

Petition to Elected Officials of Madison

We are the owner-operators of the restaurants and markets at The Global Market (located behind East Towne). We own 14 restaurants representing Chinese, Hmong, Korean, Singaporean, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Japanese and Taiwanese culinary traditions.

We came to the US with the ambition to start a business that could support our families. We worked hard and saved our money to start our businesses.

We are almost all women and work from morning to night. Most of us work alone while our husbands/brothers are at other jobs.


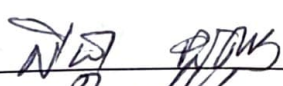
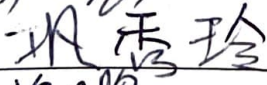

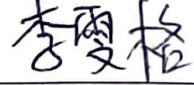
We barely survived this year. Now, the city wants to build a shelter for 250 homeless men a few blocks from our shops. Our shops are a food court with open seating for about 400 in the center of our businesses. This is where many homeless men will sit all day. Then we will lose our few customers.

Most of us speak little English. We are invisible to you. You don't see us until you want us to cook for you.

The city made plans to build this building but no one asked us what we thought or how it might affect us. The city would not do that if we were 14 white men who owned restaurants downtown. The city would say, "What can we do for you?"

If the city builds this shelter, we will lose everything. We will have no businesses and no jobs. And after that we may lose our homes. Then will the city come to us and ask how they can help? No. Then will they find us jobs? No.

Many of us have known great poverty. Now we want to continue to work at our businesses. We didn't ask the city for money to start the Global Market. We did it on our own. But we ask that you do not build this shelter that will end our small American Dream.

Sign in home script	Sign in English	Business Name / Position	Gender
			
	Linda Launk	Poke-Mi	F
	Gong Xu Li	Dumpling House	F
	YanPeng Li	Sakad Bar	F
	Wenge Li	Seafood Boiler	F

Sign in home script	Sign in English	Business Name	Gender
陈水	Amanda Chen	Mulan flower	F
高欣燕	Selina	Molly Dumpling	F
陈业鹏	Chen Ye Peng	Nice flavor Stir Fry	M
邵思雯	Wig	Sweet Hut	F
黄胜杰	Shangjun Huang	Kawasaki	M
陈秀英	Hsin Lias Chen	Sweet hut	F
董尔庭	Dong Er Ting	spring	M
郑锦容	Jin Rong zhen	CAKEHOUSE	F
陈可怡	Chen Ke Yi	Taiwan Street	F
董雨菲	Annie Dong	Saigon noodles	F
李楚琪	Eva Li	Global Market	F
Fredy	Fredi	Janitor	M
Marisol	Marisol	Janitor	F
赵静怡	Rebackh	Global market	F
林丹秋	Linda	Global	F
常倩怡	Zhen Zhen Taste	Sindy	F
Leticia	Leticia	Global	F
崔小楠	xiaonan Cui	Red Lion	F