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To members of the Market community:

I am happy to introduce the new executive committee of the Central Market Trust. After serving two years as Vice Chair, Brenda Buescher, a Health Promotion Specialist with Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health, is well-prepared to step into the position of Chair. With advanced degrees in political science and public health, she is uniquely suited to manage the public-private partnership that manages our public market.

Brenda will be supported by G. Mark Grimm, Jr., an attorney and partner at Blakinger/Thomas Law, as Vice Chair. Joining the board as Treasurer will be Rachel Horst, senior accountant with RKL, LLP. And we are fortunate to have Sam Neff returning as Secretary.

During my years on the Master Plan Committee, then 12 years as Chair of the Trust, I've had the honor of working with the most amazing and passionate people. In the beginning, it was the vocal advocates who started the Friends of Central Market. As the last public market left in Lancaster City, they brought resources and attention to Market.

Market is a public-private partnership, and I have been impressed with the professionalism, knowledge, and integrity of City- and County-elected officials and their departmental staff. Their investment, along with the Chamber, in the Master Plan and their commitment to implementing it turned paralysis into action.

"You don't know anything about Market!" said a Standholder to me during the early days of the Trust. This, humbly, was partially true. So it took real courage for the Standholder Association leadership and their board representatives to trust the Trust. But with their help and patience, we figured out how we could work together to build a successful, cooperative business environment.

But some of my best memories will be the hundreds of hours of meetings with some of the best minds, most generous hearts, and hardest-working volunteers and staff. Fellow board members, consultants, committee members, donors, shoppers, and a whole cadre of Market-lovers made this one of the most rewarding and satisfying experiences of my life, and I will be forever grateful for their help and contribution to the success of Market.

I am proud of what we have accomplished together. And I am confident that Brenda, supported by an energetic and engaged group of professionals, will continue to provide the active management and careful stewardship our beloved Market deserves.

Thanks for everything. And I'll see you at Market!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Moul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Valerie A. Moul



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