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**From:** Pedro Rios <PRios@afsc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 10:07 PM  
**To:** Walton, Randy; Nuñez, Maria; Musgrove, Ed; Jenkins, Sharon; Jones, Rebecca  
**Cc:** City Clerk General Email  
**Subject:** Public Comment San Marcos City Council Meeting 9/28/2021 -- OPPOSE Agenda Item 4

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Dear Honorable Mayor and distinguished City Councilmembers:

My name is Pedro Rios and I am director of the American Friends Service Committee's US-Mexico Border Program, which is a Quaker based human rights organization that works throughout San Diego County. I request for my public comment to be read out loud.

On behalf of the American Friends Service Committee, I write in strong opposition to Agenda Item 4 - an ordinance regulating sidewalk vendors. The ordinance as written is highly restrictive and would make it impossible for individuals to operate as street vendors in the City of San Marcos. It will disproportionately impact immigrants and people of color, and would be an unfair burden on individuals with insufficient incomes to live sustainably in the City of San Marcos. We urge the City Council to oppose this ordinance, and instead, hold community stakeholder meetings to create an ordinance that would better reflect the needs of the community.

Sincerely,

Pedro Rios  
Director  
US-Mexico Border Program  
American Friends Service Committee

**Camarena, Liana**

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**From:** Caroline Theiss-Aird <cmtheiss57@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 3:20 PM  
**To:** Jenkins, Sharon  
**Cc:** City Clerk General Email  
**Subject:** Opposition to agenda item 4, sidewalk vendor ordinance

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**Subject: Opposition to agenda item 4, sidewalk vendor ordinance**

Dear Councilmember Jenkins,

I am opposed to item 4 which would prevent street vendors from operating in the city. Street vending is frequently an entre for entrepreneurs who cannot yet afford a brick and mortar business, as well as a way to provide underserved communities with inexpensive prepared food. As someone who spent her first 18 years in New York City I appreciated the many varieties of seasonal street foods available from Italian ices to roasted chestnuts, hot pretzels and hot dogs with all the fixings. As a kid I couldn't afford to eat in restaurants but I could buy a treat from a street vendor to tide me over. It also gave the city a neighborhood feel. San Marcos has nothing to fear from street vendors if they are regulated, and a lot to gain. Please vote no on item 4. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Caroline Theiss-Aird  
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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Caroline Theiss-Aird <cmtheiss57@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 3:18 PM  
**To:** Musgrove, Ed  
**Cc:** City Clerk General Email  
**Subject:** Opposition to agenda item 4, sidewalk vendor ordinance

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Dear Councilmember Musgrove,

I am opposed to item 4 which would prevent street vendors from operating in the city. Street vending is frequently an entre for entrepreneurs who cannot yet afford a brick and mortar business, as well as a way to provide underserved communities with inexpensive prepared food. As someone who spent her first 18 years in New York City I appreciated the many varieties of seasonal street foods available from Italian ices to roasted chestnuts, hot pretzels and hot dogs with all the fixings. As a kid I couldn't afford to eat in restaurants but I could buy a treat from a street vendor to tide me over. It also gave the city a neighborhood feel. San Marcos has nothing to fear from street vendors if they are regulated, and a lot to gain. Please vote no on item 4. Thank you.

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**From:** Marian Ruiz <marian@borderangels.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 3:03 PM  
**To:** City Clerk General Email  
**Cc:** Walton, Randy; Nuñez, Maria; Jones, Rebecca; Jenkins, Sharon; Musgrove, Ed; Dulce Garcia  
**Subject:** Public Comment City Council Meeting 9/28/2021 -- OPPOSE Agenda Item 4

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Dear San Marcos City Councilmembers:

My name is Marian Ruiz and I am with Border Angels. I request for my public comment to be read out loud.

I am writing in strong opposition to Agenda Item 4: an ordinance regulating sidewalk vendors. The ordinance as written is highly restrictive and would make it near impossible for individuals to operate as street vendors in the City of San Marcos. It will disproportionately impact immigrants and people of color, and further penalize individuals for being low-income. We urge the City Council to oppose this ordinance, and instead hold community stakeholder meetings to create an ordinance that would better reflect the needs of the community.

Sincerely,



**Marian Ruiz**

*(she/her/hers)*

Community Engagement Coordinator

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**From:** Caroline Theiss-Aird <cmtheiss57@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 3:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk General Email  
**Cc:** Walton, Randy  
**Subject:** Opposition to agenda item 4, sidewalk vendor ordinance

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Dear Councilmember Walton,

I am opposed to item 4 which would prevent street vendors from operating in the city. Street vending is frequently an entre for entrepreneurs who cannot yet afford a brick and mortar business, as well as a way to provide underserved communities with inexpensive prepared food. As someone who spent her first 18 years in New York City I appreciated the many varieties of seasonal street foods available from Italian ices to roasted chestnuts, hot pretzels and hot dogs with all the fixings. As a kid I couldn't afford to eat in restaurants but I could buy a treat from a street vendor to tide me over. It also gave the city a neighborhood feel. San Marcos has nothing to fear from street vendors if they are regulated, and a lot to gain. Please vote no on item 4. Thank you.

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**From:** Caroline Theiss-Aird <cmtheiss57@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** Nuñez, Maria  
**Cc:** City Clerk General Email  
**Subject:** Opposition to agenda item 4, sidewalk vendor ordinance

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Dear Councilmember Nunez,

I am opposed to item 4 which would prevent street vendors from operating in the city. Street vending is frequently an entre for entrepreneurs who cannot yet afford a brick and mortar business, as well as a way to provide underserved communities with inexpensive prepared food. As someone who spent her first 18 years in New York City I appreciated the many varieties of seasonal street foods available from Italian ices to roasted chestnuts, hot pretzels and hot dogs with all the fixings. As a kid I couldn't afford to eat in restaurants but I could buy a treat from a street vendor to tide me over. It also gave the city a neighborhood feel. San Marcos has nothing to fear from street vendors if they are regulated, and a lot to gain. Please vote no on item 4. Thank you.

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