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CiCi's Pizza will open its first location in Southern California with its lease of retail space 5801 University Ave., reports **Grubb & Ellis|BRE Commercial**. The brokerage's **Randee Stratton** is the exclusive representative for CiCi's Pizza, a Texas-based buffet-style pizza restaurant with plans for three locations in the San Diego market.

The restaurant is known for its family-oriented atmosphere featuring video games and a \$6-dollar buffet including pizza, pasta, salad and dessert.

CiCi's Pizza will occupy 3,940 square feet of space in suites B-2 and B-3, currently under construction, in the **University Square Shopping Center** anchored by **Food 4 Less** and **Marshalls**. The shopping center was recently revamped by the new owner and CiCi's Pizza will join **Pancho's Mexican Grill** as the latest restaurant to open.

The CiCi's Pizza franchisee involved in this transaction has a three-store agreement for the San Diego area and is currently seeking additional locations, Stratton says.

The restaurant signed a 120 month, \$1.14 million lease. The lessor, **Lakha Properties – San Diego LLC**, was represented by **Rob Ippolito** of **Cushman & Wakefield**.