From: Tania Rothmuller [redacted]
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To: Public Comment Received For City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: Grocery outlet

Hi,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed grocery outlet in the old Rite Aid building. When I think of Sebastopol I think about sustainability and I believe grocery outlet's model fits in perfectly with that value. I love that they are taking food that would otherwise be waste and selling it for a reasonable price.

I also think we have a huge part of our community that can't afford basic groceries in town, I myself included. When I need groceries I drive to Santa Rosa to go to Trader Joe's or Costco because that's what I can afford. Safeway used to be fine but it's gotten out of control in the last few years.

I want to add that the carbon emissions from everyone having to leave town for groceries add up and harm everyone. Please don't let the older generation push us out of town due to affordability. I don't believe it would be any less in alignment with Sebastopols values than Rite Aid was. Or for that matter Whole Foods. In a perfect world we would all be able to afford to shop at the farmers market, but that's not the world we live in. We really need affordable groceries in Sebastopol.

Thank you for your time

-Tania Rothmuller
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