
From: Brian Yu [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 10:23 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Questions about low-income senior housing

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Hello,

I just heard about the proposal about the State purchasing the Towne Suites Hotel in Redwood Shores. I believe that the decision should not be rushed and a full analysis with input with the community should occur before a decision is made.

Properties with more public transportation access along El Camino seem to be a better fit for this type of need.

Without knowing more information, I oppose the idea of the State purchasing the Towne Suites to convert to Senior/Covid-19 housing.

A Concerned Redwood Shores Neighbor,
Brian Yu

From: MARGE JONES [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 10:36 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Project HomeKey

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The County is considering purchasing two hotels in Redwood City, and one is the TownePlace Suites (next to the Bay Club) for homeless housing.

“The County has determined the Property would provide an appropriate facility to be used for affordable housing for extremely low-income seniors with heightened risk for COVID-19 complications and who may be at risk of homelessness or previously experienced homelessness, and for other potential uses, and therefore desires to purchase the Property.”

I as a resident of Redwood Shores have concerns regarding the County expediting the process to meet the State's December 30 deadline to expend it's awarded funds. During this process, the County neglected to seek the community's input and not to provide logistical details including, but not limited to:

- Why didn't the County seek the community's input before negotiating with the property owner?
- Why are both properties in consideration located in Redwood City?
- If this project is implemented, who will coordinate it? Who within the County will oversee the program?
- Who does the community refer to with questions or concerns?
- What is the process to select occupants, and by whom?
- What are the "other potential uses" for the property?

- Is the County aware of how isolating Redwood Shores is from public transit and accessible senior services?
- How will the County utilize the property post-COVID-19?
- I protest such a plan, feeling that it would not be in the best interest of the community, nor would it be convenient for services to the homeless.

Regards,
Marge Jones

From: Janet Mok [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 11:22 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: "I am very concerned regarding the County expediting the process to meet the State's December 30 deadline to expend the Project Homekey award funds. I am also concerned the County has rushed this process and neglected to seek the Redwood Shores communi..."

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"I am very concerned regarding the County expediting the process to meet the State's December 30 deadline to expend the Project Homekey award funds. I am also concerned the County has rushed this process and neglected to seek the Redwood Shores community's input. It has also failed to provide logistical details including, but not limited to:

- What is the process to select occupants, and by whom? Where are the occupants coming from? I am very concerned about the impact of Project Homekey to the safety of Redwood Shores. I do not feel comfortable having people that may have mental health needs living in our area as they will not have access to health services here in RWS.
- Who will coordinate the program?
- Who within the County will oversee the program?
- How will the County utilize the property post-COVID-19?
- Is the County aware of how isolating Redwood Shores is from public transit and accessible senior services?

I have serious concerns about the impact of this project on the local community and lack of community input. I strongly urge the Board to oppose passing Project Homekey."

From: Wes Matsuura [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 11:26 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Towne Place Suites

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As a resident of the Redwood Shores community and a retired County employee I am stunned that we're learning of the proposed purchase of Towne Place Suites via a press release dated October 29, 2020. If it were not for the Redwood Shores Community Association, we would not have been aware of this at all. Was the City of Redwood City made aware of the County's planned purchase?

My past employment with San Mateo County made me keenly aware of the social issues involving homelessness, affordable housing and the importance of addressing these issues. Make no assumption to the contrary, I am thrilled that the County is a leader in addressing the issues. However, the proposed plan to purchase the property in Redwood Shores with no opportunity for the community's input completely lacks the transparency that the County has touted for years. I consider a couple of the Board of Supervisors friends and one a prior boss which pains me to say that I'm disappointed in how this appears to be playing out. Perception...

