



February 24, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project 12-013
Letter of Support for Regional Cancer Center Project

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support SwedishAmerican Hospital's certificate of need application to develop a new Regional Cancer Center to better serve the Rockford community.

The new Cancer Center will offer patients a variety of outpatient services, including chemotherapy, infusion, and advanced medical imaging all in one convenient location and in a positive, healing environment. Patients will also be offered a full complement of holistic and support services to ensure a superior treatment experience.

As a local insurance executive and long-time resident, I'm impressed with the care that SwedishAmerican delivers to thousands of patients each and every day. Similar to my own company, SwedishAmerican's care and commitment to the community goes back more than 100 years and is a vital part of the fabric of the Rockford area.

On a personal note, my mother is current undergoing treatment for multiple forms of cancer, and as one of her primary caregivers, I recognize the importance of this type of facility. This Center marks a major investment in the health and well-being of patients, like my mother, across the region. I'm please to support such an important project.

Sincerely,

Dan Ross
President
Williams-Manny, Inc.



Lawrence J. Morrissey
Mayor
Office of the Mayor

March 1, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project 12-013, Regional Cancer Center Support

Dear Ms. Avery,

As Mayor of the City of Rockford, Illinois, I support Swedish American Hospital's certificate of need application for the construction of a Regional Cancer Center.

Swedish American currently provides cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment for the adult outpatient population, but efficiency is limited due to antiquated treatment facilities and fragmented care across multiple sites. The new facility will ensure that quality comprehensive cancer care is in one location with improved design efficiencies and technology to better serve the patients and families of Rockford and surrounding communities.

The City of Rockford has worked with Swedish American on numerous levels of this project, which will provide valuable cancer diagnostic and treatment by leveraging high-value services, technology and clinical expertise for multiple tumor sites. We look forward to the enhanced cancer care this facility and its physicians and staff will bring to our citizens.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "LJM".

Lawrence J. Morrissey
Mayor, City of Rockford, Illinois

LJM/ss

William D. O'Donnell
2004 Bradley Road
Rockford, IL 61107-1258

February 17, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Swedish American Cancer Center at Riverside Boulevard and Bell School Road in Rockford, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

This is a letter of support for the construction of a Regional Cancer Center at 3535 Bell School Road in Rockford, Illinois as proposed by Swedish American Hospital. The site is just west of the Riverside Boulevard and Interstate 90 interchange, allowing easy access from I-90. This site is ideally positioned to make travel between it and the University of Wisconsin Medical Center very easy. Swedish American and the University of Wisconsin Medical Facility have a most beneficial working relationship that offers the very best patient care in the area.

Swedish American has been providing excellent patient care for 100 years and compassionate cancer care for over 40 years when they constructed the accelerator. Care has improved as has the need as more patients are diagnosed with varying stages of cancer. My wife of 60 years passed away from cancer a year ago, but was most grateful for the care she received from Swedish American.

"Swede's" new cancer center will be readily available to cancer patients throughout Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin and will provide the care needed to detect and treat malignancies early and enhance the quality of life of the patients. The incidence of cancers has risen in our area, or it may be the diagnosis has improved. Swedish American's new facility will help to ensure that all cancer patients have the opportunity to receive the best and most up to date treatment including holistic medicine .

Having witnessed the care that was provided to my wife at Swedish American Hospital, I strongly urge the approval of this proposed facility so that many others may benefit from the expert care of Swedish American . Please approve this project so that many future patients can receive the excellent treatment that will be offered there.

Appreciatively,



William D. O'Donnell

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February 9, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
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RE: PROJECT: 12-013
Letter of Support for SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center, Rockford

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing this letter to support SwedishAmerican Hospital's certificate of need application to construct the Regional Cancer Center at 3535 North Bell School Road in Rockford to serve the growing need of cancer diagnostic and treatment services in our community.

The new facility will represent a major milestone by becoming a destination for patients and families that would have otherwise gone elsewhere for specialized oncology care by collaborating with others in a tradition unique to Swedes.

On another level, this project also will provide a much needed economic boost to our community as it represents hundreds of jobs.

I give the proposed Regional Cancer Center project my fullest support and ask the IHFSRB to approve this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.E. Golden".

Darrin E. Golden
Business Manager and Financial Secretary
Local Union 364, I.B.E.W.

