

Anne Hersch

From: Nicole Almaguer
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 10:36 AM
To: Anne Hersch
Subject: FW: Farmer's market

Anne,
FYI/For P&Z.
I have replied to acknowledge the email.
Nicole

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 9:16 AM
To: Nicole Almaguer
Subject: FW: Farmer's market

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From: Lesly Flynn [<mailto:hankandlesly@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 10:48 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmer's market

I am a life long resident if Albany, and now am raising my two children here. I want to state my complete support of the Albany Farmer's market. We loved being able to do our weekly shopping at the market. Many times, we ended up going out to eat in the vicinity, or visiting other shops on Solano. The market adds so much value and cohesion to our city. Please bring the market back! Year round would be even better!

Lesly Flynn

Sent from my iPhone

Anne Hersch

From: Marcy Newman [marcella27@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2011 5:22 PM
To: Anne Hersch
Subject: Farmer's Market feedback

Dear Ms. Hersch:

I wanted to write to express my support for the Albany Farmer's Market. My family lives one block from the market (on Solano) and for us, the very minor inconveniences have been completely worth the benefits of the market. I've seen a lot of community building as people greet friends and neighbors and as kids have a chance to play to safely play in the street. I also love that my kids get to see such a beautiful cornucopia of produce and understand that we are buying it from the people who grew it. Prices can be a little steep, but I have considered the extra cost to be a sort of convenience fee for being able to walk to such a lovely market and the quality of the products is very high. We hope to see the market back next year.

Thank you,
Marcy Lauer

Anne Hersch

From: chrisb@migcom.com
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2011 8:41 PM
To: Anne Hersch
Subject: Albany Farmers Market

Anne,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Albany Farmers Market. This activity is one of the best things to happen in a long time to our great town . . . it builds commerce and community while supporting our goals of sustainability and healthfulness for Albany.

Please pass along my support to the Planning and Zoning commission!

Regards,
Chris Beynon
920 Madison Street

Delia Carroll
801 Jackson St.
Albany, CA 94706

November 29, 2011
City of Albany
Planning and Zoning Commission

Dear commission members,

It has come to my attention that the subject of the Albany Farmer's Market will be discussed at a meeting soon. I will be out of town next week but wanted to go on record with my support for the Albany Farmer's Market.

As an avid farmer's market shopper since the late 1980s I cannot overstate my delight when the Albany market between San Pablo and Adams St. on Solano Ave. began last May. For the first time in my life I was within walking distance of farm fresh produce and other artisan products. I reorganized my life around Wednesday afternoons so that I could do the bulk of my grocery shopping at the new market. It was a fabulous experience to have the bounty of this great growing region available to me weekly without having to use my car. What I had not anticipated was how much fun it was to engage with my neighbors in the market. I ran into old friends from my children's schools, made new friends on both side of the market stalls, and even took advantage of the table made available to Albany residents to promote my gardening class and the Alberitto Streets event in August.

I think the current location is perfect. It is in the very center of town and along a major bus line. The only improvement I can suggest would be to offer valet bike parking and oh yes, make the market year round!

Thank you for your thoughtful planning in this matter,

Delia Carroll

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 8:07 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Harriet Patterson [<mailto:harriet.patterson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 6:43 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmers market

I love having a farmers market and think we should keep it where it is. I have been eagerly awaiting the opening this year. I wish it were year round.

Harriet Patterson

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 8:18 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Heather Hafleigh [mailto:hdh@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 8:16 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmer's market

I moved to Cerrito Street last June, and walked to the farmer's market every week for food and wonderful take-out dinners. I was sorry when it closed for the winter and have been looking forward to it re-opening.

There must be people who parked or walked by some of those businesses who weren't even aware they were there. These people would come back and use them.

Personally, if those businesses in the article complained about the market and are stopping it from returning - I will not use those businesses. I will not return to Albany Sauna as I had used it several times. For 4 hours once a week? - this is not community spirit, and I was sorry to read about who complained.

Heather Hafleigh
913 Cerrito Street
Albany

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From: Ellen Davis [mailto:ellendavis_z@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 8:12 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmers Market

I was surprised last year that those businesses around the F-market didn't take advantage of the extra visibility. I never saw a sign or offer in their windows "Farmers Market special" or "visit us while at the FM" or anything but anonymity. They should have been out there participating and making themselves a part of instead of showing contempt. Albany Hot Tubs didn't say whether their business may have increased at other times due to FM customers becoming aware that it is there. If those businesses did not see an advantage, maybe they need to take another look at what the possibilities are with extra people in the area.

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 8:42 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Janna Katz [<mailto:jaleka822@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 8:42 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmers Market

Why not move the Market to 800 block of Key Route? Keep one side open for traffic and alternate sides so residents would only have it on their side twice a month. The location would attract more shoppers to Solano.