- Why didn't the County seek the community's input before negotiating with the property owner?
- Why are both properties in consideration located in Redwood City?
- If this project is implemented, who will coordinate it? Who within the County will oversee the program?
- Who does the community refer to in the County with questions or concerns or will those be forwarded to the City of Redwood City to handle?
- What is the process to select occupants, and by whom? What agency will monitor the occupants that they comply with the rules/regulations? What agency will monitor the occupants to ensure that only approved individuals actually live there? Don't be naive to think this won't happen. We've learned from past incidents that fraud, abuse and taking advantage of situations have and will occur. If there are unapproved individuals living at the property, will they fall under any "no eviction" ordinance? Will the City or County be responsible for first responder calls for service?
- What are the "other potential uses" for the property? Be specific on what the County's thoughts are?
- Is the County aware of how isolating Redwood Shores is from public transit and accessible senior services?
- How will the County utilize the property post-COVID-19?
- Who in the Redwood City government was advised of the County's plan to purchase the property?

I'm sorry to mention transparency again but the lack of it makes my perception of this proposal to be "lets get this done and we'll figure the rest out."

Respectfully,

Wes Matsuura

From: Maywun Wong [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 11:43 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Concerns about Project Homekey property acquisition of Townplace Suites in Redwood Shores, CA

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Hello Board,

I am a resident of Redwood Shores. Tonight, the night before the board meeting, is the first I have heard about Project Homekey or the possible acquisition of one of our hotels in Redwood Shores for the project.

I have reviewed the Press Release and presentation for the proposal for the city of Redwood City's possible acquisition of TownPlace Suites in Redwood Shores, CA.

While I appreciate the goal of the project, I am concerned that the purchase of this hotel will unnecessarily expose the Redwood Shores community and guests to illnesses such as COVID or other challenges from homeless populations. My concerns focus on the following issues:

1. The proximity of TownPlace Suites to children and family facilities, including a daycare. A prominent daycare (CCLC-Shores/Shores Development Center) as well as a school are located in a building just steps away from the hotel. Families must pass the hotel to reach the facility, and young children walk with their teachers in the paths near the hotel.
2. The shared parking lot to the Bay Club. The Bay Club of Redwood Shores is a family-focused, high-end fitness and community gathering place for families in Redwood Shores, Belmont, San Carlos, and Redwood City. Families come and go to visit the pool, play tennis, or enjoy the bar/restaurant. The Bay Club shares the parking lot of TownPlace Suites, meaning the families would be close to the hotel and the occupants.
3. The proximity to the San Carlos Airport, possibly exposing the viruses to people traveling. The Town Place Suites backs up to the runways of the San Carlos Airport, where planes fly all over the Western US region (as far as Seattle, Idaho, and San Diego). With a virus like COVID, our goal must be to minimize the possibility of spreading the disease with airplanes, and the TownPlace Suites' proximity to the airport is risky at best.

At the same time, I have concerns about the Project Homekey plans, the communication method to the Redwood Shores community, and even if it's right for the seniors who would be housed in this facility.

4. The Redwood Shores community was only informed of this possible acquisition less than 24 hours prior to the board meeting. The community was not given a chance to consult on the project nor have we been able to understand the details of the project or the intent of the hotel acquisition.
5. The future plans of the hotel owned by Redwood City is completely unclear. While COVID is prominent in the community, and likely will be for the next couple of years, what happens next? How will the facility be used, maintained, and managed? Will it be sold back for use as a hotel or will it be used as a homeless shelter?
6. Finally, does the city of Redwood City and the board aware that there is extremely limited public transportation in Redwood Shores? We have one bus stop many steps away from the hotel, which is quite inconvenient to the seniors. There is also limited healthcare resources in Redwood Shores. The area around El Camino Real has better access to shops, healthcare, and grocery stores for seniors.

I understand that there is limited budget and there are concerns about using the money before the end of 2020. However, moving forward with this plan for Redwood City to purchase the TownPlace Suites in Redwood Shores could be detrimental to children, families, and the broader community of Redwood Shores while simultaneously isolating the seniors. Please do not make this plan in haste, but bring the Redwood Shores Community into the decision process.

I strongly urge you to reconsider purchasing other hotels on El Camino Real in Redwood City, closer to the downtown area, where the seniors will have better access to healthcare and it will not be as detrimental to the children or families.

