

Coming Soon

(Next door to you)

ALL the drunks & drug addicts in Santa Monica



Instead of booking them into jail, the city of Santa Monica plans to transport chronic drunks to the Clare Facility at 911 Pico

This drunk tank (aka "sobering center") idea is being pushed by Santa Monica's fire department and being touted as a cost saver. Here are a few issues that have not been addressed:

- Clare is not a "secure" facility: If a person wants to leave, no effort is made to stop them. They must be re-apprehended and arrested by (already overworked) police.
- Clare staff are not armed nor expected to restrain someone who becomes out of control. These "criminals" are then unleashed only a few feet from residential homes.
- No locks, no guards, no fences nor any other physical barriers stand between inmates and residents.
- Safety risk to neighbors if inmate becomes violent or out of control.
- LOTS more people at Clare: Proposed drunk tank quadruples the volume of "clients":
300 people a month instead of 72
- More traffic, noise, & parking problems. (Police/ambulances dropping off, friends/family visiting inmates, additional Clare staff, etc)
- Neighborhood is already plagued by homeless and transient individuals; Drunk tank will exacerbate this situation.
- Concentrating ALL the drunks & addicts for the entire city of Santa Monica onto one little residential street.
- After "sleeping it off" at Clare, they are released. Without cars, they are "absorbed" into the neighboring alleys, parking lots and corners nearby.
- Liquor store directly across street, about 100 feet away.

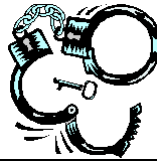
Drunk Tank Drop Off

(aka: Sobering Center)

being planned at CLARE facility on 911 Pico (Pico & 9th) would allow police / paramedics to drop off as many as 10 people per night who are chronic drunks to the Clare facility (where they are free to get up & leave with no attempt to stop them). This shifts the focus of Clare from a rehab facility aimed at those who desire help (voluntarily), to essentially, an open-door JAIL.



Clare Facilities at 9th & Pico



For more information go to <http://www.geocities.com/kathryn14.geo/sober.html>

From website you will find links to the recent newspaper articles, newsletters, and background information on this "sobering center" project.

"This (sobering center) turns 9th Street into the local jail - without the guards..."
--9th Street resident commented after learning about the sobering center



What you can do

On the reverse of this flyer is the contact information for each member of the city council. Make them aware that you don't want your street turned into the "local jail"



'Bum' muda Triangle

It's becoming clear that this drunk tank & several other projects (see "moving homeless shelter"- below) are being planned simultaneously & very quietly with the end result being to move the "undesirables" of Santa Monica out of the beach & downtown (tourist) areas to an area where (they think) no one will complain. We must not allow that to happen. Our loud & noisy opposition appears to be our only chance to stop this drunk tank - since there is no official forum - no council meeting, no public input called for. They do not believe us to be organized enough, or angry enough - to cause any trouble. Let's show them they are wrong

Moving a Homeless Shelter for schizo

phrenics, and other mentally ill patients to be discussed at 8/12/03 council meeting. This is another project moving into our neighborhood. OPCC, currently housed at 612 Colorado, is now in escrow to purchase a property located at Michigan & Cloverfield & move their facility to this location. This homeless shelter provides transitional housing for (among others) the mentally ill - those will depression, manic-depression, schizophrenia, etc. OPCC suggests that staff on site will supervise the patients inside their walls, but admit that when they leave or get turned away, the neighborhood must simply "absorb" them. In other words, these homeless & mentally ill people will be walking through residential streets & alleys. Sleeping on our sidewalks, and *answering nature's calls where convenient*. There appears to be an agenda to move an undesirable element AWAY from the beach & downtown areas of Santa Monica & dump them where no one will complain or notice. The 7 million dollar loan for this deal from the City of Santa Monica will be discussed at the August 12 city council meeting. The contacts are: John Maceri, Executive Director, OPCC 310/264-6646 x229 and Julie Rusk, City of Santa Monica, Human Services Division 310/458-8701.

July 2003 Update:

9th Street / Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Newsletter

Contact your city council members and let them know you don't want all the drunks in Santa Monica brought to our street & dumped at Clare.

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You can also contact:

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(Captain Davis is currently tasked with implementing this project.) and

Fire Chief Ettore Berardinelli Santa Monica Fire Department 1444 7th Street Santa Monica, Ca. 90401

(Per city manager's office, Chief Berardinelli is the person who should be contacted regarding this)

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If you are not already receiving email updates, you can be added to our neighborhood email list: send email to kjm@jmbm.com

For additional information go to <http://www.geocities.com/kathryn14.geo/Neighbors.html>