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**MOTION**

Farmers Markets provide high quality produce directly to City residents, and fill the gap in many communities, particularly those that are under-served and economically challenged, in providing fresh food and vegetables. The public hearing process to permit them, however, can sometimes be very cumbersome especially for non-profit entities that are pressed for time, and are not fully familiarized with the land use application process.

In the interest of enabling community members to have access to nutritious food, the City should streamline the farmers market permitting process, and allow non-profit organizations to provide this valuable service by right in the R zone. This in turn, will allow non-profits to expeditiously provide fresh food and vegetables to all communities, and particularly to those communities that are socially and economically challenged.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to report with recommendations that discuss the feasibility of allowing non-profits to obtain a permit by-right for farmers markets in the R (residential) zone only without the need for a Zoning Administrator hearing, or other discretionary action.

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