Many thanks,
Maywun Wong

From: Sabrina Leung [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 11:47 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: URGENT: Oppose Project Homekey in Redwood Shores

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a longtime resident of Redwood Shores (over 20 years). I am **VERY concerned** regarding the County expediting the process to meet the State's December 30 deadline to expend the Project Homekey award funds. I am also concerned the County has rushed this process and neglected to seek the Redwood Shores community's input.

First, why didn't the County seek the community's input before negotiating with the property owner? There has been **NO public information** provided to Redwood Shores residents regarding this property negotiation.

The County has also failed to provide the following logistical details:

- If the project is implemented, who will coordinate the program? Who within the County will oversee the program?
- What is the process to select occupants, and by whom? Where are the occupants coming from? I am **very concerned** about the potential impact of Project Homekey to the safety of Redwood Shores. I do not feel comfortable having people that may have mental health needs living in the area as they will not have access to adequate health services here. **Redwood Shores has no hospital or mental health/other care facilities.**
- Is the County aware how isolating Redwood Shores is from public transit, accessible senior services, and the grocery store? There is virtually **no access to a public bus or train in Redwood Shores.** For Redi-Wheels, you have to book days in advance (i.e: cannot just easily get access to it to go to the local grocery store)
- How will the County utilize the property post-COVID-19? What are the other "potential uses" for the property? There is no information on this in the presentation.

Overall, I have grave concerns about the impact of this project on the local community and lack of input from the Redwood Shores community.

Given that no logistical details have been sufficiently presented, I strongly urge the Board to **oppose** passing Project Homekey.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sabrina Leung

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Sabrina Leung

From: Florence Ng [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:00 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: URGENT: Oppose Project Homekey in Redwood Shores

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To Whom it May Concern:

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The County has also failed to provide the following logistical details to our community residents:

- If the project is implemented, who will coordinate the program? Who within the County will oversee the program?
- What is the process to select occupants, and by whom? Where are the occupants coming from? I am **very concerned** about the potential impact of Project Homekey to the safety of Redwood Shores. **Redwood Shores has no hospital or mental health/other care facilities.** I do not feel comfortable having people that may have mental health needs living in the area as they will not have access to adequate health services.
- There is **no access to a public transportation in Redwood Shores, or accessible senior services.**
- How will the County utilize the property post-COVID-19? What are the other "potential uses" for the property?

I have serious concerns about the impact of this project on the local community and lack of input from the Redwood Shores community. I strongly urge the Board to **oppose** passing Project Homekey.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
FN

From: Michael Leung [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:04 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: URGENT: Oppose Project Homekey in Redwood Shores

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To Whom it May Concern:

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The County has also failed to outline the following logistical details to our community residents:

- If the project is implemented, who will coordinate the program? Who within the County will oversee the program?
- What is the process to select occupants, and by whom? Where are the occupants coming from? I am **very concerned** about the potential impact of Project Homekey to the safety of Redwood Shores. **Redwood Shores has no hospital or mental health/other care facilities.**
- There is **no access to a public transportation in Redwood Shores, or accessible senior services.**
- How will the County utilize the property post-COVID-19? What are the other "potential uses" for the property?

I have serious concerns about the impact of this project on the local community and lack of input from the Redwood Shores community.

Given that no logistical details have been sufficiently presented, I strongly urge the Board to **oppose** passing Project Homekey.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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From: Doug Crisman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 1:45 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Comment on Plan to Purchase TownePlace Suites in Redwood City (Housing Agenda Item for November 5, 2020 Meeting)

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As a resident of the Redwood Shores neighborhood of Redwood City, I am writing to object to and request your reconsideration of the plan to purchase the TownePlace Suites Hotel on Twin Dolphin Drive in Redwood Shores to house, per your Presentation, "people experiencing or at risk of homelessness and vulnerable to COVID-19."

This location is inappropriate for a number of reasons. It is relatively inaccessible, being on the Bay side of 101, which is far (and unwalkable) from city-center services and transit options. It is also adjacent to a child care center, which is risky as the residents you plan to house near young children are likely to have a higher rate of COVID-19 infections than the surrounding community.

