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Re:Dame Shirley/State Courthouse

I am reminding you! I have asked for you to do your research on this critical decision to sell Dame Shirley to the State of California for the new courthouse. I had requested that each of you speak to me, specifically regarding the financial impact to our town. It had been noted in a previous agenda that there would be no applicable financial impact. I very much disagree with that. The following are items worth researching including, the function of government in our town, the lack of use at Dame Shirley, the intended use of Dame Shirley, construction, and doing what is right for the future of our town and county.

A government center is vitally important to our community. It is important that we continue to provide a service to those using the courthouse with the most convenient, safe, and efficient means. Having the new

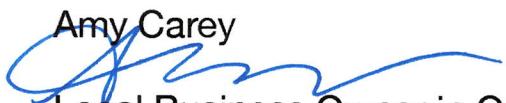
courthouse next to the existing courthouse will create a government center, sort of a one stop business center! Court business moves slow in the best of situations, moving the courthouse even a few blocks will create a slower process for many. Quincy is the county seat, why would we not continue to be proud about that? Keep our judicial presence on Main St., keep our services close to each other, seamless transactions have great value.

Dame Shirley costs the county presently, Dame Shirley is not utilized much. (Chart attached) Dame Shirley is rarely used for events. With the exception of Plumas Arts, I personally have never attended events at that location that bring any economic positivity to town. As the attached chart shows, it does get used by approximately 6 people per day, most of which occurs at lunch time. I am sure the courthouse lawn would be used at lunch time if picnic tables were added to the lawn areas. The larger numbers are from gatherings of exercise that seems to be lead by someone. Does that county get a collection fee for this use? The county purchased Dame Shirley with the intent of having a large government building and even said no to putting grass as it would lead to exactly the contention we are dealing with today!

Construction is not going to be pleasant, no matter where it occurs. "Not in My Backyard" is an uncomfortable fact. Please note though that Dame Shirley has access from nearly every side. The other two sites only have one or two access points. The county will have to grant access roads in areas that have been exclusively residential to this point. Dame Shirley is already accustomed to business activity.

I encourage you to look to the future, this is an opportunity to build a gathering space that has continuity with our existing courthouse. That is the right choice. Right choices in business are not always popular, but they need to be made. Rebuild Dame Shirley is the more appropriate slogan, not Save Dame Shirley!

Thank you for taking the time to gain knowledge in this important decision for this town and county.

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## Dame Shirley

TIME	9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14	9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30
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