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To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: Grocery Outlet Consideration

Dear Honorable Council Members,

Please put **the character of the town itself** in the forefront of your minds when listening to the debate about Grocery Outlet. Too few think in a broad enough timeline. Sebastopol is unique because of its charm—it is not Rohnert Park or Emeryville, but it can easily devolve into a town like that if we forfeit what makes iSebastopol so special.

What WOULD be more in line with the town's character is an open /indoor market like Oxbow in Napa. We could make it a space for small local vendors or pop-ups that celebrate the artists and other creatives. Those are the people and products that draw people to us. There could be rotating stalls alongside more permanent fixtures....

We need imaginative investment. We do not need 8 grocery stores in Sebastopol. Please. I do understand the needs of people on an extremely fixed income. I lived well below the poverty line for years. However, **putting in a 8th grocery store will not solve their financial instability**, and we already offer robust food pantries with surplus resources every week for those who are really in need.

Little Caesar's was a baffling error, CVS downtown was another mistake (it's an eyesore, and the illegal left hand turns during rush hour are maddening). There is a tipping point, and we're heading toward it, so I implore you to see this "path to progress" for what it is.

Sebastopol has a finite footprint. Please make the character of that footprint your top consideration.

Thank you.

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