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November 9, 2012

Ms Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project # 12-079
Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is being written to express Greater Southwest Development Corporation's strong support for Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System.

Greater Southwest Development Corporation (GSDC) was formed in 1974 as a result of organizing efforts to hold banks accountable for the growing disinvestment in the neighborhood of Chicago Lawn. At the time, the area was experiencing violent racial conflicts and GSDC's early efforts focused on easing racial tension and stimulating economic investment. Our neighborhood's population now reflects a diverse community and GSDC's work over nearly four decades has contributed to the area's continued high level of economic investment. We have constructed 248 units of senior rental housing; rehabilitated abandoned single family homes for sale to first-time buyers; generated \$100 million in retail development; worked to retain Nabisco, the world's largest bakery, when it considered relocating; and cleaned a 60-acre brown field site to allow construction of a manufacturing site. More recently, GSDC completed the Inner City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) Health Clinic project, which turned a vacant property into a community-based health center.

Throughout this time, Holy Cross Hospital has been a foundational pillar of our community and a staunch ally for community development. Dennis Ryan, Holy Cross Hospital Vice President of Mission Effectiveness and External Affairs, currently serves as the President of our Board.

Long term sustainability of Holy Cross Hospital is a crucial factor in the economic viability of our area. We look forward to Holy Cross Hospital becoming part of a larger hospital system, especially one that specializes in delivering high quality and affordable care to underserved communities. Sinai Health System has a known reputation for quality medicine and has earned well deserved praise for committed mission of service.

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Greater Southwest Development Corporation strongly urges the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross' desire to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ghian Foreman', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ghian Foreman
Executive Director



With the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Benefactor

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Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

The Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) is in strong support of Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System.

I am the Medical Director of the IMAN Health Clinic located on 63rd St and a half mile from Holy Cross Hospital. Our clinic has become a leading provider of no-cost primary care and support services to the heavily uninsured population of Chicago's Southwest side. The clinic is staffed by permanent positions and over 25 volunteer physicians, nurses and rotating medical students and ancillary staff.

Holy Cross Hospital and the services it provides are critically important for the people living in our surrounding communities. For many years, IMAN and Holy Cross Hospital have been strong partners and collaborators for improved community health and expanded care capacities. We are well aware that the worsening economy has made a system partnership a high priority for the long term viability of the hospital.

Sinai Health System has achieved high levels of quality of care for their patients and has developed care models that improve quality of life for the urban poor. Holy Cross Hospital joining with Sinai Health System should not only allow Holy Cross to continue to operate a very valued resource within our community, but it should also strengthen the hospital and necessary community health services.

The IMAN Health Clinic strongly urges the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Holy Cross Hospital joining Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,

M. Altaf Kaiseruddin, MD
Medical Director, IMAN Health Clinic

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November 2, 2012

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Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is being written to document my support and the support of St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church for Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System.

I am the Pastor of St. Rita Parish, a significantly large Hispanic congregation that is located six blocks from Holy Cross Hospital. Our parishioners rely on the services of Holy Cross for general healthcare and emergency care needs. In addition, the hospital serves as a strong asset in our community and is often the locus of community events. Over the years, it has become very clear that Holy Cross Hospital needs to be supported by being part of a bigger and more comprehensive organization.

In choosing a partnership with Sinai Health System the Sisters of St. Casimir and I have made a strong commitment to continuing a mission of serving the underserved with the support of a mission based partner. The joining of Holy Cross with Sinai Health System will not only allow Holy Cross to continue to operate a valued resource within our community, but it will strengthen the hospital and necessary community health services.

I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross' desire to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,

Rev. Anthony B. Pizzo, O.S.A., M.Div.
Pastor
Dean of Vicariate V A



Iglesia Católica de Sta. Rita de Cascia

Founded by the Augustinian Friars in 1905/Fundada por los Frailes Agustinos en 1905

