

CHARTER ACADEMY OF THE REDWOODS
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To: the County Board of Supervisors
Re: usage of the Fairgrounds for a homeless shelter.

Dear Supervisors:

I am the Chief Financial Officer and also facility manager of Charter Academy of the Redwoods which runs two schools, Redwood Academy of Ukiah and Accelerated Achievement Academy. We lease our property and buildings from the 12th Agricultural District, and understand that you are considering creating a homeless shelter out of the north end of the race track at the fairgrounds. We would like to highly recommend that you do not consider this site. As lessors of the buildings and surrounding areas, even though we are presently not in actual session at the fairgrounds, we feel that the impact of having a homeless shelter would be very detrimental to our running of our school at the fairgrounds. We use that portion of the track for our PE needs, and also for archery elective. We are concerned about people using the midway as a path of travel, and are very concerned about trash, possible needle usage, etc. that could be discarded along that path which children will be using in the future when this pandemic passes. We also are concerned about the security and safety of the schools by letting people in to use the fairgrounds. We understand that this may be a temporary usage, but we feel the effects would be long term.

Please reconsider your choice of using the fairgrounds for this usage.

Sincerely

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