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To: General Government and Licensing

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Subject: 5n2

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To: The Members of the General Government and Licensing Committee

5n2 was founded by Seema David in 2013. At 5n2 our mission is "Fighting food insecurity in our communities" with a vision of creating equitable access to food in marginalized communities.

In early 2019, 5n2 moved into its current location and continued to expand its operations in order to keep up with the growing issues surrounding food insecurity.

Currently, we are serving over 3500 meals and meal supports at 13 locations each week. We supply the much needed grocery hampers to the more isolated in our neighborhoods. Alongside our kitchen, we run additional programs such as 5n2 Food Pantry and 5n2 Community Garden.

We strive to minimize poverty, hunger and food insecurity in our communities. We work with partner organizations to bring fresh, warm meals to local residents, serving at food banks, shelters, seniors buildings, drop-in centres and apartment buildings.

We face several challenges as an organization. One of the more immediate challenge is, 5n2 was given a lease notice. As of the end of 2021, we will no longer have a space in order to run our operations.

Securing space at 705 Progress would enable us to continue operations and serving the community by fighting food insecurity.

Kind regards, Denise Steele

on behalf of

Seema David
Executive Director and Founder