



Online Petition Comments: Secure The Flea Market at Eastern Market space before development proceeds

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Tom Rall	Arlington	VA	22205	5/19/12	The Flea Market at Eastern Market has been my primary source of income for 29 years. Though I shall survive, my Sundays will be so sad without it.
Stacy Waldman	Easthampton	MA	1027	5/19/12	One of my favorite markets. Please save it!
Alison Green	Crofton	MD	21114	5/20/12	I have been a vendor at the Flea Market at the Eastern Market for 4 years. I have a vintage furniture and collectibles business and the market is a wonderful place to meet customers from DC, VA and even northern parts of MD that have found our goods online. Many of our customers have never heard of or visited SE DC before contacting us. This market is the lifeline for my business. Please don't allow this DC tradition to be paved over in the name of progress.
Kimberly Schumann	College Park	MD	20740	5/20/12	This market serves the community by bringing income to the surrounding area, businesses, and vendors. In this down turned economy, does it make sense to remove the vendor's ability to maintain their livelihood? Markets serve as a social platform where customers get to put a name to the face of the vendor. Strong relationships, networking, and loyalties are developed at markets. Please work with the Flea Market to make sure to accommodate the needs of both the school AND the Flea Market.
Elisabeth Null	Silver Spring	MD	20910-5534	5/20/12	I used to live nearby and still go frequently. This is the thriving center that does more than any other institution to knit Capitol Hill together as a community. It supports entrepreneurs from every walk of life and provides civic and social space for everyone in the area.
Read Scott Martin	Washington	DC	20002	5/20/12	It's a neighborhood treasure. The developers have a short attention span. They will only preserve a workable flea line if every fan of Eastern Market signs this petition.
Graziella Costanzo	Potomac	MD	20854	5/20/12	We love the community spirit there at drive 45 minutes to go to the flea market. Do what it takes to save it!
Jerilyn Paladino	Arnold	MD	21012	5/20/12	To save Eastern Market. It is such an important place for the city and its people and small business, the growth of free market!!
Helen Haislmaier	Washington	DC	20003	5/20/12	The Flea Market is one of the great things about Eastern Market. Apart from being a great place for local residents to go, it draws in lots of visitors who then support all the nearby shops & other businesses. It would be a travesty to take away any more of the already reduced space.
Ron Ofer	Irvine	CA	92612	5/20/12	the most impressive market in the Washington DC area
Sophie Krezel	Washington	DC	80304	5/20/12	It is important to have a new school but it is the responsibility of Washington Board and the developers to protect the economy that Eastern Market provides both for the vendors and the community. It is a wonderful place to visit for locals and visitors to our fair city. After the Mall, it is one of my favorite places to take visitors.
Elizabeth Bacon	Washington	DC	20002	5/21/12	We should be supporting the community vendors at the flea market and at Eastern Market -- rather than replacing them all with high-end retail. Please preserve some of Capitol Hill community spirit and real-world people, networks and products -- like those at the flea market at Eastern Market -- rather than sacrificing it all in the name of something bigger and better.
Melissa Smith	Del Rio	TX	78840	5/21/12	I am moving to DC next month and SO look forward to going to this market. Do not get rid of any part of it. This is exactly what makes a community wonderful.
Bernadette Mayo	Columbia	MD	21045	5/21/12	It's the right thing to do. What effects the historical Flea Market on Capital Hill effects the entire soul of the community.
Aditya Banerjee	Washington	DC	20001	5/21/12	It brings an un mistakeable charm to the market. Doing away with it would be a travesty!
Halle Butvin	Washington	DC	20009	5/21/12	I started my business, One Mango Tree, at Eastern Market. It's one of the few authentic markets left in DC, don't lose it!!
Sandhya Gupta	Cleveland Heights	OH	44106	5/21/12	I have purchased many great items and made wonderful personal connections at the Eastern Market. Although I no longer live in D.C., I try to make it there when I return for visits. It's not only a market but also a community. It's utterly unique, and I find it one of the most vibrant parts of D.C.

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Robyn Jacobs	Baltimore	MD	21211	5/21/12	I live in Baltimore and had heard about the Eastern market for years before I tried it as a vendor. It is an amazing market in terms of quality of vendors, diversity of products and people and I love being there. Not to mention it's support of small businesses and entrepreneurs both in the market and the nearby stores and restaurants. There is nothing like this in Baltimore and it is a model for other cities to look to.
Cheri Clark	Silver Spring	MD	20910	5/21/12	I'm a native Washingtonian. Born at Providence Hospital and lived in DC half my life. I've been in municipal public relations even longer. I'm astounded that eliminating this decades old landmark would even be considered. Just astounded. It's such a positive asset to DC and we need all those we can get! Our elected officials sure aren't helping us improve the image of the city. They haven't for a long long time. The Market is one of the primary reasons for my regular travel to and spending in the District, as I now reside in MD. Hold on to the positive, eliminate the negative. Isn't that just obvious good logic?
Beth Baldwin	Washington	DC	20002	5/21/12	I moved to DC 15 years ago and lived across from the north side of the market for 5 years. I've lived in other places in DC but always around the Eastern Market neighborhood. Now, I myself am honored to be a vendor at the market. Without vendors, you will have the beautiful building but you will miss the vibrancy, variety and life that the selection of artists, importers, and other vendors add to not just the residents of the neighborhood but the tourists who visit the neighborhood specifically to visit us.