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:19 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: gfleitas@berkeley.edu [<mailto:gfleitas@berkeley.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:14 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmers Market

Dear City Hall,

I would like to support the continuation of the permit for the Farmers Market. The market is a lively, successful enterprise that brings lots of customers to an area where they would not normally venture. What the businesses in the area seem to not recognize is that their block is dead and the market brings attention to their business and although it may seem to diminish business for one day of the week, customers may now be aware of the existence of these local businesses and be coming back themselves or recommending them to their friends and families. The business owners need to give the market and themselves a chance and one year may not be enough.

Besides, for Albany to have a Farmers Market it should be an honor. the whole fresh food industry moves more and more in that direction, fresh, local produce attracts customers. The market allows for other local businesses to benefit from the foot traffic and brings prestige to the city, please renew their permit.

Gladys Fleitas

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From: Suzanne Popkin [<mailto:suzanne@boldium.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:12 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmer's market

To whom it may concern,

The number of people who benefit from the farmer's market outweighs those who unfortunately suffer.

If we take into account the environment benefits, not to mention the economic benefits, I believe it would be unfair to the thousand people who attended each week to close the market.

I attended almost every week with my family and very much enjoyed it.

Best,
Suzanne Popkin

Albany resident

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:13 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
Subject: FW: Farmers Market on Solano

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From: Lourdes Gonzaga [<mailto:lourdesgonzaga@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:05 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmers Market on Solano

Hello there,

I just heard that the City is looking for an alternate location for the Albany Farmers Market. Where it was was PERFECT! I shopped exclusively at the Albany Farmers Market since it started instead of having to drive all the way to Berkeley for my produce. That might still be 'local' but that's not Albany. Keep the Farmers Market where it was! Please!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

All the best,

Lourdes

Lourdes Gonzaga
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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:40 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Erwin del Pinal [<mailto:edelpinal@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:27 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmer's Market

I have lived in Albany for over 6 years and I was very excited to see the farmer's market last summer. I went there every week and introduced many of my local friends to it as well. I heard that there are concerns with the location but for me the location was ideal - off a busy street and a seldom used block of Solano. Please don't let the market disappear this year and if possible, keep it in the same place!

Best regards,

Erwin

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 12:56 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Jennifer Auzenne [<mailto:jenniferauzenne@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 12:53 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Albany Farmers Market

To who it may concern,

I'd like to voice my opinion about keeping the Albany farmers market going in it's previous location. It is a wonderful addition to our community. Fostering neighborhood relationships, giving everyone a place to gather to shop and socialize. I'm sorry to hear that a few of the businesses had some issues with the market last year. I do feel that these kinks can be ironed out and can actually expose their businesses to potential new clients. It's only one night a week for a few hours. After attending meetings at city hall for the Albany pedestrian master plan, I was under the impression that that part of Solano Avenue was going to be closed off to through traffic eventually anyway. I was really hoping this plaza would come into fruition and we would have a weekly year round farmers market, making the healthiest locally grown food highly accessible to the residents of Albany. I'll be watching for future meetings at city hall involving the market to come out a voice my support.

Thank you-
The Auzenne Family
jenniferauzenne@gmail.com

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From: Helen Cameron [<mailto:cameronh112@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 12:49 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject:

Dear city council members,:

I will voice my dissatisfaction with these businesses by not patronizing them, and will tell all within whom I come into contact to do likewise.

With regard to Subway; methinks they protest too much, farmer's arkets are an alternative to the "fast food" world in which we live. Subway franchises fall into the category of "fast food".

Richard Liao's business should be relocated if there is too much city noise. This is an urban setting. The farmer's market operates once a week...what about all of the other ambient noise that comes from owning a business on a main artery? Police and fire alarms, garbage trucks, noisy pedestrians, car horns....perhaps Mr. Liao should invest some of the money he makes from his business into better sound proofing, or relocate to a more pastoral setting.

As for Albany Sauna and Hot Tubs. I have used them, but will not continue to do so. How many clients can they accommodate at any one time? Surely, there is ample parking for people who do not mind walking a block or two.

I feel great passion for those with genuine disabilities, and surely there must be some way of accommodating these folks and still have a farmer's market once a week for several months.

I have never used Chroma, but have walked by a number of times. It looks, at least from the outside, like a very small beauty salon. How many parking places do their clients' need at any one time? I can't imagine that "noise" is an issue....in a beauty salon? Give me a break!

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 1:57 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
Subject: FW: Albany Farmer's Market

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From: Michelle Reddel [<mailto:mreddel@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 1:16 PM
To: City General Email Box; Winkie Campbell-Notar
Subject: Albany Farmer's Market

Dear Albany,

We love the Albany Farmer's Market, both as community residence and Solano business owners. I understand it is a nuisance for those businesses in that location, but it would be a disservice to get rid of it . Many of my clients walk down there and also spend money at other Albany businesses on the way. Please consider another location or compromise.

