

AGENDA ITEM 6B ABC USE PERMIT 8050 BODEGA AVENUE

Dear members of the Sebastopol City Planning Commission:

My name is Rebecca Freeman and I am one of the current owners of 8050 Bodega Avenue in Sebastopol. I am writing to express my support for the approval of the alcohol conditional use permit for the Bodega Avenue property which has been the home of restaurants and taverns in Sebastopol for over forty years spanning from Marty's Top of the Hill to the most recent Gravenstein Grill.

The beautiful buildings and patios have been vacant for over a year and this has been detrimental to the City of Sebastopol.

Several weeks ago I posted an inquiry on local Next Door sites asking what sort of restaurants people in Sebastopol would like to see re-open in the currently vacant 8050 location. I received over a hundred responses. Every respondent was excited about the prospect of a new restaurant. The opinions differed wildly about what kind of restaurant they wanted but nobody who responded and indeed, nobody in Sebastopol wants to see this gorgeous property remain closed.

I have researched the background of the buyer who hopes to open a new restaurant on these premises and was impressed about his past success with restaurants and his generous donations to worthy causes. His presence in our community will benefit all. It goes without saying that in order to be competitive with a fine dining establishment in the wine country, a beer and wine permit is essential.

The permit should be approved because alcohol has always been served at this location, the community needs and wants a new restaurant, and the restaurant's success is dependent on the ability to offer beer and wine.

Thanks,

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