You also failed to seek the community's input on this plan, which you developed in secret, and have provided no logistical details as to how you will manage this large, high risk facility. It is also hard to comprehend that in all of San Mateo County the only two locations you could find for these facilities are in Redwood City. There are many better locations in San Mateo County for this sort of facility, and you should set out to identify them in a process that is transparent and open to the public.

Sincerely,
Douglas Crisman

From: Susan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 4:43 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: OPPOSE Purchase of hotel in Redwood Shores

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To: San Mateo County Supervisors

We strongly oppose the purchase of Townplace Suites in Redwood Shores for the purpose of low income housing. Lack of public transportation and nearby discount grocery outlets make this location a poor choice. Also prior community involvement in this discussion should have been offered.

Thank you

Gregory and Susan Klein

[REDACTED]
Redwood City 94065

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lee Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 7:26 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Redwood Shores Hotel

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Just briefly read the press release, please do not do this... or at least let Redwood Shores residents understand the proposal and then vote on it.

I think whoever (Warren Slocumb?) is driving the initiative should volunteer to buy properties as close to his own personal residence as possible.

Does he live in Redwood Shores? If so, that's one thing. If not, he should explain how he picked the location!

Sent from my iPhone

From: ying wang [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 7:34 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: San Mateo County's Special Meeting Regarding RWS Hotel

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I'm very concerned of county's proposal of converting a redwood shores hotel into a low income facility for potentially homelessness.

Redwood shores is quiet and safe, that's why it has attracted many families with small children to move in. It's not suitable for setting up such a facility for people who might have special needs (drug, homelessness, sickness and etc). As a parent, I'm extremely concerned about my kids' safety and future of our home's property value.

Residents in redwood shores are extremely dependent on cars, and here is not a location that's convenient to anywhere for such a dependent group. The traffic is already bad in and out of the shores given there are only 2 entrances/exits for our neighborhood. We also only have one grocery store here and everyone living in the shores are already sharing very limited resources. Nearby neighborhoods such as Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City and foster city all have more convenient, better and cheaper locations to choose from.

While I understand the needs of taking care of the homelessness issue, I believe Redwood shores is not a convenient and reasonable place for such a group, it doesn't help with the homelessness issue but creating more safety and livable issues for the local residents here.

Please change the location! Thank you.

Regards,
Resident of 17 years in redwood shores

From: Vickie Reed [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 7:54 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Feed Back: onsider purchasing two hotels in RWS

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Victoria Reed - 4 Passage Lane

I've read the information and know this quick, slick offer is well planned at year end. How is RWC replace the tax collected and your list of questions. I know you'll do the best for RWS.

This is happening in Marin, too. Novato has the exact same press for purchase 2 hotels properties!

Thanks in advance for your efforts.

From: Vivian Crisman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 8:00 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Project HomeKey selection of hotels

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Dear Board of Supervisors and County Manager,

I am a resident of Redwood Shores and received an email from my community association regarding your decision to purchase the TownePlace Suites in Redwood Shores as one of your homeless shelters for seniors at risk of COVID as well as other future homeless navigation center uses.

This is the first time, at 10 pm Wednesday Nov 4, that I have received notification about this significant decision by the county at a meeting you are holding today on Nov 5. Less than 24 hour notice and this notice did not even come from the County. I am very disappointed in the lack of communication and engagement you have (or may I say disregard) for the 15,000 plus residents of Redwood Shores.

I want to point out my main concerns about your selection of TownePlace Suites and ask you to postpone or change your selection of this site:

- 1) the physical location on the east of a major freeway 101 makes it inaccessible to transportation on El Camino by SamTrans as well as Caltrains;
- 2) there are no services near walking distance to this hotel - this hotel is for those with cars;
- 3) there is a very large childcare center just a few yards from this hotel which I do not think a good idea to house homeless individuals especially those with possible COVID, drug addictions or mental health issues near a childcare center;
- 4) if your center is to house seniors, why would you place them in an isolated location so they are even more isolated;
- 5) you are to serve all the homeless in the county so why are you placing BOTH homeless shelter projects in Redwood City? Daly City/SSF has many needs also and those individuals should have a location selected in northern county

We as residents believe the County is not operating in a professional or good faith manner with our community and request that you delay this decision until you engage with our leadership in Redwood Shores.

