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To: City Manager David Cavazos

Over the past few years, there has been ample discussion amongst the City Council regarding the eventual early termination of the food tax. As a result of this dialogue, several ideas have been exchanged about the impact and effect on our local taxpayers. While we have seen some improvement in the economy since the implementation of the food tax in 2010, it is time for us to plan the progressive elimination of the food tax without affecting police, fire, or any other community services.

We are requesting that the City Manager bring forth a budget that eliminates 50% of the food tax starting January 1, 2014, without affecting police, fire or other community services. We would like the City Manager to be prepared to discuss this budget for the purpose of information and action at the Formal City Council Meeting scheduled for May 1, 2013.

Collectively, we have continued to work with Councilman Sal DiCiccio and other colleagues in arriving at this compromise and we look forward to the positive dialogue that restores trust in our communities and a sound financial structure for many years to come.

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Cc: Mayor  
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