Shirley Downs	Alexandria	VA	22304	5/21/12	We lived on Capitol Hill for About 20 years and now live in Alexandria but we go every weekend to Eastern Market . I buy Christmas, wedding, and birthday gift at the flea market. The range of items is wonderful. Why in heavens name are you trying to kill off this beloved vibrant site! When redevelopment occurs there is usually a major effort to insure "place making" Well you already have "place making" which is supplied by these vendors, People love the variety of goods, the people , the dogs, the musicians. Accomodate them don't kill them off!
Jillian Delos Reyes	Washington	DC	20009	5/21/12	Take away this market space, then you take away tourism dollars and profits from hardworking artisans. Eastern market is one of my favorite places in the city and one of the last areas to hold up against the disgusting homogenous gentrification this city has undergone. Keep this gem alive!
Bernice Miller	Gaithersburg	MD	20878	5/21/12	It would be a crime to diminish the market experience to this degree. The Board should consider the revenue brought into the city by this attraction!
Valerie Solomon	Philadelphia	PA	19106	5/21/12	The Flea Market is not only a wonderful asset to the neighborhood, but a favorite tourist destination -- I really enjoy the market and always try to visit it when I am in DC, and I've recommended it to many friends who love it also!
Dale Price	Gaithersburg	MD	20879	5/21/12	Enjoyable place to buy fruits and vegetables and other items on the weekend. We like to talk to the vendors who take real pride in being part of the community market.
Marilyn Price	Gaithersburg	MD	20879	5/21/12	We love bringing our grandchildren to the market. They enjoy it tremendously.
Joseph Cronin	Washington	DC	20003	5/21/12	i will vote against any member of the DC Council who supports the elimination of the Eastern Market flea market. It's an essential aspect of our community in the Eastern Market area.
Susan Varga-Sinka	Chevy Chase	MD	20815	5/22/12	I go there often and you can tell that the people who come there are true lovers of the Eastern Market. It is fun, useful and we should be ashamed to try and close such a wonderful free spirit enjoyment for our such serious city. Keep it open, we deserve the Eastern Market and all the good things it has to offer us.
Heather Diehl	Takoma Park	MD	20912	5/22/12	This is the best weekly flea /art market that I have ever encountered within a city. I live in the neighborhood, and visit every weekend. In addition to doing grocery shopping for the week, I end up seeking gifts, household goods, art, jewelry, and vintage clothing. It is a great excuse to stop into other local businesses around Eastern Market, Barracks Row, and PA Ave, too. I'd be terribly upset and saddened to see the selection diminished; part of what I love is the diversity even between seemingly similar vendors. I understand that expansion of Hine is necessary, but the plans must include methods to preserve the flea market in a manner that is contiguous to the market building while allowing for similar space accommodations.
Jonathan Welch	Washington	DC	20003	5/22/12	It is OUTRAGEOUS that our elected officials are permitting the development of the Hine site to destroy one of the things that makes our neighborhood great.
Vernon Burnett	Martinsburg	WV	25404-1603	5/22/12	I have worked at the Flea Market At Eastern Market for more than twenty years. It has weathered the slings and arrows of many opponents. My hope is that it survives this too!
William Ewing	Springfield	VA	22150	5/22/12	Flea market is one of the greatest opportunities for local artists and craftsmen to share their wares in the area, it would drastically diminish the value of the eastern market community!

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Bobbi Kregel	Washington	DC	20002	5/22/12	There is a delicate synergy between Eastern Market, the farmers' line, and the flea market. A disruption to any of these could damage the whole eco-system irreparably. Without the flea market, Eastern Market is at risk of decline, and becoming a relic, ripe for repurposing, not the beating heart, soul, and anchor of its thriving neighborhood that it constitutes now. First to go will be the street performers, musicians, and food trucks. Step aside, Mrs. Calomiris, and make way for Dean and Deluca. And Walmart is not far behind. r other cities to look to.
Tina Dale	Burke	VA	22015	5/22/12	I was a vendor at EM for nearly 10 years and a shopper for years before that. The Flea Market is an institution. Please don't take it away.
Kathleen Riley	Washington	DC	20002	5/22/12	I've been visiting the Flea Market at Eastern Market for the past decade, and would hate to see one of my favorite things about DC shrink or disappear.
Kimberly Nead	Washington	DC	20003	5/22/12	The flea market is a significant neighborhood attraction that delights residents and visitors alike. It should be nurtured, not destroyed.
Carol Robbins	Newark	DE	19713	5/22/12	I was born in a house on 9th & G St. SE. My mother and my aunts (who lived next door) would go everyday to the Eastern Market.. My 70 year old sister and I still venture down there when we can because it is one of our best memories. Every Christmas tree we ever had came from Eastern Market. The vide has always been "it's our neighborhood". Some of those vendors have been coming for years! Don't let "progress" happen to this wonderful place.
Nancy Geyer	Washington	DC	20003	5/22/12	I visit the flea market, which is three blocks from my home, almost every week. I've bought art and furniture for my home there and have made friends with a number of merchants. The flea market is crucial to the area's charm. It's one of the things that makes Eastern Market such a desirable place to live and to visit. A flea market, to be viable, needs to be diverse and sizable. To eliminate most of it is to ruin it. This is a huge step in the wrong direction.
