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Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 2:42 PM
To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Cc: Finn Liss [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter in support of A&M BBQ

To the City of Sebastopol,

I am writing to encourage the city to support the continuing operation of A&M BBQ. While I am not fully aware of the specific issues being raised, I trust that the business is properly zoned, licensed, and permitted to operate at its current location.

This is an extraordinarily difficult time for small businesses and restaurants. They face mounting operational costs, tightening margins, and customers with shrinking discretionary budgets. I believe the city should be doing everything in its power to support businesses like A&M — working proactively to resolve any issues at their current location, streamlining the permitting process, and helping them identify a permanent long-term home if that is the right solution.

I am a Monte Rio resident and, until 2021, maintained my company's offices in Sebastopol. As a longtime barbecue enthusiast, I have searched for years for high-quality BBQ in West County until A&M opened its doors. A&M is, in my opinion, the only truly excellent, authentic, and traditional barbecue operation in the area — the brisket and ribs in particular are exceptional.

I understand that A&M is already making operational adjustments to address some of the concerns being raised and remains open to dialogue with the community.

I trust the city will extend them reasonable time and meaningful support to address the current challenges and find lasting solutions.

Please do what you can to help them succeed.

Sincerely,

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