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**TO:** HONORABLE MADISON NGUYEN AND CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** Small Business Development Commission  
**SUBJECT:** SAN JOSÉ FLEA MARKET  
**DATE:** August 9, 2007

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## **RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE SAN JOSÉ FLEA MARKET**

The Small Business Development Commission voted 6-4-2 (Dancer and Rossman absent) the following resolution to the City Council in reference to the future of the San José Flea Market.

*Whereas*, the San José Flea Market is one of the largest open-air markets in the country with some 40,000 customers every weekend, more than 25 restaurants and snack bars, and some 2,000 vendors selling arts and crafts, clothing, kitchenware, furniture, automobiles, electronic consumer products, spices, farm fresh fruit and vegetables and so much more;

*Whereas*, the San José Flea Market has more than 600 service workers in management, construction, food service and maintenance;

*Whereas*, the San José Flea Market is faced with the probable outcome of having to move or die. The Flea Market operates on private property;

*Whereas*, closing the Flea Market negatively impacts the livelihoods of thousands, deprives the area of an economic engine for many micro-enterprises and small businesses, and causes the loss of a rare shopping and multicultural experience for the overall community;

*Whereas*, the closure and/or relocation of the Flea Market will directly impact the economic vitality of San José and the small business community;

The Small Business Development Commission therefore requests San José's City Council and staff to assist the Flea Market owners and tenant vendors to help relocate merchants and small business owners, et.al., of the San José Flea Market to a suitable location so that they may continue their businesses at a new flea market location in San José without imposing undo economic hardships.

**JAMES CHARLES, CHAIR**  
Small Business Development Commission

**RUDY J. RODRIGUEZ, COMMISSIONER**