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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 10, 2023 City Council meeting on item 2023.MM6.1, Supporting Small Businesses: Calling on the Federal Government to Forgive a Portion of the Canada Emergency Business Account Loans - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

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Comments:

We are a family owned food business. We just narrowly survived covid. We went from over 80 employees to 4 (including myself and my partner and co owner).

As we try to reach grow and create a local economy and train new employees with our specialty skills.

We are now fighting to maintain the business with repayment of the COVID loan, which was more than a life line.

But now face inflation. We face rising rents, minimum wage increase, supply increases on all ingredients, utility cost increases , maintenance fees cost increases, a premium cost on all equipment repair cost. There is only so much we can charge for our products.

We need a lot more done, especially in small to mid size family owned food business.

Respectfully

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