Carol Fogelsong	Alexandria	VA	22309	5/22/12	The Flea Market is a lively, diverse, and interesting gathering place for everyone in the Metro DC area. It has so much character that is missing from our overly chain-store dominated culture. It is a great place for independant artists and merchants to meet their buyers. Eastern Market would not be the same without it!
Mimi Spivey	Durham	NC	27707	5/22/12	ideal location, diverse market, i just love it as a vendor and visitor, and so does every one that goes....
Tre Rockenbach		VA		5/22/12	Even though we live in Richmond, VA, my husband and I visit DC about once a month, and the Eastern Market Flea Market is one of the places we make sure to visit as often as possible. We really love the energy of the community, as well as the fun of finding interesting and affordable items. There's no question that the Eastern Market Flea Market is a DC treasure that must be preserved!.
Carol Newmyer	Washington	DC	20015	5/22/12	Supporting Local Arts and Artists creates a Win Win situation for Our City! Please continue this tradition!
Jane Rosman	Alexandria	VA	22310	5/22/12	I love the Flea Market at Eastern Market. I am not a resident of DC but I spend money at the Flea Market and the neighborhood when I go to the Flea Market
Kim Downes	Washington	DC	20009	5/22/12	I adore the flea market and been a vendor for a very long time at the arts and crafts market. This is an amazing market, unique in its scope and reach and a cultural icon for the city, much in need of authentic art driven markets. Please save the market. It would be a tragedy to have it go.
Doug Cochrane	Annandale	VA	22003	5/23/12	I'm a vendor who depends on this market for a significant part of my income that helps me support my famiy, that includes 2 school age children.
Melissa Taylor	Washington	DC	20009-1820	5/23/12	I vended Eastern Market 86-89. I know the importance of the market to all of Washington, DC.
Barbara Rector	Bristol	VA	24202	5/23/12	We live 6hrs away and visit everytime we come up. It is always one of the things that we do when we are in DC. It is such a wonderful place to shop and see things that you can't find anywhere else. The Market is such a wonderful place. We have to save it. It would be horrible to lose such a remarkable spot in our Capitol.
Yvonne Hill	Hyattsville	MD	20782	5/23/12	This is a nice open but cozy community-based market. You can try before you buy the produce, plus the clothing and jewelry vendors are very unique in their own way. I go almost every weekend!
Ron Sanchez	Washington	DC	20024	5/23/12	I love the flea market! Pretty much most of the stuff hanging on my wall I purchased at the Flea Market. I've also bought many cool t-shirts there. The vendors are so nice, going to the Flea Market is one of the highlights of living in DC.

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Amanda Gant	Washington	DC	20007	5/23/12	I can attest to the good that this place provides for the local economy and the community. Schools are important, but there should be a way to design the school (perhaps more floors, underground parking, and preserving outdoor ball fields and tennis and basketball courts - that could be used for school hours and flea markets on the weekend.k to.
Ingrid Sturgis	Somerset	NJ	8873	5/23/12	I support the artists and artisans who make a living at the flea market.
Worth Cooley-Prost	Arlington	VA	22205	5/23/12	The Flea Market is a treasured and valuable institution, with visitors from around the world. It's REAL, as opposed to some fabricated notion of "doesn't this look nice."
Leslie Penny	Montclair	NJ	7042	5/23/12	to keep flea markets alive and thriving!!
Delek Palmo	Gaithersburg	MD	20877	5/23/12	Eastern Market is the source of income for many vendors. And this market has become one of the attraction place for many tourists. To save this market means win-win for vendors, city, the customers.
Joel N Martin	Washington	DC	20001	5/23/12	As a 40 year resident of DC and 31 of those years on Capitol Hill....the Eastern Market Flea Market is an intregal part of life on the Hill. Don't interrupt or stop allowing a tradition that works for everyone. The Flea Market shows a vibrant city life.
Lawrence Burwell	Baltimore	MD	21218	5/23/12	The Market is a tradition and should be allowed to continue business at this location many of us support ourselves and purchase hard to find and unique products from this Market. Its been a staple in the community for a long time. Think again!
Michael Berman	Washington	DC	20003	5/23/12	This campaign was prompted by both reactions to new Eastern Market legislation introduced by Wells last week and simultaneously scheduled for public hearing by the Council's Committee on the Whole Thursday, June 7; and by an extremely important Zoning Commission hearing, which was previously scheduled for Thursday, June 14, on the redevelopment of the Hine Junior High School site, 7th and C Streets, SE, where the Flea Market has operated for 20 years. We publicly ask for help in getting out our message which is that the market has become an essential element of not only the neighborhood but also the City and region as well.
Colleen McCusker	Alexandria	VA	22307	5/23/12	I no longer live on Capital Hill, but visiting Eastern Market and the Flea Market is still favorite Sunday outing.
Jelani Tendai	Washington	DC	20020	5/23/12	Man, me and my wife love the flea market at Eastern Market on the weekends. It would be a serious mistake to let this happen!!
David Knabel	Racine	WI	7036	5/23/12	It was a great tourist addition to the public market when we attended.
Stephanie Labbate	Linden	NJ	7036	5/23/12	I was at the Market for the very 1st time in March. I LUV the long history of the market; love the neighborhood that it's in. The vendors are SO friendly and Interesting. They have a beautiful selection of merchandise at great prices. My sister lives in Falls Church and took me to the Market. Since I returned to NJ I have told SO many people about the market; I would HATE to say that the market would be so reduced. SAVE THE MARKET!!