Kind regards
Vivian Crisman
[REDACTED]

From: Sergey Shekyan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:16 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Stop wasting money

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This isn't Soviet Union or China for the government to decide how to spend a lot of money without a proper plan and without seeking community input.

Put it on vote, use your personal money to that, anything but what you do now.

Sergey Shekyan
San Mateo County resident

From: Diane Warner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:12 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Purchase of Hotels for housing

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a mother of a 57 year old son with severe mental illness disabilities I strongly support your purchase of hotels to meet his need for a place to live. Behavioral Health Services and his caregivers at Caminar are telling the family "We have no place for him to live" due to the shortage of supported housing. Since he is unable to make decisions a client driven approach is not working for him. I am 86 and living in an assisted living community that using all my financial resources at 9,000 dollars a month. I realize the cost of care for my son exceeds current SSDI payments which are the same nationwide. In California this is a crisis.

Diane Warner
[REDACTED]
Redwood City CA 94061

From: John Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:27 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Homeless Shelter in Redwood Shores

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To the Board of Supervisors:

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- Why didn't the County seek the community's input before negotiating with the property owner?
- Why are both properties in consideration located in Redwood City?
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- Who does the community refer to with questions or concerns?
- What is the process to select occupants, and by whom?
- What are the "other potential uses" for the property?
- Is the County aware of how isolating Redwood Shores is from public transit and accessible senior services?
- How will the County utilize the property post-COVID-19?

Thanks,
John R. Hall

From: Jennifer Wolf [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:46 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Project Homekey

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I am writing to express my concern around the Project Homekey Purchase of the TownPlace Suites Hotel in Redwood Shores. I understand the need to house low income seniors and other vulnerable residents and at face value it looks like it could be a good location. However, I am concerned. Are you aware that there is a child care facility right next door to that hotel? This could have an impact on the residents that you are able to place there.

There is a grocery store within walking distance but it is an expensive grocery store and there are no other options near by. The public transportation at that location is very limited, cal train is not near by and buses do run in Redwood Shores but bus service is limited and many of the buses in "normal" times serve our middle and high school students to and from school.

I am also concerned that the TownPlace Suites hotel is very remote from many services. Redwood shores does not have resources for seniors or any other social services near by.

I am troubled that as a Redwood Shores Resident this is the first I am hearing of this project. What other sites were considered? Would a more central location closer to transportation and other social services better serve the population we are trying to help? Isolating them in the Shores with limited transportation options and no services in Redwood Shores doesn't seem to be ideal.

Once the project is established, who will be responsible for coordinating this program? Who will be identifying the residents? How will residents be selected for the program? Who will be responsible for overseeing the program? Who do we reach out to if we have questions or concerns with the program? What is the plan for the property post COVID-19? These may all be questions that have already been considered and have answers but they have not been shared with the community. I am disappointed that this is the first I am hearing of this as a community member.

I urge you to consider the feedback you are getting from the community and to consider the services available to the residents that are available. Housing them and isolating them from key infrastructure is far from ideal. I understand that these are tough times and there is no perfect solution but I hope that you will consider the issues I have raised as you evaluate these projects.

Thank you for your time,
Jennifer Hom
Redwood Shores Resident

From: Chris Chow [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:50 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: I oppose housing measure to purchase two hotels

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I am a resident of Redwood Shores.

I oppose the development as there has not been adequate information that would ensure housing would be only available to seniors.

What is their definition of a "senior"?

What would occur if young adults are found in the residences?

How would incomes be audited to determine tenants meet criteria <- How would this even be legal?

