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To: John Jay <jjay@cityofsebastopol.gov>; Victoria Henkel <vhenkel@cityofsebastopol.gov>; Public Comment Received For City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: Vote yes to Grocery outlet

Dear Sebastopol City Council Members,

I respectfully ask that you approve Grocery Outlet's proposal to take over the former Rite Aid location.

First, Sebastopol already has several nationally recognized corporate chains, so the argument that our community does not want national chains seems inconsistent with the businesses we already welcome.

More importantly, we have many low-income residents and families in Sebastopol who would greatly benefit from having access to a grocery store that offers more affordable prices. Access to reasonably priced groceries makes a real difference in people's everyday lives, especially as the cost of living continues to rise.

Life is hard enough as it is. Having more affordable grocery options in our community should be an easy yes.

Please consider the needs of all Sebastopol residents and support bringing Grocery Outlet to our town.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Erin Latham-Ponneck
Sebastopol Resident for 30 Years