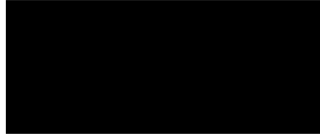

no grocery outlet

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City Council and Planning Commission
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Dear City Council and Planning Commission,

The General Plan emphasizes community-serving businesses, not national chains like Grocery Outlet. Policy LU-2.2 (Page 2-9) reads: "Promote commercial uses that serve the local community and contribute to Sebastopol's identity." Grocery Outlet conflicts with this goal.

Our town's identity is and always has been local, not national chains. The stores that are national brands were here before the General Plan was adopted or they meet the requirements the General Plan outlines.

Grocery Outlet will do nothing to promote tourism. People come here for the small-town experience, for something unique. It is our towns slow down and stroll around a cute town that draws people here.

National chains belong on the outsides of our town or in every other city in Sonoma County, and definitely NOT downtown.

Please vote in favor of keeping Sebastopol local and special. Vote NO on Grocery Outlet's conditional use permit.

Thank you,

Susan Macdonald

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