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City of Tucson Planning  
Attn: John Beall  
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Tucson, AZ 85701

**Re: Minor PAD Amendment – PAD 10**

Dear John,

I am writing to propose a Minor PAD Amendment to the City of Tucson PAD-10, Menlo Park Mercado District PAD. It relates to commercial areas in the “Town Center” district allowing food preparation. The amendment is to clarify and add that food may be prepared to be sold wholesale; sold retail at a location within or outside the Planned Development Area; or be served as a catered event within or outside the Planned Development Area. While this amendment is applicable to the “Town Center” district of the entire Planned Development Area, The Mercado San Agustin at 100 S. Avenida del Convento is provided as an example.

This facility houses a licensed commercial kitchen which rents time and equipped preparation space. This kitchen currently allows food preparation which is then sold in retail establishments at the remainder of the facility. This amendment would permit food preparation which could then be transported to outside buyers as wholesale, off site retail or catering events. These additional methods of food distribution would require no additional space allocation on site. The facility has a loading zone and other access so transport does not interfere with parking, traffic and other site related needs. It allows the kitchen to be fully utilized and is in line with one of the original goals of the Mercado San Agustin to be a business incubator for the community and provide many vendors of differing sizes and markets the ability to develop and serve the local economy.

Thank you,



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cc: Sean Rogers, Mercado San Agustin Director of Operations

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