Thank you,
Michelle Reddel

Michelle Reddel, D.C.
Reddel Chiropractic Inc.
1398 Solano Avenue
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Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 8:52 AM
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Subject: FW: Farmers Market Support

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From: Catherine Sutton [<mailto:catherine@sonic.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:49 PM
To: City General Email Box
Cc: Ben Feldman
Subject: Farmers Market Support

I strongly support the continuance of the Farmers Market. I loved having it on Solano, right around the corner from my house, but if the demands of a few business owners are enough to scuttle the whole project, something is wrong. Please stand firm and keep the market where it is. Politics should not prevent a good idea from continuing.

From my interactions with some of the local merchants mentioned, I would say that some of them have a closed mind that was made before the market even started. Even the statistics could be suspect. You can get data to tell you anything you want. There are many ways that the merchants could actually benefit from the market if they chose to.

Do not let a small and disgruntled minority affect something that has made hundreds of people happy and proud to live in Albany.

Catherine Sutton

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From: Catherine Sutton [<mailto:catherine@sonic.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:46 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmers market

City of Albany,

I strongly support the return of the farmer's market to last year's location. I live around the corner on Madison and feel practically blessed to have it so close. I read the objections of the local merchants, and it is only a few hours a week. I wish they'd go with it instead and and talk and hand out materials promoting their own businesses.

Leonard

Anne Hersch

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From: Lizz Bronson [<mailto:zzbronson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 7:46 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmers market

I am writing to show my support for the farmers market. I am hoping it will start again soon and will support it in a new location if that is necessary.

I advocate a community discussion(in person and/or online) of this issue with the new circumstances facing the market.

Thank you.

Best,

Lizz Bronson

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From: Melissa [<mailto:melrome7@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 6:50 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmer's Market

To Albany City Hall,

Not only did I frequent the Albany's farmer's market last spring, I often brought other people with me to enjoy both the market and the neighborhood. While I shop on Solano Avenue weekly, as an Albany resident that lives near the east end of Albany, I tend to stay on the Berkeley half. It is the farmer's market that brought me to lower Solano and acquainted me with the many cafes and business there. I am a supporter of the market and would love to see the other businesses in the area gain from this. Perhaps there can be "sidewalk" sales or "open houses" or something like this to draw the people into these businesses. I'm confident that the community can support both the market and the many businesses simultaneously.

Melissa Roman
Albany, CA

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From: Judith [<mailto:jkheller@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 5:36 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmer's Market

To Whom It May Concern – I support the Farmer's Market and really want it to happen again this year.

Thanks,
Judith Heller
Resident 935 Solano Ave, #15
Albany, CA 94706

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 11:57 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Benjamin Hensler [<mailto:benhensler@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 11:39 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmer's Market Location

To Whom It May Concern

As a resident of western Albany, I would like to express my strong support for the market in the current location.

It is a real community-builder and a huge boon to local residents who are public transit supporters / dependent and lack ANY equivalent options (both Safeway and Trader Joe's are nearly a mile away, and Happy Produce's stock is really not comparable for various reasons). I think the opposition voiced by some businesses on Solano is unreasonable given that the market is only open for a few hours one day a week and that there is generally PLENTIFUL parking on side-streets in the area.

Why some marginal inconvenience to these business owners should trump the correction of significant inconvenience to local residents is not clear to me. How much of the farmer's market traffic actually is foot-traffic from local residents versus people driving in and parking in the neighborhood?

Thank you.

Ben Hensler

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From: Beth Devlin [<mailto:beth@bookkeeperbeth.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 1:04 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: albany farmers market

I would like to express my support for the Albany Farmers Market in its current location.

I am a homeowner/resident in that neighborhood and I believe it has been a positive thing. The market encouraged residents to get out of their cars and go downtown.

I am also a customer at some of the businesses that have expressed concerns about the market, and though I can only speak for myself, it has not stopped me from patronizing any of the businesses during the Market hours. I have not noticed that parking is particularly bad during the Market. Most people seem to walk or ride their bicycles to the market.

I hope you will renew the Market's permit for 2012.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Devlin
PO Box 6626
Albany CA 94706

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 9:53 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
Subject: FW: attn: farmers market

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From: sarana.acu@gmail.com [<mailto:sarana.acu@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Sarana Community Acupuncture
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 7:53 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: attn: farmers market

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the Albany Farmers Market. We run a community-supported affordable acupuncture clinic, located on San Pablo Avenue, just a block South from the current Solano Avenue market site, and we have loved having the Farmers Market in our neighborhood. Our clients and staff have enjoyed the luxury of fresh fruits/veggies and live plants just around the corner. We think the market location is fine, very visible and easy to find with good public transit access. We have benefited from participating at two of the markets last season, offering free ear acupuncture in the community booth, promoting our business and connecting with folks in our community. We are hoping to return next season. We also found that the market increased foot traffic past our clinic.

