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To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: Grocery Outlet Public Comment

Dear City Council,

I happen to LOVE shopping at Grocery Outlet, singing and dancing down the aisles, getting the most incredible deals on everything. Every poor person should shop there (though I am far from poor!).

Does Grocery Outlet pay employees in comparable wages and benefits with the competition ??

I would NEVER have allowed Whole Foods into the City Center, but that was done before Jeff Bezos sucked it into his hemisphere. Frankly I wonder if Whole Foods is not paying for the denouncement movement of Grocery Outlet into the Rite Aid building. Grocery Outlet will “eat Whole Foods’ lunch” on pricing. And there is nothing wrong with the food quality or food selection at Grocery Outlet.

CVS should never have been allowed to build in the town center, killing Rite Aid and creating this problem to start with. But what does one do about it all now ?? I would not want to kill Andy’s or Fircrest or the overpriced Community Market, but have zero care for Safeway or Lucky’s. Let them fight against Grocery Outlet.

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