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City Council Meeting - Monday, October 21 Please sign our online support letter (details below)

As you probably know, Market Central has been advocating for a permanent home for the Charlottesville City Market for years. You'll find a [timeline of events here](#).

On July 18, 2013, City Council received the results and recommendation from a [feasibility study](#) conducted by Market Ventures. The study outlined two possible options for locating the City Market:



- Option 1 would add innovative upgrades to the existing site, making it a more welcoming, easily navigable public space that still offers multi-function opportunities when the market is not operating.
- Option 2 would relocate the market to a thin triangle along Garrett Street, immediately adjacent to working railroad tracks and the sidewalks adjacent to the ACAC and Pilates parking lots.

At the July 18 work session, Council expressed interest in the Garrett Street option, but there has been no further public discussion of either recommendation. We have just learned that Council will consider the matter on Monday, October 21 at its regular meeting, and are concerned that Council may be leaning toward the Garrett Street option. We feel very strongly that the Garrett Street location not only presents significant safety issues, but that moving the market to this location would sever the market from the downtown shopping district. Further, since the land would need to be leased by the City, it would not accomplish the primary objective of securing a permanent home for the City Market.

We have drafted a letter to Council, outlining our objections to the Garrett

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City Market hours
continue through October
31:
7 am to noon

City Market operates
Saturdays through
December 21.

November and December
hours
are 8 am to 1 pm

Upcoming Cooking Classes:

Our final cooking class of
the season still has
openings!

[The Art of Fermentation](#)

Street option, and advocating for upgrading the current location as a permanent home for the City Market -- and we're asking you to sign on in support. Please click on the link below to read this letter, and to sign it in support of keeping the market right where it is -- but better!

[Click here to support and sign our letter to City Council](#)

Film screening - **Food Stamped**

Is it possible to eat healthy on a Food Stamp budget?

Market Central is proud to partner with the [UVA Food Collaborative](#) to present a special screening of the documentary: [Food Stamped](#). It's an informative and humorous documentary film following a couple as they attempt to eat a healthy, well-balanced diet on a food stamp budget.



Thursday, October 24 6:30 pm
The Haven, at the corner of 1st and Market Streets

Suggested donation for this event is \$3.00, which represents the daily food allowance for most SNAP recipients.

The event features a budget-friendly (yet oh-so-tasty!) spread from Whole Foods Market, and a panel discussion following the film. Panelists include several community leaders who have taken the Food Stamp Challenge: feeding themselves for a week within a typical food stamp budget. [Read more at UVA Food Collaborative's website.](#)



This film screening is a special event in observance of Food Day 2013. Food Day is a nationwide celebration and a movement for healthy, affordable, and sustainable food.

Find out more at [FoodDay.org](#).

Learn more and sign up
online here

Market Central, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging the Charlottesville City Market community.

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