



September 21, 2020

Diana Clarke
Ukiah Senior Center
497 Leslie St. Ukiah, CA 95482

RE: New Construction Project Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Clarke –

In response to several meetings over the past year between the Ukiah Senior Center and Savings Bank of Mendocino County, and in anticipation of the upcoming County Board of Supervisors Meeting, please let this letter serve as additional public support for the proposed construction project and relocation of the Ukiah Senior Center.

Based on preliminary discussions, it appears that the new proposed location for the Ukiah Senior Center will expand available services to our community's senior citizens while at the same time create efficiencies within the organization. Additionally, the proposed thrift store expansion will allow the Senior Center to operate at similar capacity to other centers which will generate higher revenues to allow the Senior Center to help self-fund programs going forward.

Although there are several questions yet to be answered as part of formal construction financing underwriting, the proposed project falls within Savings Bank of Mendocino County's mission of investing time, money and expertise to support worthy causes throughout Mendocino County. Expanding services, modernizing facilities, and increasing revenues for the seniors within our community is a project Savings Bank is interested in reviewing further, with the encouragement of the County of Mendocino.

Sincerely,

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Mendocino County
Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road RM 1010
Ukiah, CA 95482

We support the Ukiah Senior Center's vision for a new Adult Community Resource Center at the proposed site located on Brush Street in Ukiah. As their current business neighbor, RCHDC has had the opportunity to see first-hand the many positive contributions they make on a daily basis to the lives of their clients. They have done so for many years in an outdated and limited capacity facility. Their vision for a new center provides the opportunity to expand and improve almost every aspect of their programs and services at a location suited and centralized for client access, amenities and needs.

The new Center will be located next to 80 units of affordable housing currently under development and construction by RCHDC. This Adult Community Resource Center will become a significant benefit to most of the residents of the new housing development. Its' convenient location will also prove to be valuable to their existing client base and the community at large.

The Ukiah Senior Center is an irreplaceable community asset that has made the difference in countless lives. RCHDC wholeheartedly supports their effort and encourages the County and all other community stakeholders to do the same.

Sincerely,

Brad McDonald
Chief Executive Officer

C.c. RCHDC Board of Directors

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September 14, 2020

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Re: Supporting Ukiah Senior Center's Vision for the Future

Dear Board Members:

River Oak Charter School and the Ukiah Senior Center have had a great working relationship for many years. Our school facility is very small for the 246 pupils we serve, and we use Bartlett Hall frequently for events like our annual Halloween Party. We've been using the commercial kitchen for cooking hot meals for up to 140 students a day due to new state rules mandating food service for small charter schools. The Senior Center generously allows us to use the parking lot when we have evening events as our parking lot has very few spaces.

River Oak is bursting at the seams, we regularly have 50-75 students on our waiting list. We need a new facility, or the ability to expand into a neighboring property. It would be ideal for us to be able to purchase the Senior Center's facility. We'd be able to use the commercial kitchen at no cost, and hold more community events that include food service. The thrift store facilities could become classroom facilities for a possible science lab and art room. We currently store those materials in closets and bring things out occasionally for students to use in their classrooms. Having space dedicated to those subjects would add functionality and bring joy to many Ukiah children.

River Oak Charter School is very supportive of the proposed new facility for the Ukiah Senior Center. The new facility would be mutually beneficial. It would provide a great community space that we could rent for even larger events, as well as allowing River Oak the opportunity to purchase Bartlett Hall and the thrift store buildings. The partnership with the county would allow for both the Ukiah Senior Center and River Oak Charter School to seek state and federal grants and/or loans.

If you have any questions regarding our support of this project, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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**John Mayfield
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September 18, 2020

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: New Senior Community Center Presentation

Chairman John Haschak
and Board of Supervisors

On the Agenda for the September 22, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting is a presentation and proposal by the Ukiah Senior Center that seeks support from the County of Mendocino to develop a new senior community center for our area.

For many years, I have been a member and supporter of the Ukiah Senior Center, which provides much needed services, programs and activities for seniors and the disabled in our community. The current Bartlett Hall building that serves as the main activity facility for the Ukiah Senior Center is no longer able to meet the needs of our growing population of seniors.

As a property owner and business operator on Brush Street in Ukiah, I am well-familiar with the site that the Ukiah Senior Center proposes to have a new senior community center developed, which will be adjacent to the new low-income housing currently being built by Rural Communities Housing Development. This location will be centrally located and easily accessible by seniors and the community, and will be able to accommodate a much larger facility that is greatly needed to serve all of the seniors who wish to participate in activities sponsored by the Ukiah Senior Center.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to support this proposal and to authorize the County to pursue Community Development Block Grant funds or similar available grant funding opportunities to help finance the construction of this important community resource center that will serve our seniors and community for years to come.

