

**ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES and SERVICES REVIEW BOARD (HFSRB)  
PROJECT HEARING REPORT**

Applicant: Vista Medical Center - Lindenhurst  
Project Number: 12-081  
Hearing Date: Thursday, November 15, 2012  
Location: 37850 North Route 59, Lake Villa, Illinois  
Time: 11:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Hearing Officer: Alexis Kendrick  
Staff Support: Courtney Avery, Administrator  
HFSRB Representative: Richard Sewell, Board Member

Hearing Requested by: Vista Medical Center - Lindenhurst

The following summarizes the attendance figures:

**Oral/Written Presentations:**

Support: 37  
Oppose: 21

**Registered Attendance Only**

Support: 1  
Oppose: 2  
Neutral: 1

Total individuals registered: 62



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I. IDENTIFICATION

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Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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NORTH WESTERN LAKE  
FOREST HOSPITAL

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Rosalind Franklin University

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Advocate Condell Medical Center

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Advocate Cordell Medical Center

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Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital

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Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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Advocate Health Care

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physician - office located in Mundelein  
President of the Medical Staff - Advocate  
Condell Medical Center

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Advocate Condell Medical Center

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Kathryn Kerrigan Inc.

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LAKE County United

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Signature Rev. [Handwritten Signature]

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Advocate Condell Medical Center  
Physician Office in Mundelein

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Signature Scott Powder

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Advocate Health Care

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Signature David Cartwright

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Signature Helen E Miller

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Robert Sabonjian, Mayor of the City of Waukegan  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. My name is Robert Sabonjian and I am the Mayor of the City of Waukegan. I am here today to support Vista Health System's plans to build a hospital in Lindenhurst.

If you're wondering why I'm taking a stand in favor of a new hospital on the other side of the county, let me explain: I strongly support Vista's commitment to make sure all Lake County residents have reasonable access to hospital care.

Vista is certainly committed to Waukegan and our residents.

We're the ninth-largest city in Illinois and have a wonderfully diverse population. Vista is one of the pillars of our community, serving as the area's health care leader and city's fourth-largest employer.

In my almost four years as mayor, I've met with Vista representatives countless times. I'm always learning something new about Vista's plans to provide even better service to our community.

In fact, I visited Vista East last February to celebrate the opening of the Same Day Surgery Unit and Wound Care Center. This was a \$3 million investment into Vista East, one of many additions, improvements and updates Vista has made to its buildings in recent years.

Vista has invested in the people of the Waukegan area, too. In addition to being a job creator and a taxpayer, I have witnessed Vista Health System's strong commitment to care for everyone in our community – especially those who are disadvantaged.

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As the only hospital system in Lake County located in an area with a large population of low-income residents and medically underserved people, Vista has taken responsibility for being the “safety net” hospital for our most vulnerable residents. We are all thankful for that.

In addition to its charity care contributions, Vista paid more than \$3.5 million in property taxes, and sales and use taxes in 2011. Those funds supported public services such as schools, roads, libraries, parks, police and firefighters for our community.

Vista Health System stands by its word. When Vista promised to modernize and expand the Vista East and West facilities, it did so. Now that Vista is pledging to build a hospital that will bring access to care to more Lake County residents – particularly in medically underserved areas – you can trust them.

I was a Lake County Board member for 10 years before I became mayor. I understand the alarming lack of hospital access for residents in northwestern and north central Lake County compared with the rest of the region. Vista’s project will solve that problem, and we should all support it. I ask that the review board approve the certificate of need application for Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of ELEANOR MURKEY  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello. My name is Eleanor Murkey. I am a Vista Board member and a retired dean of the College of Lake County Lakeshore Campus.

I am very excited about the new Vista Lindenhurst Hospital because it will greatly improve hospital care in Lake County, where there is tremendous need. I've seen, first-hand, Vista's commitment to improve access to medical care for all Lake County residents.

We've all experienced the tremendous growth in Lake County over the years. When there is population growth there is a greater demand on services, such as education and health care. At the College of Lake County we developed strategic plans to meet the growing education needs of the county.

At Vista, we've seen what that growth can do to hinder access to health care: congested roads, longer emergency response times and more and more people with long commutes to see their doctors.

This hospital will solve, or greatly diminish, those problems. And can save lives.

I'm also excited because the Lindenhurst hospital will mean new opportunities for nurses, including ones who trained as part of a joint program between the College of Lake County and Vista.