Ariya McGrew	Silver Spring	MD	20910	5/23/12	I regularly visit the Flea Market at Eastern Market. It's a wonderful place to find unique items from local vendors and artists. We don't need more development that merely paves over everything and adds water fountains. It's places like the Flea Market that make DC (and Eastern Market) unique rather than just another bricked over suburb.
DENISE SHOWER	HAMPSTEAD	MD	21074	5/23/12	I love Eastern Market. The people are friendly, there's plenty of wonderful items for sale and it is rich in culture. It is a wonderful tradition for the Capitol Hill area.
Donna Doram	Baltimore	MD	21215-7428	5/23/12	The Eastern Flea Market has intrinsic value to DC. It has a long history and memories for many, many people consumers and participants. The market should be expanded not diminished.
Linda Goodman	Silver Spring	MD	20901	5/24/12	I like the Market and the Flea Market as it is now.
Suzanne Spitzer	Washington	DC	20007	5/24/12	It is a wonderful activity for the weekend. Fresh produce is sold as well as many other items. It is a place to meet and greet all sorts of people. It has been around as long as I have lived in DC and a place I like to take visitors when they come to town. It can't be pushed aside! We need to maintain opportunities to interact in our communities.
Monika Pamp	Washington	DC	20009	5/24/12	The Eastern Market Flea Market is a Washington landmark, and I would be very sorry to see it go.
Dennis Gunder	Phoenix	AZ	85044	5/24/12	I love the music at the Markets.
Cynthia Motzenbecker	Royal Oak	MI	48073	5/24/12	Flea markets ARE recycling at it's best!

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Anne Harrison	Falls Church	VA	22044	5/24/12	I do most of my shopping at neighborhood markets. Although I live in Falls Church, I work in DC on Capitol Hill and visit the Flea Market at Eastern Market on average once a month. I appreciate the artists, artisans, and small business that offer unique, vintage, and hand-made goods for sale, along with locally grown vegetables, meats and other products across the street. There is only one Eastern Market, and the Flea Market is an integral part of it.
Shefa Benoit	Washington	DC	20020	5/24/12	As a resident of South East DC, the Flea Market at Eastern Market is a regular WEEKLY event for my family. Has been since my children were babies and now they are adult shoppers of the Market. It is the first place we bring family and friends when they visit us, even before the Smithsonian or the National buildings! I have been visiting the Flea Market since the 1980s as a teenager on holiday, a major reason why I decided to move to this city as an adult from New York. The Flea Market is a landmark - there's no disputing this after all these years! People who leave the area, make sure they visit whenever in town. Residents and non-residents recommend anyone who will be in the area not to miss it. There's no reason to eliminate it and it is a gem of the SE area!
David Jackson	Washington	DC	20012-2732	5/24/12	This market is a part of the identity of this city. It is no less a part of this city than the Washington monument of the capitol. The Flea Market the produce market and the grounds that they occupy are iconic to Washingtonians. It would be a disservice to the residents of the district to close any part of this grouping.
James Cawley	Washington	DC	20016	5/24/12	The Flea Market at Eastern Market is important to the Capitol Hill neighborhood and provides a real service to the vendors. More importantly it is a gathering spot for the community and a public treasure.
Joe Maluso	Manassas	VA	20110	5/24/12	I've been a vendor of custom American made t-shirts at the Eastern Market for almost 4 years. Regular customers from the neighborhood as well as the visitors from all over the world have been fantastic and thoroughly enjoy the diversity of offerings. It would be a crime to lose such a valuable community asset as this market when so many depend on it for both commerce and pleasure.
Nancy Cleveland	Annandale	VA	22003	5/24/12	The Washington institution deserves to live on! Find another location for the school. We're too quick to destroy stuff in this country.
Kim Garrett	Brandywine	MD	20613	5/24/12	I enjoy going to the flea market and do not want to see it go!! Besides my Mom is a vendor there and has been for the past 12 years!!!
Edwina Neclos	Hyattsville	MD	20784	5/24/12	I am a former vender and would like the opportunity to be able to come back and vend & buy from my fellow vendors.
LOUIS STEWART	Washington	DC	20018	5/24/12	There's so much history in Washington D.C. also with the ECONOMY the way that it is ENTREPRENEURSHIP. and good old fellowship is the PULSE of CITY. come on D.C.. www.caprxprogram.org/u561
Carolyn Sweeney	Gaithersburg	MD	20884	5/24/12	I love the electricness of the market - a wonderful place to spend the weekend -
Stevens Carter	Washington	DC	20001	5/25/12	it effects my livelyhood, it has been my living for many of years!
Katherine C Johnson	Laurel	MD	20724	5/25/12	Eastern Market is the best thing that ever happened to DC. Where else can you enjoy so much culture in one spot with so many kindred spirits for free? - If you're one of those people who has seen EVERYTHING already, you might not get this. The rest of us regularly visit this treasure trove for its many surprises!
Joan Thornell	Washington	DC	20019	5/25/12	The Eastern Market is one of the most vital collection of vendors and visitors in our city. It has grown to symbolize what is possible in cross-cultural, artistic, healthy, and stimulating ideas exchanged among the myriad people who bring their sensibilities together in harmony. There is nowhere else in the city in which this happens on a consistent basis, week after week, year after year.
