

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of San Antonio
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Dear Mayor and San Antonio City Council,

I am writing to express support for the El Mercado Merchant's Association and the Farmer's Market Association. We are excited to hear about City's efforts to embark on a historic Market Square visioning for San Antonio and express our concerns.

Market Square is a historic and iconic cultural landmark. It is home to a generational legacy and small business district unlike anything found elsewhere in the City where San Antonians and tourists alike come to feel part of our culture and support local businesses. Amidst unprecedented development pressure and change with construction on the horizon, the opportunity to strengthen Market Square's foundation is paramount and timely. For this reason, we support Market Square tenants request for long-term contracts.

We appreciate and embrace the City's dedication to preserve and protect its cultural fabric and destinations. Providing the City with a world class experience is something we believe in. We share the City's desire to grow the Market Square experience without damage to the legacy and historical small and minority-owned business enterprises that have made the market square what is today and for the future. For these reasons, we oppose any effort to lessen, reduce or displace the minority-owned business that currently operate at Market Square and support efforts to help them grow.

As San Antonio enters a new era, we support the Market Square tenants' efforts to renewing long-term, legacy contracts, visioning for the future, and moving toward a new operating model for Market Square. Like the City's success in spinning out entities such Brooks City Base, the San Antonio International Airport and Port San Antonio, we support the El Mercado Merchant's Association and the Farmer's Market Association efforts to achieve the same at Market Square.

Thank you in advance and we appreciate your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing positive news that gives proper support to Market Square.

Sincerely,