

Office of Mayor Jill McLeW's  
7120 Bodega Avenue  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

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Dear Mayor McLeW's,

I am hoping that the Mayor's Office and City Council would consider altering the ordinance that placed a moratorium on creating or issuing use permits for businesses utilizing drive-through retail services. I feel that the City of Sebastopol could benefit from having access to sales tax revenue from drive-through retail and that the current business trajectory limits potential growth. Residents of Sebastopol often have to drive to neighboring cities like Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, or Windsor in order to patronize similar businesses that could operate in the Sebastopol market, but are limited by having to navigate additional zoning and planning restrictions. I understand the desire to preserve the Downtown core and surrounding atmosphere, but, in my opinion, the value placed on greenhouse gas emissions is overstated. Unless a potential consumer is utilizing public transit, which does not serve the West County as frequently as would be expected, or if they utilize a bicycle, they would likely be using an automobile to drive to their intended destination. This indirectly puts greenhouse gas impacts on the surrounding area and does little to minimize overall consumption or road traffic. If some businesses were allowed to access and build new drive-through retail establishments, the local economy could benefit from the extra activity and residents of Sebastopol could enjoy more options.

Thank you for your time and consideration. (Chris)  
Sincerely, Chris Bretsch (Bretsch)