Beatrice Miller	Silver Spring	MD	20904	5/25/12	Great place to purchase many goods. When family come to town show them the market with its cultural history. Would be a shame to move
Sue Weisenburger	Wilmington	NC	28401	5/25/12	I am a professional potter living in NC. I first sold my pottery at Eastern Market in the 1980's. This sort of grass roots commerce is the foundation of a thriving community and it would be extremely short sighted to believe that SE Washington would be as vibrant and economically sound without it. Look around at other retail areas like the one you are trying to develop, only big name stores do any business at all and locally owned ones can't generate the income to pay rent let alone DC taxes. The patrons of the market spend their money all over the 7th street corridor and if the market is gone, so is that revenue. New and shiny doesn't equate to high end spending. Let the market thrive, its one thing that's glorious about DC!

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Sue Weisenburger	Wilmington	NC	28401	5/25/12	I am a professional potter living in NC. I first sold my pottery at Eastern Market in the 1980s. This sort of grass roots commerce is the foundation of a thriving community and it would be extremely short sighted to believe that SE Washington would be as vibrant and economically sound without it. . New and shiny doesn't equate to high end spending. Let the market thrive, its one thing that's glorious about DC!
Mary Belcher	Washington	DC		5/25/12	As an Eastern Market businessperson (not inside the Flea Market), it is upsetting to me that our city fathers and mothers so generously invite politically powerful developers to eat up public land with yet another generic "mixed-use" project, while forsaking a unique, world-renowned-yet-totally-DC gathering place like the Flea Market at Eastern Market. When will our city fathers and mothers learn that some things--like the Flea Market and Eastern Market generally--are just as important as developer dollars?
Catherine E. George	Cheverly	MD	20785-1235	5/25/12	Eastern Market is an historic treasure that is alive and fostering essential community. To lose it or significantly alter it will erode what makes DC a connected, inclusive and worldly home. Uprooting it will jeopardize what makes it so valuable, and would be tragically short-sighted. It is a hallmark of the city to locals and tourists. Keep Eastern Market. Don't be known as the ones who set it on a course to its end.
MITZI MARTIN	BOWIE	MD	20715	5/26/12	I have shopped at the Eastern Market with friends and family for over 10 years and do not want to see the flea market end.
Jen Rooker	Richmond	VA	23227	5/26/12	Former DC & Arlington Resident who thinks the Eastern Market Flea Market is a STAPLE in DC!
Melissa Burris	Seattle	WA	98119	5/26/12	I've been going to Eastern Market since I was born! It was one of my first jobs, and exposed me to such a dynamic culture! Flea markets are one of the last stands (no pun intended) of multi-dimensional sales bringing the community together and exposing all transplants and tourists alike to how awesome DC can be. Save Eastern Market!!!
Renee Szybala	Alexandria	VA	22308	5/26/12	this is the only activity of its kind in DC. Every world class city should have one. it is great for the buyers, the sellers and the tourists.
Kathleen Drennan	Arlington	VA	22207	5/27/12	this is an institution not a flea market--it is vibrant and unique and reflects well on the city--and it's probably essential to many independent artists and farmers.
Suzanne Finney	Hyannis Port	MA	2647	5/27/12	I come to DC very frequently to the point where I now know many of the vendors and people there. The flea Market has been there as many years I lived there which was 22 years and I went to it while I lived there every week. I still purchase items from people. KEEP THE FLEA MARKET!
Victoria Morris	Woodbridge	VA	22193	5/27/12	It's a wonderful place to visit and it supports local vendors
Elaine Fishbein	Washington	DC	20002	5/27/12	This is a major community and tourist destination filled with quality products, produce and wonderful people. It is immaculate, fun and safe. It represents the spirit of small business and entrepreneurship. It would be a great loss to the community as well as the city if the market were reduced in size or closed altogether.
Barbara Creme	Stevenson Ranch	CA	91381	5/27/12	I am a great fan of flea markets as it is a place to purchase unique and interesting items. It is a wonderful alternative to the shopping malls whose stores carry rubber stamp items.
CAS Shiver	Fairfax	VA	22030	5/27/12	I go there twice a month ... love to buy things and get a DC walk.....
Indra Books	Arlington	VA	22206	5/27/12	We need to continue to provide venues for our local small businesses in order for our communities to flourish. While things like water features and plantings are an important part of a city's infrastructure, its local businesses need to be higher on the totem pole. For people like me that do not own a car, depend on local transportation and refuse to shop big market, these venues are critical to urban living. I am planning on purchasing a home in DC next year and the neighborhood I choose will depend greatly on the local amenities that are available such as the flea market.
Rachel Wilson	Washington	DC	20003	5/27/12	The market is a draw for DC residents and for visitors from around the world. It is an important part of the neighborhood's character and charm. Capitol Hill would be changed forever if this gem were to be harmed.
Stephanie Hydal	Washington	DC	20002	5/27/12	i am a resident of capitol hill and the flea market is where i go for all my shopping needs: my home is decorated with the salvaged tin roofs, it is the only place i go to buy wonderful, unique presents for my family and friends- pottery, type-writer cuff links, gigantic straw hats, jewelry, maps, vintage posters, teeshirts... i love the market as it is a means of enjoying the outdoors 52 weeks a year and support local start-ups and artisans. I myself have sold teeshirts and vegan baked goods to fundraise for a charity.

