
FW: Letter in support of A&M Barbecue

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Mary Gourley

City Manager

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Subject: Letter in support of A&M Barbecue

May 17, 2026

Dear Sebastopol City Council,

We are writing in support of A&M Barbecue and respectfully ask that consideration be given to allowing them to continue operating their barbecue in their parking lot.

Sebastopol needs successful new businesses, and Kris has already proven himself to be a valuable part of our community. In a short amount of time, he has shown tremendous support for local organizations and schools. For us personally, most recently, he donated a gift certificate to the Analy Alumni Golf Tournament silent auction and contributed one-third of the cost of the Teacher Appreciation Lunch for Analy High School.

A true testament to A&M Barbecue's success is the steady line of customers that often stretches down the block when the barbecue is operating. Many days they sell out before the day is even over. Clearly, this is a business that the community enjoys and supports.

We should encourage family-oriented, community-minded businesses that are thriving and helping bring energy and revenue into Sebastopol. Rather than forcing this young business to move away because of the complaints of a few residents, perhaps a compromise can be reached regarding the hours the barbecues may operate during the day or evening.

Businesses like A&M Barbecue are exactly the kind of local establishment we should be supporting. They contribute to our local economy, bring people together, and actively give back to the community.

We respectfully urge you to work with A&M Barbecue to find a reasonable solution that allows them to continue serving Sebastopol and not force him to find another city for his business.

Sincerely,

Chip & Loretta Castleberry

Sebastopol residents and business owners