A couple of years ago, the College of Lake County collaborated with Vista to offer a clinical training program for our nursing students. The program helped students learn the best practices in nursing retention and leadership development.

Thanks to the CLC/Vista partnership, there will be plenty of skilled nurses to treat our growing – and aging – population. So, not only will our community have better access to medical care ... we'll also have even more well-trained health care practitioners.

I thank you for your time today and urge that you support the Certificate of Need application to build the new Lindenhurst hospital.

Thank you.

Eleanor Murkey

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Mary Ross Cunningham**

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Hello I'm Mary Ross Cunningham. I am a proud resident of Waukegan and have been a Lake County Board member for 10 years.

I'd like to tell you what Vista Health System has meant to my hometown and the country.

Vista is the safety net hospital for Lake County. What does that mean? It means that Vista cares for folks who rely on Medicaid or Medicare ... or who don't have any insurance at all. Vista worries about the most vulnerable among us – senior citizens, children and others who need help and can't provide for themselves.

Vista has invested in its hospitals, even during this very difficult economy. As a member of the Vista Health System's Healthy Woman Advisory Council, I'm well aware of the improvements Vista has made. For example, I was at the ribbon-cutting for the new Progressive Care Unit at Vista East that is designed to improve care for heart patients.

I'm on the Lake County Board's Health and Community Services Committee, which also gives me some insight into Vista's great work on a county level.

For example, Vista continues to be the only hospital in Lake County that offers an adult inpatient inpatient mental health services. This is important, because other hospitals – such as Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington – have shut down this crucially important and expensive service.

I also understand from my work on the committee that northwestern and north central Lake County residents are in sort of a "hospital desert". They have to travel a long way to reach a hospital – as much as 45 minutes – or go to Wisconsin. Are you kidding me? That shouldn't happen.

That's why I ask that the review board approve Vista's hospital project in Lindenhurst.

Lake County's population has grown by almost 25 percent from 2000 to 2011. Two of the towns that would be most helped by this hospital are Lindenhurst and Antioch ... which grew by 60 percent and 15 percent, respectively from 2000 to 2012. And, they're still growing.

These population increases have put a strain on our first responders, who travel back and forth between all parts of the county and hospitals that are far away.

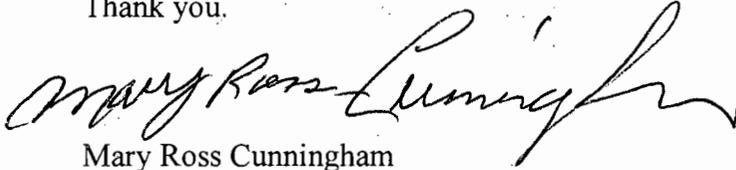
Vista knows this and is taking steps to improve health care access for all Lake County residents. Not just for those who are lucky enough to live near hospitals.

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Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst would be the first new hospital built in Lake County in nearly 40 years.

It's the right time and the right place to build a new hospital. I ask that the Review Board please approve the application for Vista's Lindenhurst hospital.

Thank you.



Mary Ross Cunningham  
Lake County Board Member  
District 9

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Larry Steerup**  
**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello. I am Larry Steerup. I am a new cancer patient, as of last week. Last week when I had so much pain in my throat, I could barely breathe.

I have lived in Lake Villa for seven years and I am 30-plus minutes from Vista Medical Center East, and even farther from Condell in Libertyville.

When I arrived at the Emergency Department in Lindenhurst, I had X-rays and a CT scan – those revealed a growth on my vocal cords. I was immediately transported to Vista East and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit.

To say this all happened so fast, is an understatement.

Within five days at Vista, I have already begun chemo and I have started radiation in Gurnee. I was uninsured, but Vista's staff worked quickly to get me covered by Medicaid. None of this had an impact on the care I received at Vista, and I am extremely happy with the care that they have provided me.

I have been assisted throughout the entire process by one of Vista's outstanding oncology nurse navigators, who has fast-tracked everything for me.

As a resident of Lake Villa, I would much prefer to have had my inpatient care in my community. I strongly believe that a hospital in Lindenhurst area would be a tremendous benefit to people who live here – people like me who have to drive 30 – 40 minutes for access to a hospital.

My life changed within a matter of moments and Vista has been there every step of the way. I will be forever grateful.

So please, Review Board, hear me when I say we need this Vista Hospital in Lindenhurst.

