

Dear Mayor, City Council and City Manager,

We, as long-term property owners and tenants in the historic City Market Neighborhood, object to the elimination of **two-thirds** of the public parking spaces in the City Market as private developers redevelop the public property. The consequence of this redevelopment will reduce available public parking spaces by 86% when the market is in full operation.

We are not against “responsible development.” Responsible development requires replacement of the existing public parking assets for monthly permit and short-term parking. These important income-producing city-owned parking assets are almost exclusively relied on by **all** the businesses who have made substantial investments based on the public parking being available for their employees and customers.

The RFPs that preceded these redevelopment projects were very clear that any redevelopment would need to replace the displaced parking in addition to providing additional parking required for their development to ensure the viability and sustainability of the City Market. Despite that promise, those requirements were quietly eliminated without any public notice or involvement. By eliminating the parking requirement after the project was awarded, it also puts the validity of the awarded RFPs in question by not allowing the city to realize the true market value of the assets.

Eliminating over 500 public parking spaces plus the addition of 1,000 new residential units plus thousands of square feet of new retail will create a serious hardship on our city-owned asset, its vendors, surrounding businesses, property owners and neighborhood if the replacement parking is not part of the plan. It also hurts the greater community making the market less accessible to patrons during the week and weekend. It will pit the already difficult issue of illegal parking on private lots reserved for paying tenants, which was a real problem even before these developments started. According to the City Market management company, it will affect direct income to the city in reduced space rental and sales tax income, not to mention the loss of revenue on the current in-place parking needed for these uses.

In a recent survey by the City Market Manager, over 98% of the employees in the City Market live outside of the downtown area and need to drive to their jobs. So, eliminating the daytime parking and with the remaining public parking being limited to two hours, it will make it harder to find workers if they don't have reasonable parking options. Companies employing office and retail workers require safe parking within a reasonable distance or they will not operate in the neighborhood. Businesses are saying the larger percentage of the customers coming for lunch, dinner or other services are from outside the area and without parking options, they will not return.

Even the city study proves the current average parking counts on the public lots will become grossly under-parked when 2/3 of the parking is eliminated—even before counting new pressure added by the new development. Case in point, if parking was not an issue, then why are these developers building private parking for their developments where the public parking is being eliminated? It's because they would not be able to get a loan or to rent their units if they told their tenants they had to fend for themselves and they would soon be out of business--which is what we are now going to be doing to our existing businesses in the neighborhood.

Therefore, we are sincerely asking for your help in working together for viable parking solutions for the health and sustainability of one of the oldest and most important community assets in our city. We are not asking for FREE parking. We are asking for the **necessary** public parking as part of the plan. Again, we need your support for our existing property and business owners who have helped make the current City Market into an exceptional neighborhood and why the developers and residents will want to be here. We stand ready to work with you on solutions as we have done in the past to ensure success for everyone living, working, and patronizing **OUR** City Market.

Sincerely

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