

Board of Supervisors,

It is long past due that tangible support be provided to families experiencing homelessness in our County. The current policies of cobbling together hotel rooms through vouchers and other programs does not adequately address the issue and results in encampments forming wherever bare land can be found that is not fenced, including in some areas where tourists, visitors, and retail shoppers are impacted. I am in support of the acquisition of the Best Western Hotel building on Orchard Avenue and feel it would be good property for these purposes for several reasons:

- 1) It is tucked back along the freeway and off the main thoroughfare.
- 2) It is adjacent to the County's planned mental health facility.
- 3) It is in an area where visitors to our County don't often travel to or have business in.

Thank you for taking steps to rectify this critical issue in our County.

Virgil Shawn Nunnemaker