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I just want to voice my views on the new City Harvest building, wanting to build in the parking lot at the City market {400 MAIN]...

AS I AM AWARE and agree with..growth is part our great city...But at what expense...Ive been a business owner at the city market going on 20 years..

seen a lot of improvements to the area...I was here when the city market was 50% unoccupied.. Now 100% or close to that...We have produce merchants, specialty Grocers, Bakery, Coffie shops and so much more...All of which makes this so special...

Also one of the best tourist attractions for our CITY.. Not a week goes by that we don't talk with customers from all over the midwest that come to visit our CITY MARKET...

So all that being said,,,employee parking is key to keep and or retain our work force..For many business looking for those employees, with ample parking for them...

Its tough enough to find and keep a good team....don't make it harder...

Another thing to think about is losing our weekend farmers....Ive talked to so many that are critical to our parking...or lack of...for them and their employees.

Some will move on to Parkville, Overland park and Lees Summit new farmers market... Seriously do you want a FOOD COURT? Cause what will be left if we lose our farmers is just that....I'm just asking that you consider the negative out come of a 12 story apartment building with limited parking for City Market tenants and Farmers..

Thanks for the opportunity to speak... Danny Spini...GLOBAL MARKET