Coalition of Business supporting Building a Better Phoenix,

Barrio Defense Committees,

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***“Light Rail is a small business killer,”*** said Aureliano Dominguez.

He knows. He lost a thriving restaurant when the owner of the property sold the property for light rail extension into Tempe. Now an empty lot sits by Washington and I-10.

Press Conference

Time: 12:00 Noon

Date: Thursday May 9, 2019

Location: Mariscos El Dorado

5630 South Central Ave, Phoenix, Arizona

Re: Unplug Light Rail Expansion to South Phoenix

The Barrio Defense Committees have joined the struggle to stop light rail expansion into South Phoenix at the request of more than 20 small business owners of Panaderias, Mariscos, Taco Shops, Lunch Trucks that will be wiped out once the construction of light rail starts.

The Barrio Defense Committees joined with Building a Better Phoenix efforts to take the light rail expansion to the voters and will hold a joint press conference with property owners, renters, small business owners, to destroy the myth that Light Rail is good for small business.

Building a Better Phoenix gathered 40,000 signatures to take the decisions to the voters. The contractors response along with the City of Phoenix was to stop it in court. They lost in court and now they are appealing. Why are they so afraid to let the Citizens of Phoenix decide?

This is not a partisan political issue. It has to do with the survival of more than 70 small businesses that have served the community of South Phoenix needs before federal dollars were ever contemplated. Among the business and residents affected are democrats, republicans, independents, green party, etc.

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