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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Hamilton Farmers Market

Chair and Members of the General Issues Committee,

I am outraged to hear that the Hamilton Farmers Market vendors are being placed in severe financial hardship with a decision to charge full rent for the months of April, May and June 2020, when a previous decision was made to only charge 25% rent.

As a weekly Market shopper since birth, I know the value of the Market to the Hamilton community. The pandemic has decimated the amount of shoppers the Market gets, and I worry for the future of the Market in this town if assistance is not provided by the City. The Market is not just a place to buy food, but a community hub which needs to continue once we are able to safely gather.

The Market vendors need and deserve a rent subsidy. With the variety of government programs to support both business and various levels of government, I am at a loss to understand why this support is not being provided - especially when this decision is countermanding a previous show of support. Please help keep this vital Hamilton community service alive and thriving.

Please support the Hamilton Farmers Market by supporting the vendors with a rent subsidy.

Thank you.
Katie McCrindle