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Orange County Board of Supervisors
400 W. Civic Center Drive
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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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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
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