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To: Public Comment Received For City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: Public comment: Support for Grocery Outlet at former Rite Aid site (Nov 24 hearing)

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I'm writing ahead of the November 24 hearing to reiterate my strong support for the proposed Grocery Outlet at the former Rite Aid site.

My husband and I wrote to the City earlier this year (August 13), and our situation hasn't changed. We're a working household who can't afford to do our regular grocery shopping in Sebastopol, so we drive to Santa Rosa or Windsor instead. We'd much rather spend that money, and that time, here in town.

Sebastopol has plenty of grocery stores, but it doesn't have an affordable one. A Grocery Outlet would serve renters, younger residents, working families and people on fixed incomes. It would also bring an empty building back into use, cut down on out-of-town driving, and give surplus food a market rather than letting it go to waste.

Please approve this project and help make Sebastopol a place where everyone can afford to buy their groceries locally.

Many thanks,

Catherine Huntington and Tyler Olson

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