What type of contractual documents be put in place to ensure compliance to the tenant selection process?

What entity would manage such a location?

What organization and what guidelines will be in place to determine the tenant population?

Where will the funds be emanating that will be exchanged for such housing?

What are the eviction procedures for those rooms that are not being paid? How will eviction processes be enforced?

We are surrounded by schools with children, would children be at risk due to potential crime associated with subsidized housing? What about adequate screening of tenants that were previously convicted of committing harm to children?

I am taken aback by the clandestine attempt to circumvent any Hearing by Redwood Shores residents.

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Chris

From: Wynne Chan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 10:41 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Feedback on purchasing TownePlace Suites as affordable housing

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I was recently told that San Mateo County is considering purchasing TownePlace Suites in Redwood City as affordable housing. In particular, the property will be "used for affordable housing for extremely low-income seniors with heightened risk for COVID-19 complications and who may be at risk of homelessness or previously experienced homelessness, and for other potential uses.."

Being a resident in the neighborhood of the identified property, I strongly oppose the use of the property for the above purposes. The property is located in Redwood Shores, which is an isolated area that is away from most public transit. In particular, the identified property is not within even walking distance from any bus line. Here's a simple question: what's the plan for the potential residents, who are old and properly unable to drive, to get their daily groceries? Have any of you looked at the property in person, or in google map, to know where the property is located, and what's available in the surrounded area? What's the plan for supporting the potential residents at the location?

Also, as far as I understand, two properties are selected for the program, and both are located in Redwood City. Can you provide a list of all other properties that are considered and the selection process/criteria of why both properties selected are located in Redwood City?

A concerned resident living in Redwood City,
Wynne Chan

From: Shannon Guzzetta [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 10:42 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: GRP-City Council; boardmembers@rsca.org; The Daily Journal
Subject: Concerns about Project Home Key proposal

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Hello,

I am writing to reiterate concerns about the proposal that, along with many other important items recently, cropped up with INSUFFICIENT NOTICE to the community and INSUFFICIENT PLANNING or detail sharing.

The concept of providing additional housing for those in need is to be applauded. The process and followup plans need work.

In addition to concerns about lack of community dialogue, and lack of logistical details provided, I'm concerned with what (if any) on-going services people will have access to, and how the sites will be maintained for its residents in the near and long term. It seems like the county has a large fund for acquisition, but is not entirely covering the property price, and had an insufficient budget for additional services or maintenance which puts these at-risk residents further at risk, as well as causing challenges for the neighboring communities and the city of Redwood City.

Additionally, I want to make sure that the board members and responsible planners realize the distance to retail and transportation options, and the proximity to childcare facilities. (The Redwood Shores location is right next door to a large childcare facility). How will the placement process ensure adequate background checks for service providers and residents?! How will the county maintain transparency on these matters when they have failed to engage in community dialogue at this important part of the process? I would also like to make sure you're aware that the location in Redwood City had a shooting incident next to it just hours ago, this morning. How will safety be addressed, especially since Redwood City has frozen open police officer positions for the next year?!

Thank you for your attention to these concerns, I look forward from hearing additional plans and logistics to remedy the problems identified thus far.

Shannon Guzzetta

PTA President, Redwood Shores Elementary School Editor, The PILOT, a Redwood Shores Community Association publication Alumni Board Member, Carlmont Parents Nursery School

From: Li Du [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 10:57 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: URGENT: Oppose Project Homekey in Redwood Shores

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Hi Board,

I am a resident of Redwood Shores. I am extremely concerned regarding the County expediting the process to meet the State's December 30 deadline to expend the Project Homekey award funds.

- Is the county aware that how isolated Redwood Shores is from public transportation, discounted grocery outlets and public services like hospitals ? With this in mind, Redwood Shores is not an ideal choice.
- If the project is implemented, who will coordinate the program? Who within the County will oversee the program?
- What is the process to select occupants, and by whom? Where are the occupants coming from? I am very concerned about the potential impact of Project Homekey to the safety of Redwood Shores. Redwood Shores has no hospital or mental health/other care facilities.
- How can we understand the impact of this facility to Redwood Shores ? Any before/after stats we can refer to for those residential areas with similar facility ?
- Finally I didn't see any transparency in the planning phase for building this facility, San Mateo country should seek for inputs from this community!

