

FW: Public Comment RE: Grocery Outlet

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I am writing to oppose allowing the Grocery Outlet in the former Rite Aid space.

I have lived in Sebastopol for over a decade and my family has strong roots here. We love Sebastopol for its unique character, like many others do.

Grocery Outlet would only make it harder for the small and specialty grocers—stores that are much more reflective of Sebastopol as a community, like Fircrest and Andy's—to survive.

Downtown already has Whole Foods, Safeway, and Community Market within just a few blocks of each other. It seems ridiculous to put in yet another chain grocery store there. We don't need another grocery store in our town on top of the seven we already have, let alone in our small downtown area.

Sebastopol is investing so much in making downtown more walk- and bike-friendly. But adding a Grocery Outlet seems likely to worsen traffic issues on Main Street, and it will definitely detract from the charm and small-town feel of downtown.

I urge you to please strongly consider how Grocery Outlet would harm the long-term revitalization plans for downtown and the existing businesses in our community.

Thank you,
Kim Weis