

Good morning,

I as many are, am becoming increasingly aware and concerned about the growing population of destitute persons living in and around Ukiah.

There has been great efforts to provide for the influx of our new "residence." It is understandable that we as a community have a moral obligation to provide for those most at risk however it is also reasonable to recognize our limitations economically and societally. We are a small county with a humble tax revenue. How much are we to provide for those that cannot and will not provide for themselves? For what duration of time will we administer to their needs? Is the Ukiah area being marketed as place for transients? What will we do if the population increases, particularly in the during this period of crisis?

I would propose a study to assist in identifying how best to reasonably assist these people. It should be analyzed where these people are from, why they came to the greater Ukiah area, and why they remain here. This query would help us decide how to proceed with this issue.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,  
Thomas Lee