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Dear Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee,

I am writing to you today to support the City Harvest development without the full replacement of parking requested by some business owners. As has been made very clear there is not an issue with parking capacity in River Market and even if there was we should always support replacing parking with residents as a full time neighbor is a more reliable source of business than a fluctuating parking spot.

I do have a concern with the opening of Main Street to public traffic between 3rd and 5th street but this is part of a larger traffic design conversation for River Market that should be held separately and not further delay construction of much needed housing stock.

The City Playbook states a goal of "Fostering neighborhoods that accommodate all ages, lifestyles, and incomes by diversifying and densifying housing choices and creating complete communities that facilitate a high quality-of-life." If this committee prioritizes parking spaces over homes it is not only going against the will of the residents of River Market but the cities own goals.

Thank you for your time,

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