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**To:** City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for A&M BBQ

To the Members of Sebastopol City Council,

I am writing to voice my support of A&M BBQ and, particularly, of the Austin family who are members of our community. I am deeply concerned by the way this matter is being handled and we need to do better.

Kris Austin is a generous member of our community who has done the impossible of finding a way to live and build a business in Sebastopol. His business is doing very well despite the challenges and he deserves our support and generosity, not red tape and roadblocks.

The way this is being handled sends a clear message that this city is unfriendly to small businesses and Black owned businesses. How is this going to be repaired? How are we making it possible for people to live here, raise families here, and open businesses that give so much to us? We all deserve better.

I want to see the city take accountability for this and correct their actions by giving Kris and A&M the support they need to make this process easier and ensure they feel that they belong here. Anything less is deeply disappointing and will cement that the city is unwelcoming to kind, hard working folks and especially to BIPOC families.

Thank you,

Janelle

Sebastopol Resident