

## Please Deny the Grocery Outlet Conditional Use Permit Application

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To John Jay <jjay@cityofsebastopol.gov>; Victoria Henkel <vhenkel@cityofsebastopol.gov>; City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>

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 created to help preserve the city's locally rooted economy, support independent businesses, and maintain the unique community character that makes Sebastopol distinct. I am concerned that approving another national chain grocery retailer would be inconsistent with those long-term goals.

Sebastopol already has multiple grocery stores serving the community, along with local markets and agricultural businesses that contribute to the city's economic diversity and identity. Introducing another large formula retailer into an already saturated grocery market risks placing additional pressure on independent businesses that help define Sebastopol's downtown and local economy.

I believe preserving Sebastopol's independent business ecosystem is important to maintaining long-term economic vitality, community identity, and the qualities that residents and visitors value about the city.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Planning Commission and City Council to deny the proposed Conditional Use Permit application for Grocery Outlet.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Devin Murray