

Skyview's future appears secure

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SANTA CRUZ — The film will roll, the fleas will be marketed. For as long as anyone can see, the future of the Skyview Drive-In is secure.

"We're intent on it remaining as a flea market and just improving and expanding that operation," said Dan Walker, the Southern California-based representative of Evelyn and Martin Marvins, owners of the Skyview.

And Walker confirmed that the Martins are looking into purchasing nearly four acres adjacent to the drive-in that local investors bought when they thought there was a chance of turning it into an auto plaza.

The auto plaza proposal fell apart last weekend after the investors and the county were engulfed in controversy concerning the financing of the auto plaza deal and the fact that the popular flea market would be displaced.

More than 400 vendors use the Skyview site every weekend to sell their wares, and county officials could not come up with a comparable site to hold the flea market. After news broke of their potential displacement, vendors presented to the Board of Supervisors a petition signed by 10,000 people protesting the sale.

Ricardo D'Alessandro, president of the Flea Market Vendors Association said that he has faith that the Martins will retain the Skyview property.

"I think the property is politically very hot," D'Alessandro said. "People will think twice before trying to get some kind of development there."

D'Alessandro said that his association is actually attempting to get the Martins to lease them the drive-in with an option to buy the land, but the Martins are not interested.

"They insist they don't want to sell," D'Alessandro said.



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Flea Market fare will continue to be sold.