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**Subject:** PLEASE NO GROCERY OUTLET! When is next city hall mtg on this subject?

Hello City of Sebastopol!

The prospect of a Grocery Outlet coming to our small, unique, quirky town is terrible!!!!

How could this even pass if we have the law since 2018 that chains with 25 or more stores cannot open in Sebastopol?

And Seb Municipal Code 17.340.070 makes it very clear that a Grocery Outlet would be antithetical to what we are striving for here in our little city & just plain awful.

A Grocery Outlet would NOT compliment existing businesses, nor promote diversity & variety, provide needed goods or services (we already have Safeway! Let alone the other smaller grocery stores - Andy's, Fiesta, Fircrest, etc), and a Grocery Outlet would seriously harm Sebastopol's unique and historical character 😞😞😞!!!!

Every Grocery Outlet is grey and blah, and just a blot on the aesthetics of any town. At least CVS has a nice red brick siding. Dear lord, please please do not let this Grocery Outlet happen here!!



What would be so cool for our community in that Rite Aid space is a bowling alley! This would be fabulous for teenagers, families... My kids are 21 and 19 now, but I would have LOVED for our town to have a bowling alley all throughout their childhoods here.

I went to the Sebastopol City Mtgs calendar webpage, and **I can't tell which of the upcoming mtgs will be one where this topic is discussed. Can you relay?** Thank you so much. I really appreciate the help!

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