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On the Dimond list the past few days, there has been a conversation about the Dimond Safeway and other businesses in Oakland. Apparently, the level of theft at stores in Oakland, regardless of size, is a serious issue deterring retailers from opening stores all over the city, or forcing them to change their business practices. One of the posters noted that the Peet's Coffee on Fruitvale Avenue recently raised prices to offset theft costs; I'm sure other businesses have done the same. Discussion of what businesses "should" be in the Laurel need to take this into account. Obviously, it's part of the overall discussion of crime in Oakland and what can be done about it.

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