Our community needs and loves the market. Please keep a good thing going, do not let the Farmers Market disappear from our town!

Sincerely,

Pam Chang LAc and Tatyana Ryevzina, LAc
co-owners & acupuncture practitioners

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From: Jeff Watts [<mailto:jrwatts@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 9:26 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmers market

Hi,

I'm writing to express my support and enthusiasm for the Albany farmers market in its current location. My wife, son, and I walked to the market each day that it was open last year, and we really hope to be able to continue this family tradition this year and in the years to come. The farmers market fosters a sense of community, and offers us the opportunity to support local farmers and purchase fresh, healthy food. The farmers market is truly a boon to the community, and I know that my neighbors also feel the same way.

I appreciate that you must also consider the impact of the market on the businesses in the area, but I implore you to weigh this against the market's broad positive impact on the city as a whole. Before you take any action to remove the market from its current location, please consider the following:

1. Albany's residents love and support the market. A poll included in [this story on albany.patch.com](#) currently shows that 75% of respondents love the market in its current location.
2. The farmers market brings money to Albany, and the increased foot traffic to the area boosts the revenues of many of the surrounding businesses.
3. The farmers market fosters a sense of community, encourages healthier diets, and supports pedestrians and cyclists by turning a busy street into a bustling pedestrian zone for a few hours each week.

Before you take any action to deprive Albany of these benefits, I at least ask that you thoroughly investigate the claims that the businesses in the area are making. If they claim a loss of revenue during market hours, and they wish to use this claim to take away something that the people of Albany enjoy, then they ought to produce receipts or records proving their case. Furthermore, even if the losses are real, they must be weighed against the many other benefits (financial and otherwise) of the farmers market. Finally, as an Albany resident who lives

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Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 9:57 AM
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Subject: FW: Albany Farmer's Market Alt Location

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From: Jennifer Dymont [<mailto:jdymont@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 1:06 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Albany Farmer's Market Alt Location

I really liked the location of the Albany Farmer's Market but understand there are some concerns with it.

Perhaps another location that would work could be under the bart tracks \ across from APS and the Senior Center on Masonic at Solano. It would be a little more central. There is a large open paved area there.

Thanks
Jen

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To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: dakittehs@comcast.net [mailto:dakittehs@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 9:05 AM
To: City General Email Box; City General Email Box
Subject: Albany Farmer's Market

I'm weighing in on this because I really loved the Albany Farmer's Market last year, and because I really hope it can continue. The merchants' concerns about noise and parking have some merit. To that, I would point out that I parked once in front of Albany Hot Tub and went to the market. The owner followed me, screaming at me that vendors weren't allowed to park there. I told him, politely, that I wasn't a vendor. He became so verbally abusive that several people, including Ecology Center market staff, intervened. He stomped off, still shouting obscenities. You may want, in his case at least, to consider the source of the complaints.

Parking is indeed an issue, all the time, every day, on Solano Avenue. That's not even a debatable point. The point is, the Farmer's Market affects street parking 6 hours a week. I went nearly every week, and saw folks in wheelchairs, folks on crutches, folks with walkers, all apparently as happy to be there as I was with my cane. All of us managed to park and get ourselves to the market without complaint.

I think it was Chroma who complained about the foot traffic being reduced during the market. Perhaps it was, although surely the people who went to the market count as "foot traffic." And I, for one, have never chosen a salon by walking by it!

If you decide to support the market in its same location, good for you! You've put the demonstrated needs of the community first, even though five or six businesses may be inconvenienced six hours a week.

If you decide to support the market in a new location, that's good too, but expect the same sort of flack. You can't please everyone. Ever.

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 10:43 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
Subject: FW: Attention "Farmers Market"

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From: Paul Giganti [<mailto:pgiganti@calmail.berkeley.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 10:42 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Attention "Farmers Market"

I am a long-time resident of Albany and wish to voice my support of the Albany Farmers Market. It is good to see our city try new ideas and events occasionally, such as our street fairs and dinners--it is part of what makes us a community, not just another city. The Albany Farmers Market is a good thing for the city, both in spirit and financially. I can appreciate that it inconveniences a few store owners in the vicinity, but it does not occur often enough to seriously affect their livelihood, and it is a benefit to the greater good of our unique city and the people who live here. Please renew the permit for the Albany Farmers Market for the good of the city.

Paul Giganti, Jr.

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 8:00 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: melissa ober [<mailto:obered@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 7:43 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmer's market

hello,

I just wanted to write to say how much my son and i loved the farmer's market in Albany last year.....we really hope it continues. Would it be possible to do it someplace in memorial park? i know you're really busy so you don't have to write back but just thought i'd put that out there cause it would be nice to have a kid friendly space....thanks for working hard to keep this going. let me know if there is anything i can do to help.

thanks, Melissa Ober

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 8:02 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Maria Budner [<mailto:mariabudner@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 7:06 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Albany Farmers Market

City Council Memebbers

I am writing to say that I love the Albany Farmers Market. I find it a wonderful community gathering that adds sparkle and vibrance to the Solano area.

