

## **Message from the Studio City Farmers Market**

Hi All,

Below is a link to a Change.org petition our organization has started to urge the County Department of Public Health to allow Farmers Markets to bring back vendors who cook on site.

While not all farmers markets are ready to do this, or have the space to do it based on social distancing protocols, some do and should be allowed to do so if following all the guidelines.

We are not requesting to bring back our seating area and have people eating at Farmers Markets, although based on the city's Al Fresco Outdoor Dining program it would make sense that we could do that as well.

We are only asking that these vendors be allowed to sell their food for take-out. Many of these vendors have suffered tremendous financial hardship, as have some of our Farmers Markets.

We are also one of the only counties in the state, if not the only one, that is not allowing these vendors to sell at Farmers Markets.

Considering that it has been proven that we are safer outdoors during the pandemic, it seems counter-intuitive to keep these vendors from staying in business.

If you agree, please sign the petition and share with your network.

### **Change.org link:**

<http://chnq.it/qKSNLQCx>

Best,  
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Studio City Farmers Market