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Subject: Request to deny Grocery Outlet Project in Sebastopol

Subject: Please Uphold Sebastopol's General Plan and Protect Local Economic Vitality

Dear Planning Commissioners and City Council Members,

I respectfully urge the City to deny the proposed Grocery Outlet project at the former Rite Aid site.

Sebastopol's General Plan envisions a vibrant downtown supported by a diverse mix of businesses and policies intended to protect the economic vitality and unique character of the community. With 7 grocery stores already serving the area, I do not believe an additional grocery use at this location advances those goals. This is a prime property and the city should be able to attract a business that enhances services to the public, not just settling on the first few applicants that come along.

I encourage the City to consider uses for the site that would better contribute to a balanced and diverse downtown and remain consistent with the vision established in the General Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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