

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention, the Governor is considering using California Fairgrounds as relocation centers for the homeless populations from nearby cities and communal areas. As a mother, 4-H Leader, Mendocino County Junior Livestock Committee supporter and concerned citizen, I would like to adamantly oppose any use of the youth exhibitor's campground, located north of the race track for this purpose.

This particular area of the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds campus is used primarily by families of youth exhibitors and children attending several of the schools which lease this area for classrooms. At any given time there may be school soccer games and other activities for educational purposes as well as exhibitor families, recreating and cooking; children wrestling, playing with toy trucks, sitting and chatting; babies crawling....

With the inherent drug, alcohol and tobacco use that plagues the homeless populations in our great state, we have to be mindful of used needles and other drug paraphernalia, broke bottles, and cigarette butts, not to mention the human waste and residues from AIDS and tuberculosis that will assuredly be present upon the departure of said homeless encampment. The liability will be huge. I implore you, do not consider this area as a potential relocation area.

Respectfully,
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