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To: <u>City Council</u>

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**Subject:** Homeless Theft issues continue at Sebastopol Hardware

**Date:** Tuesday, December 07, 2021 5:11:43 PM

Hello Council members. This is Dan Allingham at Sebastopol Hardware reaching out to you all prior to your meeting this evening discussing moving forward with the approval of the SAVS trailer facility at the former Amerigas site.

I wanted you all to be aware of the overwhelming issue of theft that we have to deal with on a regular basis, not solely but enlarge part, due to the homeless issue that we have here in Sebastopol and the surrounding area. Just to day I encountered a homeless individual ( see attached picture) who had previously stole 2 machetes from us and on this occasion stole an Ax from our store and food from Pacific Market on his way down the complex.

I am only making you aware of this issue because I feel you are completely unaware of what local businesses have to deal with on a regular basis due to the City inaction in the past to deal with the growing problem and our worry is that you are only going to make the issue worse for Sebastopol Hardware, other local businesses and our neighbors by moving the issue to right outside our front door. Please reconsider your decision to move forward with this project as it will have a far greater negative impact on those of us here in Sebastopol already trying to help and serve our community.

Sincerely,
Dan Allingham
Owner Sebastopol Hardware

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