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## Closed Session Items 1 and 2 REVISED

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To: Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 4:56 PM

Dear Ms. O'Connell,

I hope this email makes it before the deadline. Could you please forward it to the Councilmembers?

I appreciate your help

Sincerely,

Melinda Velasco

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April 10, 2023

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing regarding the Closed Session Items 1 and 2 that are listed on the agenda for 4-11-23.

As I understand it, on February 28<sup>th</sup> you advocated for moving the Wednesday Farmers Market to the Mooney Lot this year. This suggestion wasn't on the agenda. Before the City Council made its motion, City Staff and farmers had come up with a compromise to move the location of the farmers market next year. This was agendized.

My concern is that the farmers didn't have a voice in the motion that passed in February. I spoke with a couple of farmers who are convinced that a move to the Mooney lot this year will harm their business. Further, they are disappointed that all of the discussions with Staff and the compromises they made ended up being wasted effort.

I think it would be a good idea to revisit this item so that the people who are most affected by the decision will have some say in what ends up happening.

Another concern is that by unilaterally deviating from what had been cooperative decision making, you are setting what could be a dangerous precedent. I am not suggesting anyone had bad intent. I don't think you had any ill will. I simply encourage you to be careful about bypassing collaborative efforts when they are available to you.

Please allow the farmers to be part of the decision-making on this item.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melinda Velasco

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