



October 3, 2018 – Lexington Market, Inc., today issued a press release regarding the future of Lexington Market. MCMA is keenly interested in the Lexington Market project, because the health and wellbeing of Market Center and Lexington Market are fundamentally related. Moreover, we know many Market Center merchants have been anxious for news related to Lexington Market, as their livelihoods are connected to this economic engine.

MCMA executive director Kristen Mitchell attended the press briefing today to learn the details of the announcement, which you can read about at www.LexingtonMarket.com/news/. MCMA’s statement on the announcement follows:

MCMA represents close to 300 – mostly small, locally-owned – businesses within and around Lexington Market, and we are part of a growing community of residents, artists, property owners and others who care deeply about and are working to revitalize Market Center. We believe that community voices and grassroots activities are critical to successful, sustainable, equitable revitalization efforts.

To that end, we look forward to participating in the public engagement process Seawall plans for Lexington Market, and we hope the merchants within Market Center will do the same.

In addition, we encourage the board of Lexington Market, Inc., and the City of Baltimore to support a robust public conversation regarding the future of the block bound by Lexington, Saratoga, Greene, and Paca Streets, which is public property and the subject of a Request for Proposals released today, which you can read about at www.LexingtonMarket.com/news/.

MCMA’s mission is to promote commerce, retain and attract business, and enhance the customer and residential experience, and we appreciate the many partners who work with us to support Market Center, including Lexington Market. We believe that we will all be better able to achieve our shared goals by working collaboratively.

If you have questions or comments regarding this statement, please contact Kristen Mitchell at 443-478-3014 or executivedirector@marketcenterbaltimore.org.