#### May 23, 21

**Dear Fort Bragg City Council and Planning Commission** 

This will be one of the first letters I have written to city leaders as an adult. I recently graduated from Fort Bragg High School. I am now helping my family run their business. I talk to a lot of kids in town that come into our store. I hear stories of wishing there was more to do, places to eat, more stores, etc.

Kids new to the job market do not make a lot of money. Most would say, grocery stores here are too expensive, especially for my age group. It makes it hard to go off on one's own. I can see why some leave the area. I think many would like to stay here if there was more opportunity and if it was more affordable to buy food, etc. So, I would vote yes for grocery outlets permit application.

I feel invested in this community. I think it would be good signal to the kids and young adults that Fort Bragg is a place they will be able to afford now and in the future.

It feels good to participate the process. I think more would have done so if they knew about it.

Colton Cash

332 Main Street,

Fort Bragg, CA

May 12, 2021

Dear Fort Bragg Planning Commission, Staff, City Council, general public

Regarding Agenda item - Grocery Outlet Application -

I manage a small business on Main Street. Many of my customers are young, or on limited income. I hear their stories of hardships. I know many that have moved away, because this town doesn't meet their needs. Nothing changes. Nothing new. No jobs. Too expensive. I could go on.

What is happening is a conflict from those that have been here forever and who are under the illusion that this town is OZ.

A city cannot survive if the young do not stay, can't afford to live here.

Working your way up in a grocery store is better than unemployment or departing for greener pastures.

I love this city. I believe in this City. I invested so much to be here. I like so many others want more food stores.

Please vote to approve this application. It would be good for so many in town. By the way, this letter is more detailed than the first one I wrote. I wanted you to really know how strongly I feel about this.

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Thank you.

Mohammad Obeid Best: 409-5277 May 15, 2021 Grocery Outlet is coming to town - I hope

Dear Commissioners,

This has been a difficult last year. My business is in the coastal Zone. You would think I would be against the Grocery Outlet going in.

Well, far from it. If you keep taking money from applicants and not approving the applications, I think it is disingenuous. We are a small town. In business, you have to be upfront, and that is not after you have made them jump through so many hoops and write hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of checks.

I just think we need this store. That corner brings down the area.

Traffic will not be any more than it already is. Trust me, my businesses Is here. We are a small town. This is not L.A. Let's do something for the residents and town. Please say yes to this application.

Thank you,

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TO: Planning Comm. Members, City Clerk, Council with the City of Fort Bragg Agenda Item – 5.26.21 – Grocery Outlet – Vote to support at hearing

I own and operate two small businesses on Main Street in Fort Bragg. It was not an easy road opening. It took me over a year to go through planning, make the required improvement to the spaces, paperwork, licenses and so much more. We improved the rental spaces, for the better. It will, however, take me another year to pay for all those expenses and costs.

Not a lot of people have the patience, capitol and persistence to do this. I now know why there are so many empty store fronts. The process could be more streamlined.

The reason for this second letter is, I am a small busines owner, who wants a Grocery Outlet. Adding jobs may mean more locals will be able to patron local businesses.

Please vote yes. More people support a Grocery Outlet in Fort Bragg than you may realize.

Thank you kindly,

Lucy Patricio

328 Main Street, Fort Bragg

Phone: 385-1130

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# Por Favor read these at the PC hearing on 26 of Mai

Hola FB Planning Committee - staff - council and whatever public members are reading these comments.

- Do you realize your actions could push out the old, weak, and poor??
- No one wants to hurt our local businesses.
- But we also have to think of the general people.
- This city never wants anything new. Gets old.
- Young people are leaving because of it.
- If someone can't afford to live here, they leave. Believe me, I know plenty who earned an extra \$200 - \$300 a month, just by moving out of town.
- I don't think you like people of lesser means. Otherwise, this would have been done a long time ago.
- The way you talk, those on the commission and some on the Council, seem out-of-touch

   and really don't get what it's like for lower income people. You keep talking about
   housing. How are we going to eat?