I would very much miss it if it were gone.

It always saddens me when the interests of a few trump the grater good for the whole.

And I, personally, have never used the Albany Farmer's Market as a substitute for anything I would have bought at an Albany grocery store anyway. In fact getting out to that area makes me more likely to stop in and do an errand or two in surrounding stores.

I hope you will allow the Farmer's Market to stay, grow, and add to Albany community life.

Sincerely

Maria Budner

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From: Elina Coulter [<mailto:elinacoulter@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 6:18 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmer's market

How very sad it would be to close the farmer's market. I can't help but think that the businesses who complained are just ignorant of the countless benefits the farmers market brings to our community and the environment. Please continue to have the farmer's market. I live next to the community center, and there is frequently no event there on Sunday mornings. Why not have the farmer's market there on Sundays (also a time when more people/families could make it)?

Thanks,
Elina Coulter
950 Masonic Ave.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 8:05 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Kate Mehler [<mailto:kmehler@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 8:05 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmer's Market

Dear City Council,

I am a resident of Albany along with my husband, daughter and dog. We are thrilled to have an Albany Farmer's Market. It is conveniently located and scheduled. It is a wonderful way to connect with neighbors and meet more in the community. I learned more about Albany and sustainability efforts there than anywhere else in the last year. I loved taking my daughter there and talking with the sellers about how their food is produced. We also have been able to change our diets in a healthier direction because of its convenience.

PLEASE continue the market and make it year round. Our family will support any efforts to this end.

Sincerely,
Kate Mehler, Chris Weber, Sarah Weber, Skipper

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Subject: FW: Support for Albany Farmers Market on Solano Ave

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From: Payal Sampat [<mailto:payalsampat@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 11:33 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Support for Albany Farmers Market on Solano Ave

To whom it may concern:

I'm an Albany resident living in the vicinity of the current location of the Albany Farmer's Market on Solano Ave., and I'm writing to express my whole-hearted support for the Farmer's Market and for its current location. Please let the market continue and stay where it has been! It provided a marvelous space for community building, healthy produce, and brought foot traffic to a part of Albany which is usually dominated by cars passing through to the freeway. I live just 2-3 blocks from the Market, and although I was initially concerned about parking issues and noise, I have found the Market organizers and vendors to be respectful, clean and extremely well organized. They have brought so much more to our neighborhood than the handful of commercial businesses who are complaining about the impacts on their business.

It would be unfair to the residents of West Albany if a few businesses - including one multinational food chain - were to hold the city hostage and take away the Farmer's Market from our neighborhood. For those of us living on this side of San Pablo Ave., the Farmer's Market is the only reasonable option for fresh produce within walking distance of our homes. I know that this has been especially valuable to a number of elderly residents on our street and on Albany Hill, and as a busy working parent, I have certainly appreciated this as well.

So please let the Market reopen this spring, and leave it on Solano Ave.! Our neighborhood hopes to welcome the Farmer's Market back next month.

Sincerely,

Payal Sampat
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From: Letitia Berlin [<mailto:tishberlin@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 11:05 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: supporting Albany Farmer's Market

I hope you will let the Farmer's Market continue in its location at Solano and San Pablo.

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From: Adam Hochman [<mailto:adhocbot@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 11:03 PM
To: City General Email Box
Cc: Jennifer Baumer
Subject: Farmers Market continues

I read in the patch that local merchants were trying to push out the farmer's market. This is a big mistake. Their fear of competition shouldn't limit Albany resident's access to local farms. Please do not let this happen.

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 8:19 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu

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From: Allen Cain / Solano Avenue Association [mailto:PlanetSolano@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 7:20 AM
To: Paul Cruce; City General Email Box; Jeff Bond; Peggy Thomsen; liebtaub@sbcglobal.net; Beth Pollard; marge.atkinson@mac.com
Subject: Re: Support for the Albany Farmers Market

WOW, ummmmmm – glad I didn't write this; though the Solano Avenue Association does not have an "official" position, I can say this:

The Association (and chamber of commerce, with Nicole Almaguer) worked hard to place the market (for several months); we looked at ninety percent of the options suggested in the Patch article – that won't work.

We did not put the market there because we thought it was the best location on the planet; we were anxious to get the experiment started and had exhausted most other options.

It is/was a trial and I APPLAUD the City for trying new things! If it isn't perfect we tried and that is what counts sometimes.

I think the market is fine where it is (my personal opinion) – I agree with Paul, the "opposition" is outmatched and I seriously question their motives and attitude.

Bill Moore is a member of the Association (the others are not) and I have a meeting with him coming up soon to help "lubricate" things and see what he is "really thinking".