Best Regards,
Li X

From: Steven Tsujisaka [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:03 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Resolution to Purchase TownePlace Suites (File # 20-829)

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Dear Supervisors,

I echo the concerns expressed by the Redwood Shores community members regarding the County's lack of transparency and logistical details for their intended purchase of the TownePlace Suites Hotel.

I reviewed the State HCD's documents on Project Homekey and understand the CFR requires award recipients to expend the funds by the end of this year. However, the board should not pass this resolution until the County adequately addresses the community's concerns, including, but not limited to:

- Why didn't the County seek the community's input before negotiating with the property owner?
- Why are both properties in consideration located in Redwood City?
- How will the County remedy the City of lost tax revenue generated by these businesses?
- If this project is implemented, who will coordinate it? Who within the County will oversee the program?
- Who does the community refer to with questions or concerns?
- What is the process to select occupants, and by whom?
- What are the "other potential uses" for the property?
- Is the County aware of how isolating Redwood Shores is from public transit and accessible senior services? Is the County also aware of the facility's surroundings - including a childcare center?
- What is County's recourse if the project causes issues such as an increase in crime?
- How will the County utilize the property post-COVID-19?

I urge the Board not to vote on the resolution until the community is given adequate information and the raised concerns are addressed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Steven Tsujisaka

From: sm [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Steven Tsujisaka
Cc: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Re: Resolution to Purchase TownePlace Suites (File # 20-829)

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Thank you Steven -- Thank you Shannon... Thank you Rona... Thank you all. This was thrown at us with basically no notice and everyone has stepped up.

THANK YOU!

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From: w [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:21 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Re: Hotels for Seniors

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1. How will medical care be provided for these fragile seniors?
2. What happens when funds run out? Increase RC taxes?
3. If seniors break rules at these facilities, will they be put out on the street?
4. Will there be increased manpower at our local fire stations and police stations to deal with added emergencies?
5. Will Seniors be vetted (criminal backgrounds, etc.) before they are allowed to live in these hotels?

Thank you,
Alma Dionis

Sent from my iPhone

From: Elizabeth Damonte [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:17 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Hotel Purchase in Redwood Shores

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Purchasing this hotel for seniors is not a good idea. This area of Redwood Shores is isolated from major public services, namely transportation and senior centers. Also, the San Carlos Airport noise can be confounding to older residents. Please review this idea more carefully and include the Redwood Shores and other Redwood City citizens in this decision-making process. We welcome new neighbors, but thorough consideration for both sets of constituencies must be included.

Elizabeth Damonte
RWS Resident for 15 Years

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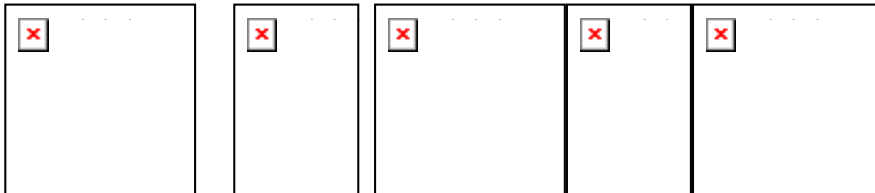
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From: Emma tcheau [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:30 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Concern for the upcoming buying of hotel

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Hello
I am a 20 year resident of Redwood Shores and my husband and I are not happy about your decision to buy the hotel behind the Bay Club for public assisted housing.
Why have we not heard of this until now?
As residents shouldn't we have a right to know?
Emma and Guy Tcheau

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From: Chin Lim [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:46 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: OPPOSE Project Homekey in Redwood Shores TownePlace Suites Hotel

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Dear San Mateo County Supervisors,

I was just informed about the proposal by the county to purchase the TownePlace Suites Hotel in Redwood Shores for the purpose of housing low income homeless seniors. Such an important decision must always be done in careful consultation with the community in which the project is planned.

