

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

Muriel Bowser
Mayor



Dr. Christopher Rodriguez
Director

September 15, 2020

Michael Berman
Diverse Markets Management
7th and C Streets SE
Washington, DC 20003
mberman@his.com
202-215-6993

Dear Mr. Berman,

On September 8, 2020, you submitted a waiver request through the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) for operating the Flea Market at Eastern Market in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, your request for a waiver is APPROVED, assuming the following conditions are met:

- You strictly follow the guidelines outlined in the detailed plan you submitted, including, but not limited to having strict COVID-related guidelines, protocols, and market regulations with a site layout to promote social distancing, and occupancy limits.
- Please provide to me the contact information for an individual who would be available for any questions and concerns regarding compliance of the Flea Market pursuant to this waiver.
- If notified of any positive COVID-19 cases from event employees or customers who contacted you, please immediately inform the District of Columbia's Department of Health of any COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed cases at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/infectious-diseases>.

The District believes that as we are in Phase Two, we can learn from your experience operating the Flea Market as we develop strategies for future phases. We also recognize that this waiver expands on the waivers permitted for Farmers Market operations and provides additional retail options for residents in a safe manner and under strict public health guidelines.

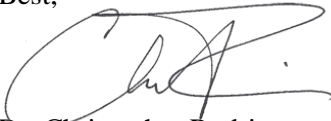
One further condition of this waiver is that you consent to allow inspectors from the Department of Health aka DC Health; the Department of General Services; and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to inspect facilities and practices to verify your compliance with this waiver and your plan, incorporated herein.

If Diverse Markets Management decides to change its operations from those authorized under this waiver, you must come back to us to confirm that you are allowed to proceed with its new terms, and DC Health must also review any such modifications. Such assent is not automatic on our part and I will be your point of contact at chris.rodriguez@dc.gov.



We appreciate your partnership and look forward to providing District residents and small, local, DC based businesses with these opportunities in the coming weeks.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Rodriguez', with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez
Director, HSEMA

cc: Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, Director, DC Health
Keith Anderson, Director, Department of General Services
Andrew Trueblood, Director, Office of Planning