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We hope that you will seriously listen to the business owners and residents regarding the City Harvest proposals and the parking problem that will create in the River Market.

Personally we have a long history in the River Market that goes back to the early 1900's when my grandparents has a stall and sold produce at the City Market. We run deep with the history of this area and have a love for it and what it brings to our city.

We have owned Planters Seed Company since 1980 and in 2024 it will have a 100 Anniversary in the same location for 100 years

The area was in a dire state in 1980. We continued the business with "blood, sweat and tears". Over the last 43 years we have seen the River Market go thru a renaissance. The small business owners stayed and worked to help make it what it is today.

We endured 2 years of torn up streets while the trolley tracks were installed.

We endured almost 2 years of a pandemic. During those times we had to meet payroll demands, pay taxes in spite of the conditions. It was difficult, to say the least. But we continued our investments in the River Market.

We ask they you consider the farmers who depend on the open air market. They do not have another option to sell their produce. They need parking for their customers. Without parking the "investors" will put them out of business. Do not destroy what is so good for our city and has been successful for years.

Investors now want to build in the River Market and the idea sounds great. However, for this to be done they want to remove essential public parking without providing enough public parking space. They are taking away, but not giving back.

Business and employee parking is essential to the survival of the River Market. Small business's have lifetime investments in the River Market.

Investors will come and go, but they will never have the heart of the River Market as this best interest. For them its just another investment, as they move on to the next investment.

We ask you to please stop this until the investors provide the parking they are taking from our beloved area.

Thank you

Donna and Leonard Slaughter