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On September 1, 2009, Council requested that the CLA and Bureau of Street Services report back to Council within 30 days with a full accounting of City costs associated with the operation of the City's farmers' markets. CF#09-0600-S46 (Huizar-Rosendahl).

While the Special Events Fee Subsidy Policy allows Council offices to pay the full costs of City staff that work with farmers' markets, precisely what these costs are remains unknown.

As the October 26, 2009 Ordinance implementation date approaches, the CLA report is still being drafted and interested parties, namely farmers' markets and Council offices, are being asked to sign up for a fee program which is yet to be defined. This is neither reasonable nor realistic.

While CLA staff is close to finishing its proposal, which reportedly will offer a flat annual fee for most services needed by farmer's markets, this is yet to be completed. Neither Council nor the farmers' markets can move forward without this crucial information.

The City continues to recognize and support farmers' markets as an important provider of fresh, regionally produced farm products, as well as a regular community gathering place. That being said, the start date for the implementation of the Ordinance should be delayed for farmers' markets specifically until the aforementioned concerns are addressed.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the Bureau of Street Services, as well as any other affected City Department, to defer implementation of any farmers' market related fees and costs, for an additional two weeks in order to allow for the CLA to complete the terms of the new farmers' market fee structure.

I FURTHER MOVE that any regularly scheduled farmers' markets taking place between October 26, 2009 and November 9, 2009 whose permits would have expired during this period, be allowed to continue without penalty for this duration.

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