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Critical look at an alternative location of MHA's Mentally ill Homeless Facility to 1675 Santa Fe Avenue.

Positives	Negatives

- 1. Walking Distance to Multi Service Center. The Multi Service Center Provides integrated, on-site services through multiple agencies for the homeless. Services include referrals for housing placement, financial assistance with utilities, and rent, complete HIV housing services, case management, child care, limited medical (contract with LB Memorial for other medical care), telephones, showers, laundry facility, etc.
- 1. There will be resistance to make a change.

- 2. All services provided by City, County, State, and private organizations for the homeless & mentally ill homeless are located much closer to 1675 Santa Fe Ave. Please look at photo # 2
- 3. There is a mentally ill homeless facility adjoining 1675 Santa Fe Ave called Sea Breeze Care. The City would not be introducing a mentally ill homeless population into a new part of the city. See photo #3
- 4. Mentally ill homeless would not be required to take public or private transportation to 1675 Santa Fe. It is within walking distance of the Multi Service Center. Good for the sustainability of our City, no carbon footprint.
- 5. Located in a light industrial area where there are numerous jobs available for MHA's clients. Please see photo #5.

The surrounding area is light industrial.

Part of MHA's program is to encourage their clients to become more independent through job placement.

6. Remember what Supervisor Don Knabe said about the City's 10-Year Plan to end homelessness. "If we truly want to tackle the issue of homelessness, we need to completely change the old ways of thinking. We cannot accept the shuffling of homeless people from one city to another or from one side of town to another or from one homeless program to another."

We have the opportunity <u>now</u> to do what is right for the mentally ill homeless, the neighborhoods and the City of Long Beach. Move MHA's mentally ill homeless facility to 1675 Santa Fe Avenue.

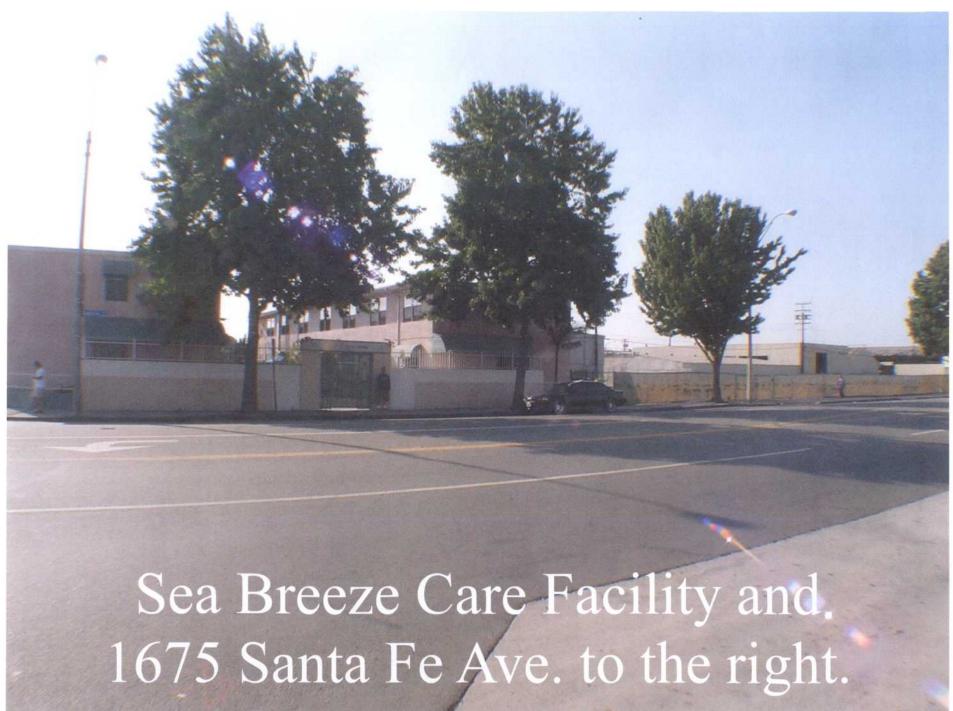
Let's work towards fulfilling The City's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, not create more homelessness by moving it to other parts of the city.

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