Thank You.

# Lindenhurst - Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Connie Meadie  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
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Good afternoon. My name is Connie Meadie and I'm executive director of the Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce. I strongly support Vista's new Lindenhurst hospital, as does our local business community.

A new hospital would provide state-of-the-art medical care for our residents.

And ... in this still-struggling economy ... it would deliver JOBS. About 100 construction jobs and about 600 permanent, well-paying positions. Not only that, it would provide a tremendous boost to businesses and economic growth throughout the area.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we should do everything in our power to make this project a reality.

Vista's hospital would serve as an economic anchor, while attracting new residents, companies and opportunity to the area. Companies are more likely to relocate to or expand in areas that have quick access to high-quality health care.

And, the jobs hospitals provide – for doctors, nurses, technicians and administrative staff – are the kinds of steady, well-paying jobs that support families and communities.

Already, Vista contributes significantly to Lake County's economy by paying property, sales and use taxes each year. Last year, that amounted to more than \$1 million. That would increase significantly with the construction of a new hospital, allowing us to hire more teachers, first-responders and police officers to serve and protect our growing community.

The motto for the Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Chamber is "On the Move." We believe you are either growing or fading away. We want to pursue a brighter tomorrow in partnership with a new Vista hospital in Lindenhurst.

Thank you for your time.



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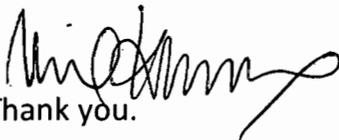
**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of ANIL KHURANA  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
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Hello, my name is Dr. Anil Khurana, and I specialize in critical care and pulmonology.

I am here to strongly support the proposed Vista Lindenhurst Hospital. This facility will provide medical services for all residents of north central and northwestern Lake County, regardless of their ability to pay. These services, including a Level II trauma center and 12 much-needed ICU beds, can save many patients' lives.

I have seen Vista's dedication to charity care at its Waukegan locations and am pleased to see that Vista is trying to improve health care access to residents in other parts of Lake County.

I ask that you approve Vista's request to build this hospital and greatly improve the hospital care and employment opportunities for the residents of north central and northwestern Lake County.

  
Thank you.



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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
OF DR. OMID JAVADI  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

My name is Dr. Omid Javadi and I am a Cardiothoracic surgeon serving Lake County. My job is to perform heart and chest surgeries. My patients have the benefit of an open heart program and inpatient beds at Vista East.

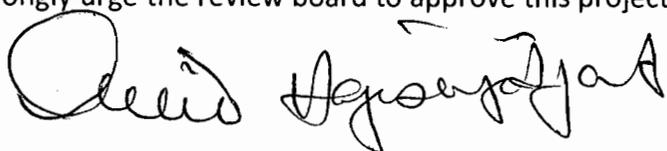
However, patients who need surgery and inpatient care cannot stay at Vista's Lindenhurst medical campus. It is for this reason that I cannot stress enough how important it is to build a hospital in Lindenhurst.

When you increase access to surgery and post-operation services, you save lives. It is absolutely senseless to put tens of thousands of western and northwestern Lake County residents at such risk.

That is why I'm supporting the Lindenhurst hospital project.

The hospital will feature a Level II Trauma Center. In the state of Illinois, this means a Cardiothoracic surgeon is on call and available to perform life-saving procedures within a limited amount of time. Lindenhurst desperately needs a hospital so these types of surgical procedures, where every second counts, can be performed.

I strongly urge the review board to approve this project.





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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of LAVANYA SRINIVASAN  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello, my name is Dr. Lavanya Srinivasan. I specialize in critical care medicine and pulmonary disease and have an office in Gurnee.

I strongly support the Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst project. This hospital is critically important to my patients, especially those west of Interstate 94 who might be 30 minutes or more from a hospital.

These patients need to be closer to critical care services. Vista's new hospital would have a Level II Trauma Center, which allows Vista to treat more complex cases than the ones that come to the freestanding emergency center.

They also need to be near their specialists and primary care providers to ensure that they get continued care that supports their medical needs. This new hospital would help patients be much closer to their rehabilitation site.

In addition, putting inpatient beds on site in Lindenhurst is a great benefit for my patients as well. When they have tests and need to stay overnight, it would be so much easier – and healthier – if they could do that close to home.

You have to remember that many of my patients are older. That's not going to change – in fact, the population of Lake County residents 65 years old and older is expected to increase by almost 30 percent between 2000 and 2015.

