

Supervisor Mulheren,

Welcome to your swearing in and first BOS meeting. I feel the need to chime in on one upcoming issue.

As Ukiah city's representative, please be especially attentive to 9c of Tuesday's agenda. Like the conversion of the Best Western behind 551 S. Orchard, the public's first inkling of change for this area comes from a closed session negotiation notice. Where is the transparency regarding these negotiations?

It appears that a good number of private holdings are being purchased for social services, transforming South State Street, East Gobbi, and now South Orchard. Realty World is a nice office building. Given the lack of information, we don't know what Carmel Angelo's intentions are behind these negotiations, but converting this private office into any type of county building detracts from Ukiah's business appeal.

Please consider the long-term consequences that the public purchase of yet another private property may cause on what is now a thriving commercial corridor. As a homeowner, I worry about the future of Ukiah. Please, no more bad decisions that reduce the attractiveness of this town. And, no more frivolous expenditures of Measure B tax money.

Pam Partee