Again, it is just my personal opinion, Paul is right, we have to start thinking of the greater good; take some stuff off of the plates of burdened city government (council and planning) and navigate...

Paul may be right, the City is developing the reputation of being business unfriendly and we should dust-off the "welcome" mat and be more inviting to new ideas (liked or not).

Let's move forward, I am forty two years old and learned long ago that it is unrealistic to expect to please everyone – let's cut the slices of the pie as evenly as we can; I promise someone is going to get a piece they will complain about.

While they are complaining about it, let the rest of us enjoy our pie, we spent a lot of time preparing it - (Sorry, it is early and I admit that was not a perfect analogy – lol.)

Paul Cruce
a.k.a. Louis laVache
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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:22 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Renee Solari [<mailto:Renee.Solari@sunpowercorp.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:19 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Albany Farmers Market

Hello,

I am a nearby resident who enjoys the Albany Farmers Market. When I attend, I am more aware and likely to solicit the nearby retailers.

I would like to urge your continued support to allow for this Solano location and frequency of the Farmers Market.

Thank you,

Renee

Resident of El Cerrito.

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From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 10:10 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: buddycalifornia@gmail.com [<mailto:buddycalifornia@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** buddy williams
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 10:09 AM
To: City General Email Box
Cc: Payal Sampat; Mattison Ly
Subject: farmers market

I would like to address the concerns of the businesses that are impacted by the farmers market on Solano Ave.:

Subway has high visibility on San Pablo which is not blocked by the market on that corner.
Albany Sauna and Hot Tubs is not within the boundaries of the market.

Bill Moore & Associates, Chroma and the Acupuncture Clinic have valid concerns of blocked visibility. We would like to think that they understand the larger impact of the market for the town and citizens of Albany and would be willing to work around the inconvenience a few days per year, as other businesses do which are located adjacent to farmers markets all over the country.

It appears that the director of the farmers market, Ben Feldman, has been willing to work with these merchants to address their concerns, but has yet to come to a workable agreement.

These three+ businesses have yet to take advantage of the increased foot traffic (*"Ecology Center reports that the Albany farmers market brought close to 1,000 people to Solano Avenue weekly during its first season"*). This is partly because some of the trucks may be blocking their business. It may also be because the businesses haven't used the opportunity of increased exposure whilst the market is in session. There is the 'community booth' where they can advertise their services, although if I was a business owner I would want my own table. Here are two compromises that may have merit:

1.) What if the trucks that are parked in front of the affected businesses left a 10' gap in the direct line of sight of the business. The market stalls would have to be under 4' tall in this 'direct sight' zone. No trucks, no canopies; tables are ok. This would increase the sight lines to the business.

2.) What if the market would be willing to let the business have a table and an 8' wide "easement" (and direct line of sight to their business with no trucks blocking the view from street foot traffic to store) in front of their

store during market hours. It could be manned, or not. 1000 people would pass their large posters and graphics of their business. If my business was on that street and I was upset about the trucks, this is what I would ask for. I would see the increased foot traffic as an opportunity and move the business message to where the foot traffic is. Chroma could make a little 'pop-up store', BM & Assoc. could bring out a sign, etc. This recognizes that the trucks lined along the curb are integral to how a street market works, but would be asking for a small gap between trucks at the affected business location.

The disadvantages of this compromise (table and direct line of sight to the affected business) is that it would remove 'x' number of feet of market stalls. Other impacted businesses may also ask for their line-of-sight marketing space.

CD Director Mr Bond has a tough act here. He already knows there's no other appropriate location with the same level of traffic exposure and public amenities; that was determined last year. Hopefully a large number of residents will speak in favor of the market and Ben Feldman will be able to placate the affected businesses, with the Chamber and Solano Ave Assoc. providing support. It would be a damn shame to loose that market in Albany. Besides the access to quality, local food that directly supports the local farmers, the purchasing of these products is also a political act that speaks to the values of the citizens of Albany.

The "needs of a few shouldn't outweigh the needs of the many" (Allen Cain, Director, Solano Avenue Association)

Cheers,
Buddy Williams

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From: Elmira Wan [mailto:elmirawan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 10:19 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Attention: Albany Framer's Market

Hello,

I live on Madison street very near where the Albany Farmer's Market was (will be?) held. I think the Framers' market is wonderful and brings the neighborhood together in all the best ways. I also think it's a small inconvenience to residents and businesses to have the streets closed for one day a week given the "greater good" the Farmers' market brings to the neighborhood. However, I also understand the concerns of nearby residents and the small businesses in the neighborhood, particularly those that provide medical services to disabled clients. Perhaps the market can be spread over two blocks and one side of Solano each week so that vehicles carrying local business patrons with health concerns can reach their destinations and keep their appointments. Further, perhaps this layout can be alternated from week to week so that it's fair to businesses on both north and south sides of Solano.

