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Dear City of Salem councilors,

I want to urge you to vote against Marion County's absurd anti-business measures regarding food trucks and food carts in Salem. The city of Salem already does not have enough dining establishments open in the evening as it is to serve our population because most restaurants cater to the lunch rush created by state employees commuting in during the day. The dinner rush is relatively slower for a city of this size, and it is very expensive for restaurants to stay open in the evening. This leaves Salem residents completely out of luck trying to get prepared food in the evening. These food carts and trucks are filling a vital niche that the Republicans running Marion County only want to restrict because many of these hardworking businesses happen to be operated by Latinos and other immigrants. Please vote for Salem residents, and vote no on allowing Marion County to push these silly restrictions on Salem's small businesses!

-Zachary Decker

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