city and a Southern California developer over the design of the corner. Smart & Final eventually gave up on the site and in September opened a

store across the street in the former Save Mart building.

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