Please keep the Albany Farmer's Market going!

Sincerely,

Elmira Wan

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 2:16 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
Subject: FW: Please keep the Albany farmer's market!

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From: Wendy Frey [<mailto:wfreybird@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 2:02 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Please keep the Albany farmer's market!

Please keep the Albany farmers market -- our family loves shopping there.

Wendy Frey

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 2:47 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Kerstin Feist [<mailto:kf4kidz@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 2:43 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmers Market

I am for keeping the Farmers Market at the same location at the same time as we have had it in the past.

Kerstin Feist
931 Madison St.
Albany

524-5483

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 4:29 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Leonard Edmondson [<mailto:leo@waegell.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 4:00 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmer's market

Albany City Counsel:

Please bring back the farmer's market again this year.

It adds greatly to the value of the neighborhood by supporting community at the basic level.

We need to work out how to have the increased foot traffic be a boon to the local businesses.

How can we encourage them to participate?

Bargain booth space?

thank you,
Leonard
Madison St.

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 8:01 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Louise Berhau [<mailto:lberhau@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 12:06 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Please keep Farmer's Market as is!

First, thank you so much for all the work you've done in giving our neighborhood a wonderful, easily accessible farmer's market that we truly love. We have been so excited about it's return, and it's incredibly sad to hear that there are challenges around that.

I realize that these five merchants who are against the market (and seemed to be against it before it began) might feel that their business are impacted by this, however there is an overwhelming number of people and businesses who are positively impacted by this and very much want the market to continue. I truly hope it does and appreciate your help in doing so.

Thank you so much!
Louise Berhau
667 Spokane Avenue
510-525-1779

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From: James [<mailto:jamesoutwest@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 8:55 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmer's Market

Dear Planning and Zoning Commission,

I have been a life long Albany Resident and went to the Albany Farmer's market a few times last year when it opened however I personally found that it was not worth continuing to go to due to the location (it is hard to find parking near the market, especially for disabled folks) and the fact there are already several local markets (Tuesday and Saturday at El Cerrito Plaza, Thursday in North Berkeley, and Sunday in Kensington) which I already go to and find more convenient. Many of the Albany vendors are the same as the ones on Thursday in North Berkeley and on one of my favorite vendors there stopped going to the Albany one because there were so few people (but perhaps things picked up later in the year). I think a better location in Albany would help though I am aware none has been found so far. All that said many people in Albany seem to like the market and I have no particular opposition to it if it does not cost the city to run it.

James Schinnerer
906 Pomona Ave
Albany, CA 94706

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From: Alice Klein [<mailto:ahklein@sonic.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 7:49 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Albany farmers' market

The Albany farmers' market is wonderful! Not only do many people find it convenient, some are able to walk to it or bike to it. The sellers are all lovely; the ambience is delightful. There is enough variety so that you can really shop, and you can sit down and eat as well, maybe get to know some neighbors. I used to go to the North Berkeley market on Thursdays, but then I discovered this new market even closer to home.

I can't imagine what businesses this market could be hurting. If anything, it brings people to that corner, which is otherwise a busy, noisy intersection, with buses and cars all the time. I never go there, avoid it like the plague, but I went there because of the farmers' market. The market's like a breath of fresh air in the middle of an unattractive city scene.

Please allow it to continue and don't cave to a few businesses whose claims sound kind of dicey to me. Let's keep progressing in Albany, getting greener and greener!

Thank you,
Alice Klein
Stannage Avenue
Albany

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 10:17 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: sarah ristine [<mailto:sarahengdahl@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 9:56 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: I support the Albany Farmers Market!

I live in Albany on the corner of Solano and Kains. The market was a treasure last year. Looking forward to it again!
Sarah Ristine
510 647-8994

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 8:04 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Garth Schultz [<mailto:garth.d.schultz@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 8:44 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Farmers Market

Dear Council Members,

Please keep the Farmers Market on Solano open. It has been a boon to our neighborhood and truly adds to our community.

It would be a shame for a minority of businesses to limit our community's potential for developing a connected and sustainable place.

One thought - couldn't these businesses turn it into a business opportunity, instead of a perceived loss?

Thank you for your consideration.

--
Garth Schultz
510-292-0853

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 8:05 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Terry Lamb [<mailto:terylam@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 6:59 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Support Albany Farmers Market

City Council,

This note is in strong support of continuing the Albany Farmers Market. The market is a valuable resource for our community, both in terms of the products that it brings to us and in terms of the support that is given to vendors who are based in our region.

I visited the market a number of times during its first season of operation, and I was pleased to see that it was integrated well into the flow of activity around Solano and San Pablo. It was easily accessible to people coming from a variety of directions. There was minimal disturbance of traffic patterns, and what inconvenience there was for a brief period, I believe, was a very small amount for us to pay in return for all the benefits of having farm-fresh food available in Albany each week.

