



Fwd: Request for Retraction

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To: Miki Mullor <miki@sammamish.news>

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Karen Moran
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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: June 8, 2020 at 8:30:15 PM PDT
To: Karen Moran <kmoran@sammamish.us>
Cc: Celia Wu <CWu@sammamish.us>, Megan Williams <Megan.Williams@Eastsidecatholicschool.org>
Subject: Request for Retraction

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Mayor Moran,

Thank you for reading the Sammamish Independent.

I received your request for retraction from our reporter, Megan Williams.

We stand by our reporting, especially the headline that "Mayor discourages Eastside Catholic from hosting farmers market."

Your retraction statement (and original email) contains the exact words that inspired our headline. In it, you suggested a statement for Eastside Catholic to use:

"The

City Council voted to cancel all City of Sammamish events through the end of August, inclusive of the 2020 Farmers Market. This was not a decision that was made lightly, but the safety of Sammamish's residents is the City's #1 priority. The unknown trajectory

of the pandemic and the impossibility of maintaining safe social distancing at these popular events such as the Farmer's Market weighed heavily in the decision.

Sammamish has the lowest rate of contagion on a per capita basis in all of Washington State, and

we want to keep it that way by **not encouraging** gatherings (even by those volunteering) such as a **Farmer's Market."**

It is in our view the act of "not encouraging" is equivalent to "discouraging," and since the email came from you, we added your title to the headline.

However, we do appreciate the detail you provided that Eastside Catholic called you first, and added your statement to our story.

Lin Yang

City Editor

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