

TO MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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The purpose of this letter is to strongly express my opposition to the proposed purchase of the Best Western Motel at 555 Orchard Avenue in Ukiah.

It was with great surprise that I read an article that appeared in the Ukiah Daily Journal on September 27, 2020 indicating that the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of the Best Western motel for \$10.6 million. I am dismayed that this was approved in closed session without opportunity for public input. It appears that the lure of a \$9.6 million grant led to a hasty decision. I ask the Board of Supervisors to delay the purchase of this facility.

The location of this property is on a main thoroughfare into the City of Ukiah. It lends itself to business development that could generate taxes and provide much needed revenue to the City. Public input should be encouraged and long term plans, if they exist, revealed. Where do the funds and skills come from to assure a successful operation of this project? The management of existing facilities such as "Building Bridges" and "Willow Terrace" delivers little confidence.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to purchase the Best Western motel and to give the public a chance to weigh in.

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