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Message

Dear Sebastopol City Council,

I am writing in support of A&M BBQ and to respectfully ask the Council to provide the business with reasonable time and flexibility to relocate while continuing operations. A&M BBQ has become an important part of the Sebastopol community. Beyond serving great food, they have contributed to local events, supported organizations, created jobs, and built a gathering place that many residents value. Small, locally owned businesses like this help give Sebastopol its character and sense of community.

I appreciate that concerns have been raised regarding smoke, traffic, and neighborhood impacts, and I believe those concerns deserve thoughtful attention. At the same time, it is clear from A&M BBQ's public statement that the owners are taking these issues seriously, communicating with City staff, and actively working toward long-term solutions, including relocation to a more suitable site.

Running and growing a small business is challenging, and it matters that the owners are making good-faith efforts to address community concerns while protecting the livelihoods of their employees and continuing to serve the community. I hope the City can approach this situation collaboratively and allow adequate time for a responsible transition rather than taking actions that could unnecessarily force the closure of a valued local business.

Please consider the positive role A&M BBQ has played in Sebastopol and support a path forward that balances neighborhood concerns with compassion, fairness, and support for local entrepreneurship.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sundee Minton
Sebastopol Resident