
FW: Public Comments || Opposition to Grocery Outlet

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Date Thu 4/2/2026 3:12 PM

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Please see email submitted to the City of Sebastopol.

BCC:Email BCC to City Council and City Attorney

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Thank you

Mary Gourley

Interim City Manager

From: Charmaine Louzao [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 1:54 PM

To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>

Subject: Public Comments || Opposition to Grocery Outlet

Dear Members of the Planning Commission and City Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Grocery Outlet in Sebastopol.

My concerns center on three key issues:

1. Local Wine Industry Impact

The introduction of deeply discounted, mass-produced wine risks undermining the value and reputation of Sonoma County's premium, locally produced wines, which are central to our economy and identity.

2. Site Conditions

The Safeway shopping center parking lot is already impacted by individuals living in their vehicles, which affects safety and functionality. Adding another high-traffic retailer may further strain these existing conditions. I have seen unhomed people urinating in the Safeway Lot!

3. Traffic and Congestion

The site already experiences significant congestion. Increased traffic from a high-volume discount grocer will exacerbate parking challenges and accessibility for current businesses and customers.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reconsider approval of this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Greg & Charmaine Louzao