From: Michael Kerski
To: Bill Reynolds; Lori Hensen
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Dear Council Members,

We understand tonight you will be discussing the details of the proposed downtown Shakopee farmers market. As long term residents of Shakopee we are thrilled to see the progress that the public/private partnerships have made in the revitalization of the historic downtown district. Private capital continues to be willing to be deployed into the area because it's viewed as a good place to invest. Having a farmers market will enhance the viability and bring additional customers for all businesses.

A viable, busy downtown business district like those of Wayzata, Stillwater, Red Wing and Excelsior can create congestion because CUSTOMERS are flocking in, this congestion is to be expected by residents that live in these downtowns and welcomed as it provides proof their decision to live in these downtowns was wise.

As the owners of several downtown business and buildings we applaud the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce and the City of Shakopee's efforts to continue to develop innovative ways to continue to create a vital downtown business district here in Shakopee and are eager to attend this summer's farmers market!

Thank you and Best,

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