So, let's think of what is best for our most vulnerable neighbors ... especially those who are senior citizens and suffering from chronic conditions like heart disease.

Vista recognizes that there is a need for a hospital in Lindenhurst. We should, too.

Please approve Vista's request to build the new Vista Lindenhurst Hospital.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several stylized, overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Thank you

**Jeff So's**

Director of Business Development, Advocate Health Care

November 15, 2012

Good afternoon Mr. Sewell, Ms. Avery, and members of the audience. My name is Jeff So, director of business development and community relations at Advocate Christ Medical Center and responsible for coordinating all CON projects for Advocate Health Care.

I am testifying in opposition to the Vista proposal to build a hospital in Lindenhurst. You have heard many testimonies today and let me summarize the opposition to this project. Clearly, this proposal is not accordance with rules set forth by the planning board. Under the planning act, the purpose of the board and the rules are to limit duplication of services and lower health care costs and investment in capital. This project clearly does not meet the rules set forth by the board.

**1. NO BEDS NEED IN THE PLANNING AREA**

- a. There is simply no reason to add beds to the defined health planning area that has more beds available than needed.
- b. According to the report published by the Illinois Department of Public Health State staff, there are an excess of 86 Med/Surg beds and 15 OB/GYN beds in Lake County. **According to the AHQ, Vista East's Med Surg peak census was 126 patients, if you relocate 100 beds as described in the CON application, how many beds would be left?**

2. AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- a. As stated earlier, in addition to an excessive number of beds, there are is an overabundance of health care services available to the residents of Lindenhurst and Lake County. Available heath care services include numerous hospitals, two free-standing emergency rooms, multiple surgicenters, and a multitude of

physician offices. In fact, an addition of duplicative services to this fragile planning area will have detrimental impact on all existing services.

### 3. POPULATION GROWTH

- a. According to CON submitted for the Vista New Hospital, they claim that the basis for need is based on anticipated demographic changes and “rapid population growth”... I’m confused, when I look at Housing Permit Information from the US Census Bureau, there is a significant drop in housing permits issued between 2005 and 2011. In fact, the housing permits issued dropped 91% for Lake County. In other words, the housing permits were 3,462 buildings in 2005 which rapidly dropped to 310 buildings in 2011.
- b. Why is the question of rapid population growth an issue? Your review board rules require that Vista prove that the population is experiencing “rapid population

growth” and they have not, so your rules require physician referrals to justify the project. There are no referral letters within the application

4. Comparison of Safety Net Hospitals

- a. Earlier you heard that Vista was the Primary Safety Net Hospital but according the information provided in the AHQ the comparison paints a different picture. Let’s look at the numbers

**(Describe comparison between Vista East and Advocate Condell)**

Our opposition is aligned with the purpose of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to manage to duplication of scarce health care resources and to follow the direction of national health care reform efforts and make the health care system much more efficient. We urge you to oppose this project as the justification does not meet specified needs justification and there is no additional beds needed in Lake County.

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## Comparison of Safety Net Services Vista East and Advocate Condell

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**Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

Good (morning) / afternoon. I am the Rev. Dr. Kristopher Hewitt, Pastor of Ivanhoe Congregational Church, a United Church of Christ, in Mundelein. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before today's public hearing. Those of us in the community appreciate the opportunity to have our voices heard, and in that spirit, I would like to voice my concerns about the new hospital proposal.

At Ivanhoe Church, as I believe all churches in Lake County, it is our mission to care for our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. As part of that mission we often partner with area hospitals such as Advocate Condell Medical Center. Together, we bring healthcare access and information to those who may not otherwise have it. This means community fairs, health screenings and

educational events. (We held a flu vaccine clinic last month, <sup>at my church</sup> which enabled <sup>and yesterday</sup> ~~through a partnership between Advocate Healthcare and Walgreens.~~ <sup>the community's needs</sup> <sup>at planning activity to meet those needs</sup>)

~~[add specifics on the partnership and what it means for the community.]~~

So many people rely on these hospitals and their outreach that we almost take them for granted. But we might very well lose their generous outreach if our not-for-profit partners are no longer viable. And a new for-profit hospital in Lake County could trigger just that.

