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Lowe's Super Save, which currently operates three supermarkets in El Paso and one in Anthony, Texas, announced that it is purchasing Big 8 Foods' 12 El Paso stores.

The purchase is scheduled to close on Oct. 18.

Lowe's Super Save expects to retain a majority of store employees and plans to keep all the stores open. The stores will be called Lowe's Big 8.

Big 8 Foods has been a family owned and operated grocer in El Paso since 1947.

"My family is grateful for having the opportunity to serve the El Paso community for almost 60 years," Big 8 Foods President and CEO Richard Powell said in a news release. "This sale to the Lowe's family of grocery stores serves as a means to perpetuate the years of service my family has provided to another family owned and operated business with similar values and traditions."

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