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Ringland-Johnson Construction

February 23, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
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RE: Project 12-013
Letter of Support for SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center, Rockford

Dear Ms. Avery:

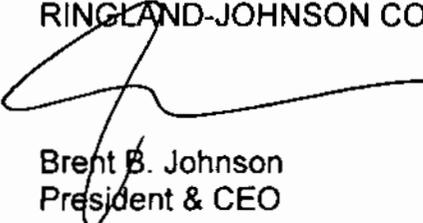
I am submitting this letter in support of SwedishAmerican Hospital's Certificate of Need application for the construction of its new Regional Cancer Center.

As the owner of a local construction company, I am well aware of the economic impact that this project will have in terms of creating hundreds of construction jobs. However, it's my understanding that the new Cancer Center also will create a substantial number of permanent jobs in the longer term.

Beyond the economic benefits, SwedishAmerican's new facility also will elevate the quality of healthcare in our region and play an important role in the improvement of cancer treatment.

Thank you for considering my letter of support.

Respectfully,
RINGLAND-JOHNSON CONSTRUCTION



Brent B. Johnson
President & CEO



Scott H. Christiansen
County Board Chairman
County of Winnebago

February 27, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
2nd Floor
Springfield IL 62761

RE: Project 12-013
Letter of Support for Regional Cancer Center Project

Dear Ms. Avery:

I submit this letter to support the SwedishAmerican Hospital certificate of need application for the development of the new Regional Cancer Center.

SwedishAmerican Hospital has a long-standing commitment to providing the residents in Rockford and the surrounding community with exceptional inpatient and outpatient care for 100 years.

The new Regional Cancer Center will be a preeminent destination for comprehensive cancer care in Northern Illinois. This state of the art facility will create superior patient experience and deliver exceptional care by partnering with world class academic medical and specialty providers. Cancer patients will be treated with a compassionate and holistic approach.

For years to come, this project will be an investment in the health and well-being of patients and families living with cancer. I am proud to support such a vital endeavor.

Sincerely,

Scott H. Christiansen, Chairman
Winnebago County Board

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RE: Project 12-013
Letter of Support for Regional Cancer Center Project

Dear Ms. Avery:

As both a life-long resident and business leader in northern Illinois, I enthusiastically support the certificate of need that Swedish American Hospital has applied for, in connection with the development of its Regional Cancer Center.

Swedish American's commitment to providing the latest oncology services in our community spans many decades. The plan to provide a Regional Cancer Center is, from my perspective, the natural progression. This center will permit the consolidation of services that are currently being provided in multiple locations to be provided in one location, making cancer treatment not only more convenient but more bearable for the patients.

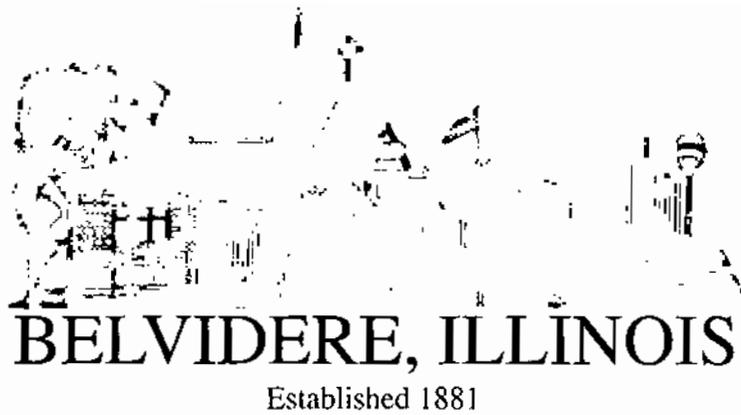
It is my firm belief that this project will make a significant difference in Rockford, as well as the entire northern Illinois region.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter.

Sincerely,

C. Steven Sjögren
President & CEO

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March 1, 2012

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Regional Cancer Center Project

Dear Ms. Avery,

It is with pleasure that I write this letter to you in support of the SwedishAmerican Hospital certificate of need application for the development of a new Regional Cancer Center.

SwedishAmerican has done a great job at providing cancer diagnostic and treatment services to patients in Rockford, Belvidere and surrounding communities, but its current facility cannot accommodate future patient demand. Careful consideration and forward thinking is necessary when making important investment decisions, and I believe that SwedishAmerican Hospital is in a unique position to provide critical access to oncology specialists for patients and their families and to provide quality care at this facility.

I support the construction of the new state of the art cancer center for improved patient treatment outcomes in what will be an exceptional patient and family centered atmosphere.

Sincerely,

Frederic C. Brereton
Mayor

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