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Saroya, Ashley

From:

Janet de Michaelis < jdem1411@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, November 24, 2023 9:07 PM

То:

COB\_Response

Subject:

Input on Item 12 on the Agenda for 11/28/23

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a commercial property owner located at 2800-A South Main Street in Santa Ana. As the property owner and also the former owner of a business formerly located at this address, I am writing to express my disapproval of the Board of Supervisors vote to renew and fund a \$2.4 million contract to MHA at 2416 S. Main Street which services the mentally ill and homeless..

My family has owned our property for 40 years since 1980. Over the years, there has been a growing and increasingly signficat problem of homeless and mentally ill individuals living around the property, even at the front door of our and our tenant's business. Needless to say, this has become a nuisance and a deterrent to customers doing business at the location. We have expressed complaints to the City and to date the problem still exists. By renewing this contract, you are in essence saying you don't care, are doing nothing to solve the problem, and in fact ensuring the problem continues, and our property values decline.

The City of Santa Ana is against the renewal of this contract specifically because of all the complaints they've received from the surrounding neighborhood.

Do the right thing, Do not renew this contract with MHA. Any services to the mentally ill and the homeless need to be moved to another location where it doesn't negatively impact neighboring businesses.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Janet de Michaelis, Trustee
de Michaelis Revocable Trust
Owner, 2800-A South Main Street, Santa Ana
and former Owner of a business formerly located at this location.

From:

Thomas Grebel <tmgrebel@pacbell.net>

Sent:

Saturday, November 25, 2023 3:25 PM

To:

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Cc:

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Subject:

November 28th Board of Supervisors Discussion #12 - Contract for MHA

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Dear Orange County Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Santa Ana, living only a few blocks away from the Mental Health Association of Orange County's Multi-Services Center at 2416 S. Main Street, I urge you to vote no on Discussion #12 on November 28th and not approve a new contract with MHA. The negative impacts to the surrounding community are well documented. Two elementary schools and a park and community center are all within a quarter-mile of MHA along with hundreds of apartments and condominiums.

I join with the Mayor of Santa Ana and local residents and businesses to strongly urge you to not approve a renewal of the contract with MHA at this particular location.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Grebel 230 Carriage Drive Apt. E Santa Ana, CA 92707

From:

Nathaniel Greensides <mynci90@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 26, 2023 12:28 PM

To:

COB\_Response; Sarmiento, Vicente

Cc:

Do, Andrew; Wagner, Donald; Chaffee, Doug; Foley, Katrina

Subject:

Item 12 OC Board meeting on Nov 28, 2023

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**OC** Board of Supervisors

November 26th, 2023

Nathaniel Greensides 1601 N Flower St Apt 6 Santa Ana CA 92706

Dear OC Board of Supervisors,

I write as a resident of Santa Ana in support of the item and ask that this item be replicated all throughout Orange County and not just in Santa Ana. While many who are have submitted comments against this item – including the current Mayor of Santa Ana – on the grounds that providing services will somehow make neighborhoods unsafe, I wish to offer my experience with interacting with unhoused *individuals* (not "the unhoused" or "the homeless" as has been the dehumanizing phrase utilized by elected officials) in my own neighborhood as well as in other parts of California and the USA.

When I interact and speak with individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness, my experience has been that people are simply just trying to exist without being noticed for fear of having the cops called on them for simply existing and "looking homeless". They explain that there are not always safe places in shelters to sleep at night and even if they are able to procure a safe and warm bed, many places require individuals to leave every morning or submit to programs that have stringent requirements which are a burden to keep up with - especially while homeless and uncertain of where they will sleep each night. Programs where long-term beds are provided sometimes have maximum lengths of time that individuals can make use of a safe bed and services. By the end of their time in those types of places, the root of the problem for many people still remains: expensive housing coupled with inaccessibility to living wage jobs.

I will admit that I do not always approach individuals who seem to be experiencing some sort of mental health emergency as I am not a trained medical professional. Yet, I question the premise that having a safe place for individuals to access services will somehow result in an increased presence of people experiencing intense mental health emergencies on the streets. If in fact the presence of individuals in need of services has been increasing WITHOUT any services currently in place, it stands to reason that the services as proposed in the contract with MHA should serve to alleviate the presence of individuals in need of services who have been "causing safety issues" in surrounding neighborhoods. In my opinion, having safe places for people to go where their human dignity and liberty is respected will never be a bad thing. Additionally and more importantly, the contract as proposed with MHA outlines that the individuals who participate in programs and services will receive transportation in the form of bus passes so that individuals after receiving mental health services (and most importantly, a shower — which for many unhoused individuals I've spoken with, remains one of the most difficult parts of being unhoused in Orange County and Santa Ana) can effectively and independently begin to seek long term stability for themselves.

