

Please Deny the Grocery Outlet Conditional Use Permit Application

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Greetings,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed Grocery Outlet project in downtown Sebastopol and respectfully urge the Planning Commission to deny the Conditional Use Permit application.

Sebastopol's General Plan was designed to help preserve the city's locally rooted economy, downtown vitality, and unique community character. I believe approving another national chain grocery retailer in an already saturated market would be inconsistent with those long-term goals.

The strength of Sebastopol comes from its independent businesses, local agriculture, and community-centered identity. Residents and visitors are drawn to the city because it offers something distinct from surrounding corporate retail corridors.

I am concerned that continued expansion of formula retail could gradually weaken the independent business ecosystem that contributes to Sebastopol's economic resilience and long-term vitality.

I respectfully ask the Planning Commission and City Council to uphold the community vision established in the General Plan and deny the proposed Conditional Use Permit application for Grocery Outlet.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Cole Turner