

Midtown Farmers' Market,  
a project of the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization  
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**Re: 3/25 article "Midtown Farmers' Market Must Move"**

Dear Editor,

Thank you for raising your readers' awareness regarding the challenges the Midtown Farmers' Market faces in securing a permanent home. We look forward to staging the market for its seventh season in a row in its currently imperiled location. In contrast to the title of your article, however, there has been no determination regarding the fate of the site or of the market. Though we know any solution will be complicated and will involve many stakeholders, we continue to work very hard and in collaboration with policy makers, neighbors, vendors, and patrons to stay put.

It is worth noting for your readers that a permanent farmers market at our current location is the cornerstone of the Corcoran Midtown Revival Plan, which was adopted by the City Council into the Minneapolis Plan in 2002. Continued public support for the *Midtown Farmers Market* and its quest for a permanent home at its current site is unquestionable, and was reflected when school, city, state, and county lawmakers and residents convened to explore solutions on March 10 as you described in the article.

Once again, we believe that a solution that benefits everyone is possible, but will require vision, cooperation, and collaborative action. Lawmakers, developers, and citizens have shared many fine words in support of the market. We know that now what is needed is action so that we can preserve this valuable community asset for the benefit of residents far beyond the 2009 season.

Please join us for our season opening on Saturday, May 2 from 8:00 to 1:00 at 22nd Av and East Lake Street. Our six seasons at this location represent over \$1,000,000 in opportunity for our 70+ farmers and vendors and access to affordable, fresh, locally-grown food for our 40,000 annual customers. We hope to continue serving the community for years to come.

Sincerely,

David Nicholson  
Manager, Midtown Farmers' Market