I have been a resident of Redwood Shores for more than a decade and I am very proud of the community in which I live. Redwood Shores is populated by responsible citizens and we keep our community safe and our surroundings clean and well-maintained.

The TownePlace Suites Hotel in Redwood Shores sits right beside a popular path along the Bay trail that is frequented by many local residents, including small children. There is also a large childcare center situated just a stone's throw away from the hotel.

While I am not against housing well-deserving, law-abiding and responsible seniors in our community, I am very concerned about whether this project will house people with drug addiction, mental problems and/or criminal history who may put the Redwood Shores community at risk of these and other associated problems. I am also very worried about whether it might attract other homeless people with similar problems to set up encampment in Redwood Shores and disrupt our peaceful way of life. If any of the answers to the above is "yes," then I strongly oppose this project.

We are all familiar with the escalating crime, littered used needles, trash and excrement in public spaces that are associated with homeless encampments in the city of San Francisco and other places. It will be a crime and tragedy for such a well-meaning project to introduce these problems into the safe and orderly community of Redwood Shores and endanger Redwood Shores residents.

Other Redwood Shores residents have already voiced concerns about the potential impact on would-be occupants, including isolation and other issues.

Further, has the potential impact on San Carlos airport, a low security airport within steps of the project, been assessed?

Has the potential impact on the unique wildlife, within steps of the project (such as potential contamination of the sanctuaries) been assessed?

This project has very significant potential to change the character of Redwood Shores. Therefore, I strongly urge San Mateo county officials to reconsider their proposal.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

From: Jessica Yau [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:53 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: TownePlace purchase

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Greetings!

I am just made aware of the county purchase plan of TownePlace in Redwood City by Redwood Shores!

Very surprised there was no information related to the residents in Redwood Shores when we have Pilot community magazine that county could have utilized to inform us early on!

Redwood Shores is not exactly a very convenient place for someone who does not drive. The current buses are mostly for the children to get to Ralston middle school and Carlmont High School!

Hotels and motels on El Camino Real on the peninsula have much easier access to all conveniences and would probably be a better fit for the prospective future residents who does not own private transportation!

We have seen pedestrians and bikers got into with cars coming around that off ramp intersection!

I think the unintended consequences should be taking into consideration!

The plan for the site should be disclose more clearly to the residents in Redwood Shores as a courtesy!

Thank you for your attention

Jessica Chung Yau

From: Lesli Leong [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:11 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Concern - Senior Housing

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Hello,

I'm a 27 year resident of Redwood Shores and have deep concern regarding the possible purchase of The TownePlace Suites for at risk senior housing and other potential uses. Will other at risk groups also reside there? What are the other potential uses? How was Redwood Shores chosen, and do you think this is a location that can best serve the needs of at risk seniors? How will this impact the community and nearby businesses? Residents of Redwood Shores are very concerned and need the opportunity to weigh in. Please do not rush to make this purchase without hearing from the Redwood Shores community. Thank you.

Lesli Leong
Redwood Shores resident

From: Pedram Abrari [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:28 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: TownePlace Suites Redwood Shores purchase

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I am a Redwood Shores homeowner living at 369 Saint Martin Dr. I am adamantly opposed to the purchase and use of this hotel by the county for low income seniors with COVID.

Pedram Abrari

From: P H [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:32 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Against TownePlace Suites use as COVID-19 facility

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Please take into consideration that TownePlace Suites directly butts up against CCLC (child care facility) that is serving the residents of Redwood Shores. Not only that, but it is in close proximity to the ONLY grocery store (Nob Hill) serving the Redwood Shores neighborhood. This is a potential risk of exposure to our children, families, and our food/grocery source.

Without these two local services, residents will have to expand beyond 5 miles to seek services. In the event of COVID-19 exposure, this means the risk of contact exposure increased geometrically.

Thanks,
Peter