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**RE: OBJECTION TO THE COUNTY PURCHASING THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL  
ON ORCHARD AVENUE**

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

We are opposed to Mendocino County purchasing the Best Western Hotel on Orchard Avenue in Ukiah, CA to provide housing for people who are homeless and severely mentally ill. We feel this gateway to Ukiah is not the place for a homeless/mentally ill shelter. There are numerous businesses and residences and a preschool located in the area that will be detrimentally affected by this idea. The two hotels on Orchard are vital for visitors to have a safe place to stay easily accessible from Highway 101 in this gateway location. We feel homeless shelters in the Ukiah Valley should be more concentrated and near to Plowshares and not scattered around the Valley.

This money would be better spent on getting a psychiatric health facility and satellite facilities built and or purchased more quickly to help the increasing number of mentally ill homeless people in our County communities. We need to spend the money more wisely throughout Mendocino County and not just in the Ukiah Valley to maximize the number of mentally ill people we can help. And most importantly, the mentally ill and homeless children should not be living in the same facility!

We ask that you reconsider your decision to locate a homeless and severely mentally ill facility on Orchard Avenue and allow County residents more time to have a say in this important matter.

Sincerely,

John and Debbie Reardan