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Sent: Saturday, February 7, 2026 3:04 PM
To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: Grocery Outlet Public Comment - OPPOSITION

City Council - This is to strongly object to the proposed Grocery Outlet in the former RiteAid building.

I'm in favor of lower-cost groceries, but Sebastopol has six other full-service grocery stores within about 1/2 mile of your proposed location. This additional outlet would compete directly and harmfully with wonderful independently-owned stores such as Fircrest Market, Andy's Market and Community Market as well as our other long-established grocery stores (Safeway, Lucky and Whole Foods).

Additionally, this location is in the exact center of our already traffic-plagued small town. Having a low-cost traffic magnet like Grocery Outlet in the center of Sebastopol is exactly what we do NOT need.

The Grocery Outlet proposal does NOT complement existing businesses, it would directly harm our town's unique character and it is not compatible with the overall functioning of our business center.

I strongly encourage you NOT to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,
Rick Mead