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Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 9:55 AM
To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: Public Comment: Supporting a Fair and fact-based resolution for A&M BBQ

Dear Sebastopol City Council Members,

I am writing in support of A&M BBQ and respectfully ask the City to approach this matter with fairness, transparency, and collaboration.

A&M BBQ has become a valued local business and community gathering place. The owners have reportedly passed health and fire inspections and have acknowledged that they have outgrown their current location. They are actively seeking a larger site, but relocation takes time, planning, and resources.

If concerns about smoke emissions exist, I encourage the City to work with the owners to identify practical and economically feasible solutions. Any decisions should be based on objective information and a good-faith effort to balance neighborhood concerns with the realities faced by a small business. I am concerned that the ordinance (17.300.040 concerning Commercial Outdoor Barbecues) may not provide clear, objective standards regarding smoke emissions. Before taking actions that could significantly impact a local business, the City should ensure that requirements and expectations are transparent, consistently applied, and clearly understood by all parties.

What message will Sebastopol City Council Members send to current and future business owners? I hope the City will be known for supporting local businesses, valuing diversity, and working collaboratively to solve challenges rather than imposing measures that could unnecessarily threaten a successful small business.

Thank you for your consideration,

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