Sincerely,



John Mayfield

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HARRAH SENIOR CENTER

September 14, 2020

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing this letter in support of The Ukiah Seniors efforts to secure the necessary funding so a new Ukiah Seniors can be built. I support the proposal of the Ukiah Senior Center to join in a partnership with the County of Mendocino to acquire government grants or loans for this purpose, such as Community Development Block Grant funding. I share in the vision the new senior community center will not only serve our local seniors but the community as a whole, by offering a spacious, modern activities venue as well as a community resource center that can be used by the County of Mendocino for public events and as an emergency services center when needed.

Sincerely,



Richard Baker
Executive Director
Willits Seniors Inc.



Kiwanis Club of Ukiah
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September 14, 2020

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
Ukiah, CA 95482

Chair John Haschak and Members of the Board,

Kiwanis Club of Ukiah supports the request of the Ukiah Senior Center for County designation of the construction of the new Senior Community Center as appropriate for public funding, such as Community Development Block Grants, other federal and state grants or low interest loans.

We appreciate the Ukiah Senior Center as a valuable community resource for seniors and for the community as a whole. The current facility, Bartlett Hall, opened in 1977 and is no longer sufficient to meet needs of a growing population of seniors. Occupancy limits result in people being turned away for community events, such as dances, monthly Ice Cream Socials, and the very popular holiday meals.

Currently the Ukiah Senior Center partners with service clubs and other community organizations for events and programs. Improved facilities will support expanded services for community members of all ages.

Please support the new Ukiah Senior Community Center.

Thank you,

Ginevra Chandler, President

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Rotary Club of South Ukiah
P.O. Box 1740 • Ukiah, CA 95482

September 19, 2020

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Ukiah Senior Center Presentation

Chairman John Haschak
and Board of Supervisors

On behalf of the South Ukiah Rotary Club, this letter is written in support of the presentation given by the Ukiah Senior Center that is on the Agenda for the September 22, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting that seeks support from the County of Mendocino for the development of a new senior community center.

South Ukiah Rotary Club and its members have assisted seniors in our community for many years, including the delivery of food supplies to low-income seniors and providing support to the Ukiah Senior Center's mission of service to seniors and the disabled. Several of our club's members are also members of the Ukiah Senior Center, and we are aware that the Senior Center's current facilities are inadequate to serve the growing population of seniors in our community.

The Ukiah Senior Center's proposal for the development of a larger and better equipped senior community center is long overdue and will allow our community to appropriately meet the ever-expanding needs of our seniors and disabled persons in the years ahead. As presented, this new senior community center will also be a valuable resource for other local nonprofit organizations and can be utilized by the County of Mendocino for its events and as needed for emergency services.

The South Ukiah Rotary Club gives its enthusiastic support for this proposal to develop a new senior community center and we encourage the Board of Supervisors to authorize the pursuit of Community Development Block Grant funds or similar available grant funding sources that will aid in the construction of this much needed community resource center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Davey-Bates".

Lisa Davey-Bates, President
South Ukiah Rotary Club



P. O. BOX 161

Sept 16, 2020

RE: Ukiah Senior Center Project

First we are young without a care in the world. We raise a family and grow to middle age. If we are lucky, we become senior citizens. Growing old is not for sissies it has been said. Many of our seniors need the many areas of help offered by the Ukiah Senior Center. Social interaction with their peers, meals, health resources, bus rides to appointments, to name a few. The Redwood Empire Lions Club is a partner in many activities and services. The need within our community is great. Often seniors are easy to overlook. We support the need for a new facility and feel it will enhance our community's view of these valuable members of our community. The facility currently occupied by the center is busting at the seams and tired looking. Imagine, if you will, senior citizens truly enjoying their golden years with the added support offered by the Senior Center in a modern fully functional environment. Please consider helping make this a reality.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Mitchum

Secretary

Redwood Empire Lions Club

**Board of Supervisors
Mendocino County**

September 7, 2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a long time resident of Mendocino County (1978), I have been involved with many community activities. I worked briefly at the Harrah Senior Center where I saw firsthand the value of a spacious, accepting environment for seniors.

I joined the Ukiah Senior Center Board in June 2020. As a member of the USC, I have taken advantage of many activities since I retired in 2010. As I get older, I feel the need for a safe, loving environment to support me so I can continue to be a vibrant contributing member in my community.

This community needs a bigger, well-functioning space for meetings, clubs, and a place to just be. I hope the Board can contribute to building a new Community Center for all.

**Sincerely,
Vicki Bitonti-Brown
Retired Nurse
Board Member Ukiah
Senior Center**