There is no question, <sup>anywhere</sup> the existing not-for-profit hospitals care about the communities they serve. On the other hand, I am not as confident about for-profit healthcare providers. Stewardship is not the reason why they exist. For-profit healthcare providers focus on the bottom line and not the overall health of the community. They exist to make money for shareholders, and their over 9 (9.1) percent profit margin shows that they are doing a good job of that.

*Another for profit hospital will only create access for those with means.*

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That is why I ask you to consider the underserved persons of this community. Please help us to look out for the neediest residents. Please make the right decision to protect the generous outreach from the community's existing not-for-profits.

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Bruce Hyman, MD  
Internal Medicine

Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst  
Project #12-081

I am the current president of the medical  
staff and am representing

Good morning/afternoon. I am Dr. Bruce Hyman  
and am an internist. I have been a resident of Lake  
County for over 18 years and have practiced at  
Advocate Condell Medical Center for over 16  
years. Patients in my practice reside not only  
throughout Lake County, but also Northern Cook,  
and McHenry counties, as well as Southern  
Wisconsin. Over the years, my patients have  
utilized healthcare services throughout the county  
and have never voiced any issues about the  
inability to access care. Their acute and chronic  
care issues have always been well served.

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700  
colleagues.

Currently, the county is served by:

- Advocate Condell Medical Center 11 miles
- Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital 14 miles.
- NorthShore University – Highland Park 22 miles
- Vista Medical Center East 12 miles
- Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital 16 miles.

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As well as a number of hospitals bordering Lake County:

- Centegra Hospital McHenry 13 miles
  - St. Catherine's Medical Center and Aurora Medical Center, both in Wisconsin - 13 miles
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The county is also served by two freestanding emergency rooms.

NW Lake Forest - 6 miles  
 Linderhant proposed location - 6

as well as  
 imaging  
 surgery center  
 office

To date, these current facilities have adequately met the needs of all resident's of Lake County.

As you are aware, the practice of medicine, most notably primary care, has changed dramatically over the last 5 years. The transformation will rapidly evolve with the advent of Accountable Care. Outpatient services in the community, which is known as population based care, are the priority. This is a marked change from the past.

With these changes, the goal will be to reduce hospital admissions and to improve community based services.

As a direct result of this new model, the county does not need a new hospital with additional beds.

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If beds were added, there would be a negative impact on patient care. Not only would there be an unnecessary duplication of services, but also there would like be a negative impact on specialized medical services – Trauma, Cardiac Surgery, Neurosurgery, Electrophysiology and Hematology/Oncology.

Plain and simple, there is no shortage of medical care here. So don't put patients in jeopardy by adding an excessive and unneeded inpatient facility to the Lake County Landscape. If a new facility is added where no NEED exists, then the entire healthcare infrastructure will crumble. And clearly, there is no need here. Not for an entirely new hospital.

I would like to leave you with the comments of two experts in healthcare:

“The time has come to stop adding hospital beds and to redeploy resources to the community”

Dr. Donald Berwick  
Former Head of CMS  
October 2012

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“Successful population based healthcare over the next 2-3 years will lead to reduced ER visits, readmissions and hospitalizations. Unnecessary expenditures on adding acute care beds can be used for further improvements of community medical services”

Kathleen Sebelius  
HHS Secretary  
November 2012



Building Relationships  
Developing Leaders  
Acting for Justice

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## Testimony to Illinois Health Services Review Board

November 15, 2012

Good morning. My name is Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts and I am here as a Waukegan resident and a member of the Steering Team of Lake County United.

Lake County United is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of 38 civil society institutions: churches, synagogues, mosques, and civic groups. As a broad based citizens organization we build relationships across Lake County, identify community concerns and needs and work together as a united power for human dignity, social justice and the greater good. In particular we encourage conversation across religious, ethnic, economic, generational, and political lines believing that it is possible to create a shared vision for the County.

Together the organization's 38 member institutions represent 75,000 residents from all parts of Lake County. We have 7 member institutions in Waukegan, representing 14,750 people in this community. Lake County United has no financial or organizational interest in the outcome of this hearing. Our only interest is that all Lake County residents' health care needs are being met in a quality and equitable manner.

We are concerned that people in all parts of the County, including Lindenhurst, get high quality, accessible health care but we don't see how Vista and Community Health Systems can build a new facility without divesting in their existing facilities. In this light, we are asking that Vista and Community Health Systems commit to preserve all the current services at Vista East and West in Waukegan. We are pleased that there have been recent upgrades to the Intensive Care and Maternity departments at Vista East and appreciate that the hospital hosts the only Wound Center in all of Lake County. These and other existing services are critical, especially to the Waukegan and North Chicago communities and we ask that an agreement to continue these services be a stipulation of any approval for expansion.

