

It came as a shock to hear that the BOS was buying the above motel to house the homeless population and spending over \$10million to acquire and remodel it. You are paying for a very successful business and the price you are paying reflects that. I do not understand why you would buy a place located in probably the most expensive commercial district of Ukiah and overpay for what you need. It seems the Motel 6s both south of town with over 70 rooms and located within walking distance to Plowshares or the one north of town with almost 200 rooms would have been much better purchases. I understand you received the money from the State and HAD to spend it or lose it but it could have been spent so the money went further.

When you spend our tax Dollars there is an assumption of Public Trust and we expect our hard earned money will be spent wisely. I am afraid this does not seem to fit the bill.

I am one person who has always been sympathetic to the homeless population. My mantra has always been there but for the Grace of God go I. These are human beings who need to be treated with dignity. Lets spend the Public money as you would spend your own money. WISELY. And get Value for it.

I understand that the business neighbours of Willow Terrace on Gobbi Street regularly find needles in the yard So now instead of having needles under the bridges we will have them in the commercial areas of Ukiah.

I would ask you to reconsider your decision. Placing a homeless shelter in the middle of this commercial District makes absolutely no sense.

Sincerely

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