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Subject: Letter in Support of A&M BBQ  
To: Adeyemi Ogunkoya [REDACTED]

Sebastapol City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of A&M BBQ and would ask the Council to work collaboratively with the business on a long term solution that will benefit everyone. A&M BBQ is in my opinion the best BBQ restaurant in Sonoma County and has managed to thrive in a historically tough restaurant industry. I live in Rohnert Park and only go to that restaurant whenever I see BBQ. They are also one of the very few black-owned businesses in the county. My concern is that the issues that have been raised about the restaurant, such as smoke and traffic, are byproducts of the restaurant's success. Forcing the restaurant to close or being so hasty with finding a new location sends a poor message to aspiring small business owners, particularly those of color, especially since the restaurant has been around for over 2 years. That message is that Sebastapol is not a supportive place for a black entrepreneur to start a business that creates jobs, brings in visitors from outside the city, and stimulates economic growth.

I respectfully ask the Council to consider solutions that would allow A&M BBQ to remain in place and continue to contribute to the community.

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