At the same time, we are concerned about the quality of care at the Waukegan sites and feel that these issues should be addressed before expansion and investment in a new facility be considered. Many community residents prefer to seek treatment at other hospitals because they feel that they will be better cared for by other providers.

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Additionally, we feel that there are critical services that are now lacking at the existing facilities and want any expansion and its \$131 million investment in a new facility to include upgrades, quality improvement, and expansion at the Waukegan sites as well. Currently, the demand for pediatric emergency and hospitalization are not being met. Children wait way too long for services, only to be transferred to another hospital if they need additional treatment. There are not enough psychiatric inpatient services to meet the demand. People arriving at ER as a result of suicide attempts are not being admitted due to lack of capacity.

The preservation of existing services in Waukegan and the continued investment in these facilities is critical to meeting the health care needs of the Waukegan community. Additionally, any investment in new facilities that create additional services, diagnostics, and treatments, must be accompanied by a commitment to provide transportation to make these services accessible to Vista East and West patients.

Finally, the services at Vista East and West are not accessible to many area residents due to lack of health insurance. Often people in need are turned away from the Emergency Room and sent to other non-profit hospitals in the area that will accept uninsured patients in their ER. Before a significant investment be made in building a new hospital, we would like to see more resources allocated for care for the uninsured at all Vista facilities.

In summary, we seek commitments from Vista and Community Health Systems to preserve existing services at their two facilities in Waukegan, to invest in these facilities to improve quality of services, to provide transportation to Lindenhurst for new services only available at this site, and to allocate funding for care for the uninsured. We urge that these commitments be a condition of any Certificate of Need that may be granted for expansion.

As a broad-based, independent organization in the area, Lake County United leadership would like to be part of any decision-making process regarding specific services that need to remain in Waukegan and plans for improvement of existing services.

Thank you.

Dr. Jennifer DeBruler  
Internal medicine physician

**Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

Good afternoon. My name is Dr. Jennifer DeBruler and I specialize in internal medicine. I am opposed to the proposal for a new hospital. Let me put it this way: My job is to serve my patients, and that would be compromised if a new hospital were built in Lake County.

Plain and simple, I put my patients first. Keeping them healthy is my priority. Right now, I am fortunate to have state-of-the-art technology at my fingertips to help me do just that. As a result, my fellow physicians and I have caught cancers earlier, detected diseases sooner and treated chronic cases with greater success.

But the truth is, there's a delicate balance of healthcare in Lake County. The six major hospitals don't have enough patients as it is. Each one is underutilized, according to state standards. Adding an unnecessary and excessive hospital would throw off the system, making it more difficult for the existing hospitals to attain the critical mass of patients we need to provide the technology and the care to keep our patients healthy. So I ask: Why compromise a functioning health care infrastructure? Especially when it successfully serves more than 700,000 county residents.

Additionally, the services that Lindenhurst would provide are *basic* services. While they are important to maintaining the health of our Lake County residents, they are readily available at existing hospitals. Can we really justify a new hospital to take two minutes off of travel time for a tonsillectomy? Basic services would do nothing to enhance the care available to area patients.

With this in mind, I encourage the Board to deny Vista's proposal. On its face, a new hospital might seem beneficial. But if you look deeper, you will see that it's not. Real patients and their care are at stake here. In a sense, we would be risking the county's entire healthcare delivery system just to bring a basic hospital and additional unneeded inpatient beds closer to a small population.

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**Scott Powder**  
**Opposition Testimony**  
**Project #12-081**

Good afternoon. My name is Scott Powder. I am Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning at Advocate Health Care. I am also a Lake County resident. I would like to talk about two concerns with the proposed project.

The first concern is that there is no bed need in Lake County. There was no need for a new hospital four years ago when this proposal was denied for the second time and there's even less need now. The second concern is that Vista is using phantom beds in its inventory to give the board the perception that it is not exacerbating the bed surplus in the county. In fact, the beds that Vista is proposing to shift to Lindenhurst should not even be in the inventory and they are certainly not needed. It would be better for the community if these beds were removed from the inventory rather than being used to justify unneeded and costly duplication of services.