Sorry to speak so direct – but I just figured this out after listening to the last planning committee – just discouraging. Adios,

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707-357-2275

To - City council, planning committee member

Here are a few frank questions to consider when reviewing how you are going to vote on Grocery Outlet's application.

When are you going to start saying yes to jobs? When are you going to start to really listening to those who are tired of driving to Willets? When you are going to say yes to getting rid of that abandoned building where Grocery Outlet wants to build off main street?

Please say yes to allowing Grocery Bargain Outlet to build a muchneeded store in Fort Bragg. They want to spend a ton of money, on a nice design, you will approve, in a town that you have to admit is looking a little dingy.

Best

Cole sallee 707-357-2639

Fort Bragg Planning members, City manager, staff and whoever else may be working on applications for businesses wanting to do come to our little town.

Please vote to approve Grocery Outlet's application.

Three words come to mind: Get 'r done!

Things take too long around here. Let's change that!

2021 is a new year and could mean a new way of doing things.

Thank you for listening.

Jake Halloway
530 South Harrison

Dear Planning Commission, For the hearing on the new store - date - May 26 363, north Main St, FB

I live-in low-income housing on the first floor. I consider myself an active senior. I, however, live among residents who are not all mobile, this could be for physical reasons, some can't afford a car, many are living off of Social Security and other programs. I feel for my neighbors. I also am writing because it would greatly help me and my life-partner if we had another place to shop. We live off a very small amount of money each month. Things are so tight. I could tell you stories about how we get by and don't some months.

I am almost forgot to tell you the most important part of my letter, please say yes to having a grocery outlet bargain store in town.

If you knew my neighbors and you could hear their stories, you wouldn't think twice about saying yes.

Please help the growing senior and low-income senior community here. Just because we are not able to work like we used to, we are valuable and want to be treated with respect.

Sincerely.

Victoria Biddle

301 Cypress Street, Fort Bragg,

Telephone number (707)-357-5075

I still work selling my goods even though I am in my 70's. Maybe it keeps me young. There is a satisfaction and a social element when I connect with a buyer, and I have just what they are looking for. I want to have that same satisfaction when I shop. Anyone who knows me will tell you, I will drive for miles to save a dollar. I work too hard for what I earn. On my off days, you can find me at stores in Willits and Ukiah and beyond. Locals talk about taking away from Harvest and their bottom line, but you have to know that there is a large segment of people in town, who just do not shop there, so there will be no negative impact on this and other local stores. They are just too expensive. Everyone knows it. So, help me shop locally. Bring in grocery outlet to Fort Bragg. Each store is so different because they have independent owners. Each have different goods that come in weekly. You never know what they will have. Sincerely, Event Libely

Everett

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5-26 hearing – I have no idea the agenda no.

Dear City Council, Planning Comm.

When I think of a new store in town, here are the first things that come to mind.

- New building
- New jobs
- New money not being spent in Willets at their Grocery Outlet.

This should be a no-brainer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jake Desmith

31500 State Hwy 20, Fort Bragg

(707) 813-4167

 From:
 Paul Clark

 To:
 CDD User

 Cc:
 Paul Clark

 Subject:
 Grocery Outlet

**Date:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 12:04:48 PM

Just a letter from me in support of this project. It is zoned for it and will eliminate a white elephant in our community.

I am not involved in this sale as an agent but would hope at some point things that are allowable uses in commercial zones are approved. If not change all the zoning. It's unfair to advertise allowable uses, codes to follow then find a way to say no. Not a good way to do business, and I can assure you that few are even willing to consider Fort Bragg, Mom and Pop stores included. Too time consuming, too costly and to many not approved. Just take a look around, this is a vacant building, never should have been built, but that is another issue, taxpayer dollars wasted. The BofA building is another, years vacant.

Say yes to this one, it fits all the right needs. Affordable shopping, they have proven themselves and want to invest in our community, let it happen. I shop at Purity and will not change that habit.

Paul Clark
Property and business owner

I would like to see a Grocery Outlet go in on S. Franklin and Harbor in Fort Bragg. Why? Jobs. More affordable shopping options. Upgrade the building currently at that corner.

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