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Stephanie Hydal	Washington	DC	20002	5/27/12	<p>The flea market is the apple of my eye as it is very vibrant, diverse, and wonderfully unique. It is the only public space in dc that supports small-artisan vendors at affordable costs and promotes their wares and fuses together community, independent artisans, and public space.</p> <p>The flea market at Eastern Market is the linch-in to my decision to live on Capitol Hill. developing the flea market would make Eastern Market a much less desirable destination and I would not find myself going to any of the shops.</p> <p>The flea market plays a crucial role in the community and to overlook that would measurably harm the community by reducing the number of visitors to the area and the amount of money that goes into our local economy.</p> <p>Above all, it would just be very sad to take away this valuable public space that is used towards very positive means.</p>
Louise Brask	Washington	DC	20016	5/27/12	Please save the flea market and the crucial buying and selling opportunities it provides to its community.
David Fasenfest	Pleasant Ridge	MI	48069	5/28/12	In the name of progress, we must always take care to preserve the hear of a community. A key to society is the informal modes of interaction, and this flea market serves the same function of the "commons" so central to society.
Catherine Carter	Cullowhee	NC	28723	5/28/12	Though I live in NC now, I grew up around DC, and Eastern Market is usually the first place I visit when I'm back in town--to see what's happening in the arts scene, catch up with some people I know there, steep myself in a little DC history and multiculturalism, and (are you listening, DC?) to spend some out of town money on things I never see anywhere else. So could we please, please just quit trying to tinker with (aka destroy) something that WORKS, and has worked, for a long, long time?
Joyce Ethompson	Washington	DC	20020	5/28/12	Eastern Market is the one place we all come together, as a People, We are sorely in need of human kindness and this Market promotes and instills good vibes every hour it is open.
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Al Rickard	Chantilly	VA	20151	5/28/12	This is an important community gathering place with lots of classic stuff. Part of what makes Washington, DC great!
Alex Cater	Washington	DC	20003	5/29/12	This is a space that promotes exchange and stimulates community on Capitol Hill. The flea market serves as an opportunity for residents to purchase local goods that support D.C. businesses and keeps dollars in our community. I love this space and it one of the reasons that I, as a Capitol Hill resident, and others from all around this city, spend time in this area.
Geralyn MacVittie	Baltimore	MD	21230	5/29/12	Getting rid of the Eastern Market would eliminate my reason for going to DC.
Lee Ann Howlett	Tampa	FL	33647	5/29/12	I've been visiting this flea market for over 30 years when I'm in the D.C. area (1-2 times per year) and I would hate to see one of the best ones around no longer available or drastically downsized.
Jane Mei	Washington	DC	20003	5/29/12	This is the EASTERN MARKET FLEA MARKET!! In Washington, DC!! How can the capital of the greatest nation in the world be a living museum if you let privatization stomp all over landmarks??
Kassandra Cerveny	Washington	DC	20003	5/29/12	The flea market contributes just as much to "Eastern Market" as the actual market, and Eastern Market is a mainstay in Hill life contributing to their very vitality of the neighborhood. Don't uproot our community, use an alternative design that can maintain all current components of Eastern Market.
Andrea Boron	Washington	DC	20003	5/29/12	I love the flea market for unique and thoughtful gifts. It's a DC treasure!
Anne Choporis	Waldorf	MD	20602	5/29/12	small business unite..please find space to keep it open..unite..i enjoy it so...
Crystal Bowers	Virginia Beach	VA	23455	5/30/12	Eastern Market is one of my favorite attractions when I'm in the DC area. It would be a real loss for area artisans and crafters.
Kerry Overton	Covington	TN	38019	5/30/12	I support small business and the fact that this flea market serves as a neighborhood meeting place.
Jessica Sandoval	Washington	DC	20001	5/30/12	It is the responsibility of the city and the developers to develop a real plan before proceeding without an already established place for the market or keeping the market where it currently resides and integrating it into the plan. Please save the Eastern Market Flea Market. It is one of my favorite things about this under developed city.

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Gina Salazar	Arvada	CO	80004	5/30/12	Every time I travel to DC I ensure that I stay extra time before or after my trip so I can get my Eastern Market Flea Market fix. I have often purchased things and had them shipped back home to Colorado. This is one of the best markets I've ever visited.
Steve Dahlgren	Alexandria	VA	22301	5/30/12	The Eastern Market flea market is one of the few places I can go in the late fall and get no less than 75% of my holiday shopping done. It's an institution that should not disappear.
Rebecca Krafft	Arlington	VA	22204	5/30/12	I've bought one-of-a-kind stuff there and I love the music.
Jenny Jefferson	Annapolis	MD	21401	5/30/12	I LOVE Eastern market Flea Market.. It is so unique. A wonderful group of exhibitors, variety and fun there. It is a one of a kind and MUST stay there. The flea market is the BEST.Jenny Jefferson
Eric Olson	Ashland	OR		5/30/12	I no longer live in the neighborhood but live in the Eastern Market area on Capitol Hill for five years. The flea market on weekends is such a wonderful eclectic event. A truly wonderful event for an inner city neighborhood. It needs to be kept and any development should only serve to enhance it.
Greg Roth	Washington	DC	20002	5/30/12	It has become a traditional for my fiance and I to go to the market every week to buy food / goods locally. It would be a shame to see any part of the market shrink or go away! Save the Market!
Kevin R. Calhoun	Washington	DC	20020	5/30/12	It's apart of the community make-up. I would hate to see it go. I, look forward to attending the market each weekend. I, also tell my out of town friends about the market as well.
Brian Vismale	Baltimore	MD	21215	5/30/12	It provides jobs and opportunities for a lot of people. It should be saved.
