October 27, 2026

Sebastopol Design Review/Tree Board
7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472
via Email: planning@cityofsebastopol.gov

Re: Valentine Project

The Valentine Project (8100 Valentine Avenue) is an extremely dense and inappropriate one for the suburban neighborhood it is being dropped into. I am frankly appalled.

I understand there is little to nothing any of us can do to mitigate the profound impact this project will have on our community – our air, our water, our living creatures – and the possibilities of a livable world for our grandchildren and theirs. How profoundly we are eroding our living world! Step by step. Project by project.

What *is* there to do? For small beginnings, on this particular project, I invite you to begin by

1. Supporting Vice-Mayor Mauer's proposal to remove the ADU in the NE corner of the proposed Valentine Project in order to save 4 heritage redwood trees.
2. Doing everything possible to preserve the remaining 15 heritage trees, which are currently slated for removal.
3. Requiring 70% of all plantings of shrubs and trees be native, in the final landscaping plan.
4. Requiring lighting to meet the standards of DarkSky International (https://darksky.org/) to preserve our dark skies, our night-loving creatures and prevent any possible light pollution.
5. Consider no fencing allowing the continued free flow of wildlife creatures' and childrens' paths.

I thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Angela Ford
[redacted]

Outlook

Save the redwood trees on Valentine Ave. !

From Meaveen O'Connor [redacted]
Date Thu 10/29/2026 9:29 AM
To Eli Arreola <earreola@cityofsebastopol.gov>; Planning <planning@cityofsebastopol.gov>

Dear City Council Members and Planning Commission members,

As a proud citizen of Sebastopol I am beyond dismayed by the developer, Grupe, and its plan to cut down so many precious heritage redwood trees at 8100 Valentine Ave. This is not necessary and would be done by way of poor planning and greed. 13 trees can easily be saved instead of 3. By removing a planned ADU from the Northeast corner of the planned project 4 redwood trees could be saved not to mention other creative ways to save more of the trees.

The citizens of Sebastopol value our trees, especially redwoods, which hold carbon and help the environment in so many other ways. We love Nature, our health and well being and beauty. The plans for this Grupe project go against the values of most of the citizens in this town.

I urge you to save the trees and make no further compromises with this developer who obviously cares only about their bottom line.

Sincerely,
Meave O'Connor

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