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To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Cc: Mark Matthews <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re. Discount Mkt at former RiteAid Site

Hello,

Thank you for the selfless service you all do for our well-being.

I am hoping you have not already made a decision to allow “Grocery Outlet” to occupy the former RiteAid site.

Here are two more voices from our town: Please don’t.

We do not want added traffic into our town to get bargains and then leave town. We do not need ANOTHER market.

You know how many markets there are in town. Three chains and four independent, locally owned ones. That doesn’t even count the little snack mkt-shops. For heaven’s sake! How will the little guys survive? I’m not sure how they do now.

This will NOT improve the quality of life in Sebastopol. There could be so many LOCAL creatively-conceived uses for the wonderful central space. Maybe space sharing with restaurants, shops and non-profits.

I hope the City will encourage entrepreneurs to jump in and enhance the community. “Grocery Outlet” would degrade, not improve the city.

Thank you for noting this opinion.

All best to you all,

Valerie Marshall
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