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Hello all,

I'm writing as a vendor at the Saturday morning markets to express concern over the proposed booth discussion. These 7 booths are in the key location of shoppers, and moving them will impact all the vendors.

Here is how moving these spots impact all of us:

The spots next to the info booth:

1. Even if we make room for the info booth, the bikers would still have to slow down around that area because it's a naturally busy area with or without the vendors.
2. The info booth is small and can be moved if they are covered by vendor booths. On top of that, each vendor gets multiple questions weekly from visitors and all of us vendors are happy to help answer questions.

The spots outside of Ians:

1. Ians is open for 86 hours a week, and does not open until 11 am on Saturdays. Eliminating and relocating the spots outside of Ians will only add 3 hours of sidewalk cafe time for them, a 3.5% difference.

Booth location in general

As a floating vendor who has tried multiple spots, I personally know the importance of booth location. The closer to the capitol and the farmers market, the better traffic. The 7 booths in question are in the key location that all the vendors covet. Eliminating these booths and relocating them further down state street will have a detrimental effect on vendors, especially those lower on the list.

The importance of Saturday markets

I started vending in the Saturday morning markets in September 2021, and have been fortunate to be very close to the Capitol, in the area that the 7 booths are in. This year, between April - November, **the Saturday markets accounted for 23% of my gross sales.** The Saturday market is such a crucial part of my small business, mainly because of the location of the market. Moving the booths to less-trafficked areas down State Street will **affect almost 1/4 of my entire business, to make room for 3.5% sidewalk cafe time increase for Ians.** Please consider the tradeoff and impact this booth change will have on our small businesses.

I'm unable to support myself and my family solely based on my small business, but for many other vendors this is their SOLE income. **Imagine 25% of your income is in jeopardy.** How would that feel?

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to our conversation on Nov 30th.

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Best,

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