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January 27, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter of support for the approval of St. Joseph’s Hospital’s Certificate of Need application to permit the development of the new St. Joseph’s Hospital.

For more than 133 years, St. Joseph’s Hospital has provided the residents of Highland and surrounding communities with high quality inpatient and outpatient care. Although the hospital has made improvements to its current building - the most recent being the front lobby in 2009 - the current facility lacks the infrastructure to meet the future health care needs of the community. The current four-acre site in Highland is land locked and the hospital is unable to grow to accommodate the health care needs of the community.

The new St. Joseph’s Hospital will include more space, architectural design efficiencies and improved technologies to better serve the residents of Highland and the surrounding communities. The Master Campus Plan also allows for expansion for Diagnostic and Treatment Centers, an identified community need. The new 60 acre site will allow St. Joseph’s Hospital to develop the Medical Campus of the future.

The new St. Joseph’s Hospital represents an investment in the health and well-being of our community for generations to come. I am proud to support this vital community project, and encourage you to give it your support.

Sincerely,

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Kyle McCarter  
State Senator - 51st District



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**RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital  
Project #11-105 & #11-106**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please allow this letter to serve as a statement of my fervent support for the approval of St. Joseph’s Hospital’s Certificate of Need application to permit construction of a replacement facility in Highland, IL. By allowing St. Joseph’s Hospital to build a new state-of-the-art replacement hospital, new technologies, easier access to services and greater convenience will enhance the lives of residents in the City of Highland and the surrounding area.

As Mayor of the City of Highland, I appreciate all the hospital does for our residents. St. Joseph’s Hospital is a leader when it comes to improving our quality of life. Therefore, it is critical that the hospital be allowed to build a replacement facility in order to meet our increased demand for high quality health care services.

For more than 133 years, St. Joseph’s Hospital has been vital to sustaining the long term health of the local region. The new replacement hospital will provide health care in a more efficient manner in an environment that will make patients feel like they can relax and possibly enjoy a quicker healing process.

I speak on behalf of the residents of the City of Highland when I say, “We are extremely grateful to have a health care organization with the reputation that St. Joseph’s Hospital has serving us.” Therefore, we respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board support Project #11-105 and #11-106, both critical to the quality of life in Highland.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Michaelis  
Mayor



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**RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital  
Project #11-105 & #11-106**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to inform you of my ardent support for the approval of St. Joseph’s Hospital’s Certificate of Need application to permit construction of a replacement facility in Highland, IL. By allowing St. Joseph’s Hospital to build a new state-of-the-art replacement hospital, new technologies, easier access to services and greater convenience will enhance the lives of residents in the City of Highland and the surrounding area.

As City Manager of the City of Highland, I can tell you that St. Joseph’s Hospital is vital to the residents in this community. St. Joseph’s Hospital is a leader when it comes to improving our quality of life. Therefore, it is critical that the hospital be allowed to build a replacement facility in order to meet our increased demand for high quality health care services.

St. Joseph’s Hospital has been an integral factor in sustaining the long term health of Highland and the surrounding area for more than 133 years. The new replacement hospital will provide health care in a more efficient manner in an environment that will be more comfortable and conducive to the healing process.

I can assure you that this community is fortunate to have St. Joseph’s Hospital serving its citizens and a new improved facility would go far to securing the vital healthcare services required here. I am therefore, respectfully requesting that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board support Project #11-105 and #11-106, both critical to the quality of healthcare in Highland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Latham", written over a faint circular stamp.

Mark Latham  
City Manager



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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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January 25, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph's Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to share my support for the approval of St. Joseph's Hospital's Certificate of Need application to build a new hospital in Highland.

As the EMS Coordinator for the City of Highland and an active Paramedic, I've worked closely with St. Joseph's physicians, nurses and staff over the years to help keep our community healthy and safe. St. Joseph's current facility is landlocked and severely limited in its ability to renovate or expand services to the local population. Ambulance operations at the current facility have no privacy available to incoming patients (as they are unloaded immediately adjacent to a busy major roadway), have no protection from weather and limited parking for multiple arriving units. St. Joseph Hospital in Highland has no current ability to land air medical units at their facility and thus must rely on ground ambulance's to transport to a remote location.

The new hospital St. Joseph's is proposing to build will further strengthen our community's ability to respond to incidents that may put an individual or large numbers of people at risk.

St. Joseph's Hospital's commitment to public safety and to providing high quality, compassionate health care has made a positive difference in our community and we believe the new hospital will ensure that St. Joseph's can continue this mission.

I strongly encourage your approval of St. Joseph's Hospital's Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Crosby, Capt. EMT-P

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RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery:

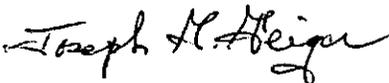
Please accept this letter as a statement of my support for the approval of St. Joseph’s Hospital’s Certificate of Need application to permit construction of a replacement facility in Highland, IL. By allowing St. Joseph’s Hospital to build a new state-of-the-art replacement hospital, new technologies, easier access to services and greater convenience will enhance the lives of many throughout the local area.

As Helvetia Township Supervisor, I appreciate all the hospital does not only for the residents of my township, but for residents throughout the southwest portion of Madison County and other regions that St. Joseph’s Hospital serves. St. Joseph’s Hospital is a leader when it comes to improving our quality of life. Therefore, it is critical that the hospital is allowed to build a replacement facility in order to meet the increased demand for high quality health care services.

Since 1878, St. Joseph’s Hospital has been vital to sustaining the long term health of the local region. The new replacement hospital will provide health care in a more efficient manner in an environment that makes not only the patient, but also their loved ones feel like they can relax and possibly enjoy a quicker healing process – with the overall goal of being able to go home sooner.

On behalf of the residents of Helvetia Township, we are extremely grateful to have a health care organization with the reputation that St. Joseph’s Hospital has and respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,



Joseph G. Geiger  
Township Supervisor