These types of services will also serve to benefit other areas in Orange County as well, not just in Santa Ana. In opposing these types of services and programs, in participating in the demonization of human beings who are simply trying to

exist, we as as society ensure that those who fall on hard times will feel forever ashamed from accessing services that aim to assist in providing stability for the individual and in turn, neighborhoods and communities as well.

Many people who are unhoused are simply that: people who do not currently have a house. Existing without a safe and stable place to sleep at night will surely deteriorate the mental health of any person facing such a reality. Thus, providers like MHA ought to be allowed to provide services to help people experiencing the negative health effects of being unhoused so that unhoused individuals can have a foundation upon which they can once again be housed and hopefully forever.

I sincerely hope you all will consider these points as you make your decision on the matter.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Greensides Santa Ana resident

From:

John Ramirez <jpramirez714@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Sunday, November 26, 2023 3:22 PM

To:

Do, Andrew; Sarmiento, Vicente; Wagner, Donald; Chaffee, Doug; Foley, Katrina

Cc:

COB\_Response

Subject:

#12 Approve contract MA-042-23011036 with Orange County Association for Mental

Health dba Mental Health Association of Orange County

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I DO NOT support the new contract for the Mental Health Association of Orange County located in the city of Santa Ana. This location has been negatively impacting the surrounding businesses and Delhi community, which includes 2 schools, for years now. I also believe the police calls for service to this area puts constraints on our police department which is already understaffed and must deal with more urgent priority calls in our city of Santa Ana. Our city deserves the same standards for safety as other surrounding cities.

For these reasons, I ask you to please VOTE NO on the contract before you today for the Mental Health Association of Orange County.

Thank you,

John Ramirez

Resident of Santa Ana 40+ Years and currently residing in District 2.

From:

Linda Norman <charleydog@cox.net>

Sent:

Sunday, November 26, 2023 6:14 PM

To:

COB\_Response

Subject:

11/28/23 Meeting. AGENDA ITEM #12

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As owner of 2800B South Main, for the record I vehemently oppose the renewal of the contract and funding of MHA. 2416 S. Main Street. The deplorable condition of the property caused by the homeless population in the area not only depreciates the value of the property but also creates an unsafe atmosphere for all businesses in our once lovely and thriving business park.

Appreciate your consideration.

Linda Norman

Sent from my iPad

From:

Linda Oskins < Linda@meyerandreederinc.com>

Sent:

Friday, November 24, 2023 11:51 AM

To:

COB\_Response; jennifer peatco.net; Linda Oskins

Subject:

Notice of Objection - 11/28/23 Meeting - Agenda Item #12

Attachments:

Oskins Letter.pdf

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To the Board of Supervisors:

Attached is a formal letter stating my objection to approving Agenda Item #12 at your upcoming meeting on 11/28/23.

Sincerely,

Linda Oskins Meyer & Reeder, Inc. 2800 S. Main Street Unit I Santa Ana, CA 92707 (714)388-0148

# November 24, 2023

TO:

The Board of Supervisors - Orange County

response@ocgov.com

FROM:

Linda Oskins – Meyer & Reeder, Inc.

2800 S. Main Street Unit I Santa Ana, CA 92707

Property Owner/Business Owner

SUBJECT:

11/28/23 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM #12

I would like you to acknowledge that I am **NOT IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM #12:** Approving contract MA-042-23011036 with Orange Association for Mental Health dba Mental Health Association of Orange County for multi-service center services for homeless adults with mental disorders, 1/1/24 – 12/31/24 (\$2,462,342); renewable for two additional two-year terms; and authorize County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to exercise cost contingency increase not to exceed 10% under certain conditions and execute contract – District 2

As a property owner/business owner located at 2800 S. Main Street, I have witnessed first-hand the damage that has taken place by the homeless population. There have been fires set close to our building, trash dumped, graffiti on our premises, and it is a regular occurrence to see the homeless doing drugs and sleeping by our building. This not only brings down the value of our property but also makes for an unsafe atmosphere for our customers. Approving Agenda Item #12 will only make the situation worse. Once again, please acknowledge that I am **NOT IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM #12.** 

Linda Oskins – Meyer & Reeder, Inc. 2800 S. Main Street Unit I Santa Ana, CA 92707 (714) 388-0148

From:

jennifer peatco.net < jennifer@peatco.net>

Sent:

Friday, November 24, 2023 5:53 PM

To:

COB\_Response

Subject:

11/28/23 Meeting, AGENDA ITEM #12

Attachments:

Meeting Agenda.pdf

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To: Board of Supervisors, County of Orange,

