Dear City Council,

I am writing as a member of the immediate neighborhood where Porchfest takes place. I want to express my profound support for this community-building event which showcases the spirit and talent of the unique community of Sebastopol. What a beautiful and inspired event, borne from the enthusiasm and selflessness of long-standing members of our community. As a homeowner in the blocks where it is hosted, I can attest that it was not impactful but rather great fun, happy and a showcase of what makes this community so special. I loved to see all the folks enjoy our shady streets, local talent and then wandering downtown to support local businesses. As a mother, it was also a treat to see the kids enjoying free music in a daytime setting. The hours of it did not breach city law and I found it no less impactful than the music I can hear from Ives or Hopmonk on any given night of the week. It is part of the texture and festivity that gives this town character! I hope that the Council will support it moving forward and appreciate that this is what drives tourism, interest in living here and has economic benefit in the long term.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards Caitlin Ryan Owner,