Regarding bed need, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health's most recent statistics, Lake County, which is Planning Area A-09, has 86 more Medical-Surgical beds than it needs. In addition, Vista is proposing to add 20 more OB/Gyn beds to the Planning Area, even though the planning area already has an excess of 15 beds. and simple, there is no need for new inpatient beds here. Lake County is already over-bedded.

Over time, this bed surplus will be exacerbated as organizations like Advocate work on reducing unnecessary hospital utilization. In fact, admissions in Lake County have declined by 2,200 in the last two years. In metropolitan Chicago, admissions have declined by 16,000 in the last two years. This is the equivalent of emptying an entire medium sized community hospital and further reinforces the lack of need for this project.

However, Vista claims that it won't add to the over-bedded Planning Area. Instead, Vista is proposing to take 100 beds from its Waukegan hospital and move them to Lindenhurst. Our concern is that at least 80 of these

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beds have been in Vista's bed inventory for nearly 10 years that have not been set-up or staffed.

Review Board members will recall that for many years the bed inventory was considered quite inaccurate because hospitals often had licenses beds that were unused. The Board is facing similar frustration with long-term care bed inventory. The Review Board several years ago made a major policy change in its rules that essentially implemented a "use them or lose them" approach licensed hospital beds. Most hospitals followed those rules and over 6,000 beds were removed from the inventory. Advocate removed licensed beds in response to the Board's rules.

Had Vista been compliant with IDPH rules as required, these beds would have been removed from the Vista inventory years ago.

Instead, by offering to shift these phantom beds from one site to another, Vista is attempting to give the planning board comfort that it isn't adding to the bed surplus. The net effect of this strategy, however, is that Vista is actually creating new beds that are duplicative and costly for the community.

As an industry leader, we at Advocate take compliance with IDPH rules very seriously, and it is distressing to us that the largest for-profit chain in the nation has been non-compliant for years on end. We hope the Board finds this equally distressing. The planning process depends upon all hospitals complying with these rules. Review Board members cannot make informed decisions without this compliance.

Some Planning Board members may recall that in 2007 Advocate was exploring whether a new hospital was needed in this area. We concluded that a better and more efficient use of resources was to invest in Condell Medical Center. Condell joined the Advocate system in 2008 and since that time we have established Lake County's only Level I trauma center and expanded the ED among other investments.

Much as we concluded in 2007, there is no reason to approve Vista's plans for a costly and excessive new facility. There are already excess inpatient beds that will be exacerbated as health care trends away from inpatient

care. And, we hope that the planning board sees through Vista's proposal to transfer beds out of Waukegan. These are beds that shouldn't even be in the inventory and should not be used to justify a costly and duplicative project.

This proposed new hospital project does not come close to even the gray area of compliance with the Board's rules. If the integrity of the Review Board planning process is to mean anything, this project should be denied. Therefore, we strongly encourage the planning board to deny this project as you did twice in the past. Thank you.

Derrick Warner

**Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

Hello. My name is Derrick Warner, and I am a resident of Round Lake. I've lived here for 28 years, and I have never had a problem with accessing a hospital.

As a Fire Captain in the Round Lake Fire Protection District and a paramedic since 1973, I'm more than familiar with the importance of EMS response times to an emergency. It isn't whether or not you live close to a hospital that matters in an emergency—it's how quickly a paramedic crew responds and provides life-saving care *in the field*. Further, a good hospital needs to provide a complete spectrum of specialty services in order to truly serve the patients' needs.

I am living proof of this.

In 2011, I suffered a heart attack while at work at the fire station. The crew began administering life-saving care as they transported me to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, where the ER and Cardiac teams met me to continue that care. But it wasn't just their expertise that saved me.

Without cardiovascular surgeons right there at my bedside in the ICU, who opened up my chest, discovered a hole in the wall of my heart, and then sent me to the OR to have it immediately repaired, I would have certainly died. Vista's new hospital would not offer the kind of specialty services that a patient like me needed when I had my heart attack.

I am living proof that there is no point in opening a healthcare facility that provides only basic services. I would not have survived a transport to another hospital to repair my heart. That's why I am opposed to Vista opening a hospital in Lindenhurst.

Vista Medical Center - Lindenhurst #12-081  
Centegra Health System Opposition Testimony  
November 15, 2012

*Hello*

~~Good morning/afternoon~~, my name is Rowena Wermes. I am a Strategic Planning Project Manager with Centegra Health System. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today regarding the Community Health Systems application to establish a new hospital, Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst.