RE: Agenda Item #12 from the November 28, 2023 Meeting Agenda

I would like you to acknowledge that I am NOT IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM #12: Approving contract MA-042-23011036 with Orange Association for Mental Health dba Mental Health Association of Orange County for multi-service center services for homeless adults with mental disorders, 1/1/24 -12/31/24 (\$2,462,342); renewable for two additional two-year terms; and authorize County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to exercise cost contingency increase not to exceed 10% under certain conditions and execute contract- District 2

As the property manager for the Main and Dyer Business Park located at 2700-2800 S. Main Street and 111-401 W. Dyer Road, I have witnessed first-hand the damage that has taken place by the homeless population in the area. There have been fires set next to our buildings, trash dumped, graffiti on our premises, vandalism and it is a regular occurrence to see the homeless doing drugs and sleeping on our property. Needles and feces are also a normal sight on our property. This not only brings down the value of the properties in our business park, but also makes for an unsafe atmosphere for the businesses, the employees and their customers. Approving Agenda Item#12 will only make the situation worse. Once again, please acknowledge that I am NOTIN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM #12.

Best regards,

Gennifer L. Peat, CMCA®, CCAM®, AMS®

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Garcia, Michael (CDA) < mgarcia15@santa-ana.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 5:55 PM

To: Cc: Foley, Katrina; Sarmiento, Vicente; Wagner, Donald; Do, Andrew; Chaffee, Doug Hatch, Tom; Mendoza, Steven; Carvalho, Sonia R.; Amezcua, Valerie; Bacerra, Phil; Penaloza, David; Vazquez, Benjamin; Hernandez, Johnathan; Phan, Thai; Lopez, Jessie; Kim, Frank (HOA); Flores, Rosa; Cardoza, Nancy; Cruz, Yesenia; COB Response; Fourth

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Subject:

City of Santa Ana Opposition to OC BOS Discussion Item 12 Contract with MHA

Attachments:

Mayoral MHA Letter of Opposition to County Board of Supervisors 112223.pdf

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On behalf of Mayor Valerie Amezcua, attached is a letter of opposition to Discussion Item 12 that is agendized to be considered by the Orange County Board of Supervisors (Board) on Tuesday November 28, 2023.

This letter is to provide notice that the City of Santa Ana (City) is not in support of the contract with the Mental Health Association of Orange County (MHA) to provide Homeless Services for Adults with Mental Disorders at 2416 South Main Street.

City staff will be in attendance to speak during public comment regarding this item and would like the Board to vote no on this item.

#### Mike Garcia | Executive Director City of Santa Ana

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### **CITY OF SANTA ANA**

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

20 Civic Center Plaza -- M25 Santa Ana, California 92702 www.santa-ana.org

November 22, 2023

Orange County Board of Supervisors 400 W. Civic Center Drive Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: November 28th Board Discussion #12 - Contract for Mental Health Association of Orange County

Dear Orange County Board of Supervisors,

As Mayor of the City of Santa Ana, I ask that the Board of Supervisors vote no on Discussion #12 and not approve Contract MA-042-23011036 with the Mental Health Association of Orange County (MHA). The City has endured the negative impacts of the unhoused that visit MHA's Multi-Services Center (MSC) at 2416 S. Main Street. MHA's clients wander into the surrounding residential neighborhoods of Delhi, Memorial Park, Sandpointe and Sunwood Central and the calls for service to the Santa Ana Police Department from businesses and residents surrounding the MSC are disturbing.

The City is very concerned about the public safety of the community from the disturbances caused by the unhoused clients that visit the MSC. Within less than ¾ of a mile are two (2) elementary schools, two (2) middle schools, two (2) high schools and three (3) parks. The children attending Cesar Chavez High School (1,300 feet from MSC), Esqueda Middle School (700 feet from MSC), and Monroe Elementary (1,290 feet from MSC) are impacted the most.

The City has strongly encouraged the County to consider alternative locations to host MHA, and I strongly encourage the Board of Supervisors to not approve Discussion #12 for a contract with MHA.

Sincerely,

Valerie Amezcua

Mayor

Cc: City Councilmembers of the City of Santa Ana

Frank Kim, County Executive Officer Steven Mendoza, Assistant City Manager

From:

Liz Ruiz < lizbethadriana 27@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 27, 2023 11:30 AM

To:

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Subject:

MHA opposition

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Nov. 27, 2023

Orange County Board of Supervisors 400 W. Civic Center Drive Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: November 28th Board Discussion #12-Contract for MHA