I hope that you will continue the Albany Farmers Market, operated by the very important Ecology Center, and that it will continue in its original location.

Thank you,
Terry Lamb
Albany, CA

Anne Hersch

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Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 8:05 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Alexa [<mailto:alexahhh@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 5:45 PM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: In support of Albany Farmer's Market

Dear Mayor Javandel, Councilwomen Wile, Atkinson, Thomsen, and Councilman Lieber,

The Albany Farmer's Market is definitely a community asset. Having healthy and delicious food from local growers and purveyors is a concrete manifestation of the City's mission to maintain the small town ambiance, while promoting a healthy lifestyle within a sustainable environment.

While I know some businesses in the area of the market have complained about negative impact on their businesses, I would like to see their actual data. Since I walk to and from the Market, I am more likely to patronize the businesses in the area, especially Albany Sauna and Hot Tubs and 4 Corners Cafe.

Before acting on general complaints, I urge you to ask to see the actual data.

Healthy, fresh, local, organic food is not easy to find in Albany. The Farmer's Market provides a valuable resource for my family, my neighbors, and me.

Please bring it back!

Sincerely,
Alexa Hauser
902 Taylor Street
510.524.6950

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 9:13 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Heather Hafleigh [<mailto:hdh@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 8:53 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmer's market

I moved to Albany from Berkeley in June of 2011. I was delighted to find the market on Solano. I went every week, and liked it much better than the other bigger farmer's markets. I bought veggies and flowers and my dinner. I walked there.

I have read in the Albany Patch about the businesses there that don't support the market. There are quite a few of us in the neighborhood who are putting together a letter to those businesses. We will not support their businesses if they can't be part of the community and support the market. We are talking 4-5 hours a week here.

I will be very disappointed if we don't have the market.

Heather Hafleigh
Cerrito Street

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 10:42 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Lisa Wenzel [<mailto:ldwenzel@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 10:23 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: Albany Farmers Market

Please keep the Albany Farmers Market open.

As a green city, the market offers its residents the opportunity to bike or walk to a magical place where they can buy organic, locally grown, sustainable produce and other foods.

As a kid-friendly city, what better way to introduce children to a lifestyle that combines exercise, health and social responsibility?

The market is a happy place, filled with delicious things to eat. I'm very proud and thankful Albany opened the market last year, and I look forward to its return.

Please find a way to bring it back.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wenzel
1144 Evelyn Avenue

Sent from my iPhone

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 10:42 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Mil Apostol [<mailto:milapostol@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 9:41 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmers' market

Dear City Hall,
We are residents of Albany; we live on Peralta Avenue.

When we heard there was to be an Albany Farmers' Market, we were happy because we do a lot of our shopping at the Berkeley Farmers' Market, but would like to do business in Albany too. Whenever we were not traveling, which was often, we made it a point to visit the Wednesday market. It was nice to do business with vendors we already knew from Berkeley such as Avalos Farms, Phoenix Pastificio, and Blue Heron, and then to meet new vendors such as Blue House, Shooting Star, and Boffo Cart.

Except for the farmers' market, we really don't do any business in that area of Albany. We thought the market brought more interest and liveliness into the area. We thought the neighboring businesses would be happy to bring in more foot traffic to the area, so their protests shock me. Please keep the Wednesday Farmers Market even if you have to move it to another area. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mil Apostol and Lucy Collier

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 11:36 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: terry chaplin [<mailto:chaplinterry@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 11:21 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: farmer's market

I support the market. If another location can't be found, then work with the merchants to find a reasonable resolution to their concerns. I don't think the small number of merchants involved here should be able to determine the end of the market at this location. Many other merchants have benefited from the market's presence.

Terry Chaplin

Anne Hersch

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Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 11:36 AM
To: Anne Hersch; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); Councilmember Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu
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From: Jonathan Walden [mailto:jonathan_walden@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 11:16 AM
To: City General Email Box
Subject: I support the Albany Farmers Market

To whom it may concern:

I fully support the Albany Farmers Market.

I hope it can return in its current location on Solano between San Pablo and Adams. I hope the planning and zoning commission can act quickly to guarantee its return.

I shopped there every week last year.

I think its location on Solano helps the other businesses there by increasing foot traffic.

I think if it is moved to a quiet, out of the way, location, that it may fail due to lack of visibility.

I am really looking forward to the return of the Albany Farmers Market. I shopped there every week, walking from my house. The produce was wonderful. It was convenient to get a few additional items at Zarri's and BevMo, and you could arrange a lovely dinner without driving. Lots of folks walked along Solano to the market. As a small town, we should consider ourselves lucky to get the quality of vendors we had. I hope they will come back.

Maybe some of the complaining businesses should have market day specials to try to attract the market visitors to their businesses. If they have particular parking issues, maybe some spaces can be reserved for them in the Bevmo parking lot during those hours.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Walden
958 Cornell Ave
Albany, CA