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To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: A&M Barbecue Smoke

Hello,

I live in the Eleanor Ave neighborhood and months ago noticed a significant increase in smoke smell in the area. My neighbor Larry H asked that they install a filter on the smokers, as the clean air ordinance excludes barbecues but was not meant for an industrial operation. This is a reasonable ask for a business within city limits.

I sympathize with the plight of operating a small business in this day and age, especially being a minority in a very white town. But I resent the accusation of racism by people who do not live in the neighborhood and do not know my neighbors. We have supported their business from the start - stopping by to grab dinner, bringing friends and family, talking them up to out of towners; I was one of their first 100 Instagram followers! The pollution is the problem - let's not get distracted. A PM 2.5 of 100-200 at night is unacceptable in an area with children and other vulnerable people.

A filter is not a big ask for a commercial operation surrounded by residential areas.

Best,

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