Dear Orange County Supervisors,

My name is Lizbeth Ruiz, I was born, raised and still a current resident of the City of Santa Ana. I strongly urge you to please Vote NO on Agenda #12. I am very concerned for the safety of everyone here in our community. I think it's very dangerous for the MHA to be this close to our Elementary schools, Middle schools, High schools, City parks, our local CVS pharmacy, Delhi center and our Community Church. I can't even walk in this area because I am being threatened by MHA's clients. My mom has even been followed and chased as well. MHA should not be this close to public areas. There are other cities that they can also go to or an area where it's not this public, especially this close to schools and neighborhoods. Have you seen the homeless encampments by McDonald's?and CVS? Flood channels along Flower Street? Main Street? If not, I urge you to go take a look at it and then you will understand why you should not approve the contract for MHA. Have you visited MHA? it's a total dump, its' filthy. The County is paying millions of dollars for this ???? Their clients are just roaming the streets and are being a threat to our community. I don't want my child or any other child to witness all these disturbances. I have witnessed people getting naked and no one should have to witness that, needles all over the place, people drugging themselves, threatening everyone that walks by. Those areas are filthy and they smell bad. This is not a safe community. We have many people who don't have a 2nd car and have no other choice but to walk around that area to take their kids to and from school. If you guys renew MHA's contract, this is just a disaster waiting to happen. The City of Santa Ana already has enough burden because of the poverty levels and the immigration statuses that we have here. You are not helping our City by renewing the contract with MHA. Enough is enough!!! I strongly believe that you will make the right choice for our Community and make this City safe for everyone again, especially our Children. Please Vote NO on Agenda #12!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you in advance,

Lizbeth Ruiz

From:

Cruz, Yesenia

Sent:

Monday, November 27, 2023 11:04 AM

To:

COB\_Response

Subject:

Letter of Opposition to OCBOS Item 12 for the 11/28/23 Meeting - Submitted by Santa

Ana Councilmember David Penaloza

Attachments:

Opposition to OCBOS Item 12 - Penaloza.pdf

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To whom it may concern:

Please review attached letter sent on behalf of Councilmember David Penaloza.

Respectfully,

### Yesenia Cruz, Executive Assistant

City of Santa Ana, City Manager's Office

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## CITY OF SANITA ANA

November 24, 2023

Orange County Board of Supervisors 400 W. Civic Center Drive Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Board Item #12 - Contract for Mental Health Association of Orange County (MHA)

Honorable members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors,

As a member of the Santa Ana City Council representing Ward 6 which includes the Delhi, Madison, and Memorial Park neighborhoods encompassing the MHA site, I write this letter today to express my STRONG OPPOSITION to the county contracting and/or renewing any contract with the Orange County Association for Mental Health (MHA). While I understand the importance of addressing the needs of homeless adults with mental disorders, we should not sacrifice the well-being and safety of an entire community for this service provider's lackluster attempt to "help" a few dozen.

Firstly, for years we have observed and encountered the adverse and troubling effects caused by MHA in our city. This service provider has inflicted harm on numerous homes, schools, parks, churches, and businesses, all situated within a radius of less than half a mile from this site at 2416 S. Main St. These impacts have contributed to elevated crime rates in the vicinity, placing additional strain on the resources of our police department.

Secondly, the performance outcomes outlined in your own staff report, do not inspire confidence. Key metrics such as linkages to permanent housing, veterans enrolled, and individuals gaining employment are consistently below target. It is essential to ensure that taxpayer dollars are invested in programs that demonstrate tangible and successful outcomes. The current performance metrics raise doubts about the efficacy of the proposed contract and suggest the need for a comprehensive review and reassessment of the provider's capabilities. As communicated by our city's homeless services staff, we believe these funds could be better spent on transportation to shelters throughout the entire county, funding for rehabilitation beds, among other vital services.

Additionally, the ongoing litigation between our city and MHA, raises concerns about potential legal entanglements that may impact your proposed contract. The county should avoid entering into agreements with entities involved in unresolved legal disputes to prevent any further adverse consequences. I urge you to vote **NO** on Item #12. I believe it is in the best interest of our community to explore alternatives that will not negatively impact our city

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the implications of the proposed contract renewal on our community.

David Penaloza Councilmember

CITY ATTORNEY Sonia R. Carvalho INTERIM CITY MANAGER Tom Hatch

CITY CLERK Jennifer L. Hall

From:

Glenn Gregersen <glenn.gregersen@signspecialists.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 27, 2023 9:58 AM

To:

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Subject:

11/28/23 Meeting, AGENDA ITEM #12

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To: Board of Supervisors, County of Orange,

RE: Agenda Item #12 from the November 28, 2023 Meeting Agenda

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As a manager of a business located at 111 W. Dyer Rd, I have experienced multiple issues caused by the increasing homeless population in the area. My employees are afraid to walk through the grass in fear of stepping on used needles. Employees have been harassed and threatened. It is a regular occurrence to come to the office in the morning to have a homeless person sleeping in front of our door. Many times they are doing drugs and are shooting up. There have been multiple fires set by them against our building as well.

Approving Agenda Item #12 will only make the situation worse. Once again, please acknowledge that I am <u>NOT/N</u> <u>SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM #12</u>.

Thank you,

Glenn Gregersen Vice President, Operations

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