

Please Deny the Grocery Outlet Conditional Use Permit Application

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Hello -

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

I have lived in Sebastopol for more than 50 years and my husband owns a small business located on Morris Street in Sebastopol. Sebastopol's General Plan was created to help preserve the city's unique local identity, support independent businesses, and maintain long-term economic vitality within the community. I am concerned that approving another national chain grocery retailer in an already competitive market would be inconsistent with those goals.

Sebastopol already has multiple grocery stores serving residents. I believe the City should focus on strengthening the businesses and economic ecosystem already established within the community and not introduce additional formula retail that could place further pressure on independent businesses.

I'm counting on you to deny the proposed Conditional Use Permit Application and support local business.

Thank you.

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