BJaye Conway	Myersville	MD	21773	5/30/12	I'm signing because this is a wonderful flea market and brings people from all over the area and all walks of life. Every city should have such a vibrant market to add to the charm and energy of that city.
Ramsey Wilson	Pequea	PA	17565-9201	5/30/12	A born Washingtonian, Eastern Market has been a presence in the community since I was a teen. I look forward to bumping shoulders, sampling local produce and buying artisan crafts along with thousands of other weekly visitors to and extremely wanted and needed community institution. Eastern Market is not only an important historical institution but also a much visited tourist destination that has increased over the years. Please continue this wonderful tradition that for many us is a marker of time and seasons and memories.
Brian Melrose	Washington	DC	20010	5/31/12	Eastern Market is one of the few unique places in DC. It helps the local economy by helping local artists, fruit vendors, and others sell their goods. There is even a waiting list for vendors. We need to allow the people who are already there to remain, and not cut back on the market space.
Mary Sacher	Hudson	FL	34667	5/31/12	this market is loved by all & needed
Joe Shymanski	Washington	DC	20003	5/31/12	The Capitol Hill Flea Market on weekends is one of the BEST parts of Washington DC. It really must be preserved.
Clare Dougherty	Washington	DC	20002	5/31/12	Eastern Market flea is the heart and soul of our community....would be a huge blow to the neighborhood to lose or cut it back significantly.
Jenny Nordstrom	Washington	DC	20003	5/31/12	I love the idea of water features and street furniture for this area -- but can't there be a way of doing this without cutting back so drastically on flea market space? I am there often, and it is a wonderful place to shop and wander!
Melissa Fifield	Lafayette	CA	94549	5/31/12	I have so many fond memories of the Flea Market from when I lived in DC!
Dunniela levin	Washington	DC	20003	5/31/12	The market is a part of our community. Taking it away will sour our view of the developers and development from it's inception.
Jessica Kane			20002	6/1/12	I love the flea market. An important part of DC.
Laelia Gilborn	Washington	DC	20003	6/1/12	Eastern Market, including the flea market, is the heart and soul of our nation's best neighborhood. It is a hub of the community: commerce, tourism, socializing, culture, small businesses, local produce, fantastic food, rich history, beautiful scenery... Why else would we be able to raise so much money to restore the Market within hours of it burning down? Let us keep our wonderful unique flea market too! It would be a crime to smother it with yet another condo. Save the Flea!!
Catherine Boron	North Ridgeville	OH	44039	6/1/12	This is a favorite destination when we visit our dtr in the District & has been for the past 4 yrs. Don't let it go !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Betsy Garman	Arlington	VA	22202	6/1/12	Eastern Market is my favorite weekend activity in DC. Whether I'm shopping for gifts or just picking up new flowers, I always enjoy a trip to the market. I don't know what I would do without it. Please, please help us save the market.

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Michelle Ettienne	Landover	MD	20785	6/1/12	This how I took care of my family for 4yrs just vending on Sundays after losing my job .I grew as a person by being supported by a dynamic & diverse community. It would be a tragedy to loss this gathering site .
Gina Weavrr	Bloomington	IN	47403	6/2/12	I have visited and shopped at the flea market for 7 years now. I look forward to going every year when I visit D.C.
Peter Kopp	Washington	DC	20002	6/2/12	It is outrageous that the developers aren't considering the value of 15,000 consumers on an average weekend. The Eastern Market Flea Market was the first part of DC to feel like home to me, and I've purchased countless items. That foot traffic affects all businesses in the surrounding area: Capitol Hill Books, Marvelous Market, Tunnickliffs, etc. These places solidify the character of the Eastern Market community. If they're hell-bent on eliminating 38,000 square feet, maybe the new road can be shut down to motorists (like 7th St between North Carolina Ave. and C St) to accommodate vendors and visitors?
Bonny King-Taylor	Washington	DC	20003	6/2/12	I am signing this petition because I believe that Stanton-EastBanc are short-sighted in their fever for profit. Their existing plan virtually destroys what has made historical Eastern Market a destination and joy for hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Their plan to build an over-sized, commercial complex that pays no heed to what makes Eastern Market a festival nearly every weekend of the year will be a blight from which the neighborhood may never recover.
Claire Adams	Washington	DC	20002	6/3/12	I moved to Capitol Hill as a child with 2 parents and 7 siblings in 1964. For decades, the "Market" has been a staple of our community and I recall as a very little child shopping at Eastern Market. When the Flea Market came into existence, we were all thrilled! The Flea Market became a weekend ritual, shopping for gifts, cards, antiques, food, jewelry, and just about any and evreything else I - or anyone else- could want, need or use. It is, and will always be a destination spot for tourists and people from all over the DC Metro region. It is a delightful experience of enormous diversity, shopping and exotic vendors with unique and fantastic goods! I recall learning to swim at The "old" Natatorium and so many other fond memories of my 40 plus years of being a part of the Hill community. I am appalled at the thought that all of this may be gone in a few years for some big box chain stores and other inappropriate, out of proportion development!. Thousands of others on the Hill and throughout the city agree with me. Please, DO THE RIGHT THING! Change the proposed legislation and preserve what the residents of this city needs, loves, and deserve! ~Claire Adams
W. R. "Nick" Carter, III	Greensboro	MD	21639	6/3/12	When I am in DC, I always visit the Flea Market at Eastern Market. The Market provides interesting goods - and jobs!
