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To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: No to Grocery Outlet

I'm opposed to having a Grocery Outlet in Sebastopol. Our independent and locally owned stores need support and their margins are small as it is.

Also, I do not see Grocery Outlet as having any kind of positive impact on our downtown area. It would degrade the city's special character. Such bottom of the barrel chain stores have a cheapening effect on an area, on par with Dollar Store.

Finally, we already have two chain supermarkets in town. That seems plenty for a city of this size.

I would never, ever shop at Grocery Outlet. I hope that this does not go forward.

Thank you,

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