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Lipscomb Calls for Returning Farmers Market to Domes

MILWAUKEE – County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. and Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic are calling for the return the Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market - which was [abruptly cancelled](#) without explanation earlier this year - to the Mitchell Park Domes for the 2018-19 season.

"The Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market is loved by visitors, county residents, small farmers and numerous vendors. Dozens of local businesses are sustained and strengthened by the Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market which brings thousands of paying customers to the Domes Annex every Saturday for six months out of the year. Thanks to the farmers market, thousands of visitors spend their money here and enjoy an amenity within our Milwaukee County Park System. The Administration's seemingly profit driven decision to cancel the public farmers market in favor of private events is shortsighted and lacks a broader public vision that benefits our diverse community. I challenge them to reverse course and negotiate a new workable lease for the Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market" said Chairman Lipscomb.

"I proudly represent the nearby Southside neighborhoods which lack access to affordable fresh fruit and vegetables. The winter farmers market at the Domes provides opportunities for our diverse community to escape the cold while eating healthier and supporting local businesses," said Supervisor Dimitrijevic.

At 1:00pm on Tuesday, May 15, the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Culture will hear a report from the Interim Parks Director, as requested by the County Board of Supervisors, regarding the status of the Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market.

The public is welcome to attend the Parks Committee meeting at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, room 201-B, and an opportunity for public comment will be provided.

The meeting will be live streamed and archived via the [County Legislative Information Center](#).

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