Amanda Guyton	Fredericksburg	VA	22401	6/3/12	Trying to get space as a vendor at the market is already impossible. This is a lucrative market, why damage it?
Jeannine Mjoseh	Bethesda	MD	20817	6/3/12	Eastern Market flea is a place where artists can make and sell their work direct to the people, a great place for presents and the main reason I and many others visit Eastern Market at all. One of the few fleas left in DC. Please leave it there!
David Yost	Elkridge	MD	21075	6/4/12	I shop at the flea market most weekends after church.
Brandon Bailey	Arlington	VA	22201	6/4/12	I exhibit at the Market about once a month, and it is the heart of the Eastern Market community and a fixture in the DC community. The closing of this Flea Market would be devastating.
Katherine Eklund	Washington	DC	20002	6/4/12	I love the flea market at Eastern Market. As a person scrapping by on the wages of an intern, it's wonderful to have a place where I can go to barter and buy knick-knacks, fruits, vegetables, art pieces, books, and gifts without going broke like I will at most boutiques and shops in the city. It's a fabulous place to spend a sunny weekend and is such a part of the Capitol Hill neighborhood experience that going without it is unthinkable.
LARISSA HULLER	Washington	DC	20002	6/4/12	The flea market is a great place to find one of a kind items, why would you want to destroy that? It brings character to a city of marble and would be greatly missed by all.
Iman Shabazzt	Silver Spring	MD	20911	6/4/12	In my overall experience with shopping at Eastern Market for years it has been a most refreshing way to get and find some of the quatest items as gift and accessories for your home. I have worked in and out of the Market grounds for 20 years, and now embarking on the possibilities of showing my own creative talents finally. It would be a travisty to see this Market leave. In the mind of a Democratic voter, Where is The Change we searched for in our economy? If you take a fine Opportunity for small business to Advance? Just not a good idea! Let's keep the Market, it rocks in more ways than one!

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Janet Brown	Raymondville	MO	65555-9204	6/5/12	my daughter lives near the market--she is one of Washington's "feet people"--that's what take her everywhere. Eastern Market is the ONLY reliable way to get truly fresh tasty healthy produce. She lives for the return of the berries and yellow plums and buys thru the season of apples and squash. For her, it is a necessity. For me, it is a place to visit when I am in town, to contribute in a meaningful way to the Greater Community which is DC and its surroundings. For those who are vendors, whether of food or handicrafts or other various categories, it is whole or supplemental income, as well as a way to feel they are part of the community. This is too good of a resource to lose. Please consider options that meet the educational needs of the community without shortchanging the needs of those serving, and being served by, Eastern Market!
Liliana Hudgens	Olympia	WA	98502	6/5/12	I LOVE EASTERN MARKET AND ALL THE VENDORS!!! IT IS A MAGICAL PLACE !!
Courtney Gillen	Silver Spring	MD	20910	6/5/12	Eastern Market is a DC tradition, it is known around the country. Tourists make a point of going there. Water features, street furniture and plantings would demolish a treasure which cannot be recreated. How shortsighted a plan, Eastern Market is already a established land mark and major community commodity. Limiting it is like chopping off a healthy limb. No fountain or landscaping could ever be as loved as the actual human experience that the current Eastern Market is. Please do not change Eastern Market.
Reena Kazmann	Washington	DC	20008	6/5/12	You want change and you want community in a neighborhood. Eastern Market brings people together--good times and bad. It provides a place where Washington artists and entrepreneurs can try to earn a living. Eliminate artists from a community and what do you have? Another block of flats and a not-so-wonderful fountain.
Heather Cobb	Arlington	VA	22206	6/5/12	This is seriously one of the best things about our city.
David Sachdev	Washington	DC	20010	6/5/12	The Flea Market is part of what makes the neighborhood great - and while schools are important too, once free space is removed it is hard to ever reclaim it. A plan where both the school and the flea market can move forward needs to be agreed upon. Once that open space is gone, there is little turning back - so an adequate plan needs to be put in place before development begins.
Anne Johnson	Severna Park	MD	21146	6/5/12	I used to live in DC. Eastern Market is a landmark that Annapolis (where I own a store) is trying to replicate because people flock there. Why? Because of the people, the energy, and the community. Making it pretty is unnecessary; it's as beautiful as it gets!
Aaron Bonds	Minneapolis	MN	55401	6/5/12	because i grew up in D.C. and we need to hold on to some of its history and stop selling out to big development.
Sally Dorsey	Gaithersbug	MD	20879	6/6/12	Losing the market will have a detrimental effect on those vendors who make a living by selling their wares at the market weekly. The lost of the market would have an impact on those of us who support those vendors that we have befriended over the years.
Thomas Bucci	Washington	DC	20003	6/6/12	The markets are a primary reason that people flock to the area each weekend. It is counter-productive to develop 7th Street and eliminate one if it's primary attractions at the same time.
Tina Eck	Cabin John	MD	20818	6/7/12	Eastern Market and the Flea market on weekends are the main attraction in that area. Decades old and charming and has to be preserved
Karen riemann	gulfport	MS	39501	6/7/12	It was a great flea market. Want to go back next time I go to D.C.
Lauren Tuzzolino	Washington	DC	20002	6/7/12	Because this is my neighborhood and livelihood! It provides so much character and local business to this area. Eastern Market is one of the untouched jewels this city still has left.