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To the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

currently Redwood City has a well working and well liked homeless shelter on Maple Street and a well working RV Safe Parking Lot. This capacity of housing for homeless and low income is highly needed and highly appreciated.

The land swap with Redwood City, so they can build a useless 'Bridge to Nowhere' is a huge mistake by the County Manager and the Supervisors. The land swap jeopardizes both. In the end either one or the other or both will have to go.

The County had the plans to update/upgrade the homeless shelter ready in 2016 and should have acted on them. The shortened timeline brought on by Redwood City's indecisiveness gives the county no time to build a new one before demolishing the old.

By the time the County has its plans ready to build, Redwood City will have several proxy groups ready to mount a legal challenge towards the homeless shelter in that location. Even if they don't it's still risky to move a homeless shelter to a new location.

Homeless advocates should advise against this move.

But the question really is, why would the Board of Supervisors delay the upgrade in 2016 just to appease a Redwood City leadership that has clearly shown they don't favor high-end luxury housing in this area.

We will all look back at the county's decision with great disgust and regret, I fear.

You should have said 'No' to the Maple Street Land Swap.

best regards,
Gerd Stieler