Centegra Health System is a not-for-profit provider of a continuum of health care services that has deep roots in McHenry County but has served the residents of northwestern Lake County for many years. Centegra Hospital-McHenry is located approximately 30 minutes from the proposed Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst and its service area is made up of both McHenry and Lake County communities. Centegra Hospital-McHenry is already an accessible option of care for many of the communities that Vista envisions serving.

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In fact, the communities of Round Lake, Fox Lake, Spring Grove, Ingleside, Richmond and Round Lake, which are part of Vista's proposed service area, are also part of Centegra Health System's overall service area. From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, Centegra Hospital-McHenry was the third largest hospital ~~providing care to~~ *with* approximately 3,000 ~~patients~~ *cases* within the proposed Vista service area.

An approval of Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst could negatively impact Centegra with an 8.4 percent decrease in inpatient volume and an inpatient contribution margin loss of \$2.9 million ~~for Centegra Health System~~. Furthermore, the proposed hospital could negatively impact Centegra's total outpatient cases by 6.2 percent, with a loss of \$6.9 million. ~~The~~ addition of a hospital to the existing freestanding emergency center could negatively impact Centegra's outpatient emergency department cases, with a 7.5 percent volume decrease and a \$1.5 million loss.

In closing, Centegra Health System opposes the Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst project. Vista's project does not meet the Review Board's criteria. For this reason the project should be denied. We thank you again for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Kevin Klahs  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

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My name is Kevin Klahs and I am the police chief of Lindenhurst. I became chief in 2010 and have served for 25 years in the department.

I am proud to be able to protect the residents of Lindenhurst. They have put their trust in me and it is my duty to uphold that trust. I will stand up for what I believe is best for the village ... which is why I'm here today. I think that Vista's plan for a new hospital is a much needed addition to the current Vista medical campus in Lindenhurst.

We've had a lot of changes in Lindenhurst in the last 25 years. The population has exploded – not just here but in the surrounding areas. We have many more homes, stores, schools and ... of course ... a lot more traffic.

That's why the new Vista Freestanding Emergency Center has been such a welcome addition to our community. It is great peace of mind to know an emergency center is nearby on the Vista medical campus. It is really convenient for first responders and our citizens.

But we all know that northwestern and north central Lake County need much more than just this emergency center.

For example, every month, about 100 patients from the center are transported to hospitals across the county. It makes much more sense to keep those patients on campus at a full-service hospital. And, police officers, paramedics and firefighters

throughout this area are looking forward to the new hospital's Level II Trauma Center.

*Kevin Kleber  
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If the hospital is built on the medical center grounds, families of the patients brought to the ER won't have to worry about where their loved ones are. Very likely, they'll be at Vista in Lindenhurst. Once patients are treated at the ER they can be moved to their rooms, if needed, directly on the campus.

The residents of Lindenhurst and northwestern Lake County deserve better access to health care. It's obvious that Vista is committed to the Village of Lindenhurst and I hope that you approve its application to bring a new hospital to our area.

## **Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

My name is Helen Miller, and I am a resident of Lake Villa. I've lived here for 11.5 years, and I'm opposed to Vista building a new hospital in this area because we simply don't need a new hospital. I am an art teacher in the Waukegan school system, and on April 8, 2009 I was in a Spanish class at Calvery Christian School and I started coughing up blood. The EMTs asked if I cared which hospital I would go to, the one in Waukegan, or Condell, in Libertyville. **I said Condell for sure!!!!** I was transported by ambulance to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, where the team discovered I had an "AEF" aortic – esophageal - fistula. I then underwent a 12-hour procedure to correct this, which effectively was the first time that Condell saved my life. I was in a coma and I spent 3 months total in hospitals, one whole month was at Condell.

Then on October 26, 2010, I was impaled by a tree in a storm while driving my car in Lindenhurst. A tree, approximately 75 feet tall, fell on my car, and went into my abdomen. I remember when the huge tree was in my stomach I asked the EMTs which hospital and they said Condell. At that point I WAS VERY HAPPY TO KNOW THAT I WAS GOING TO LIVE. The Lake Villa paramedics who freed me from my car were my heroes, but more importantly, the hospital that they were taking me to was CONDELL, a level 1 trauma center And for the second time Advocate Condell Medical Center saved my life. I spent two weeks at Condell recovering. I was in a lot of pain, but I knew that if I was to live, I was at the right place to be, which is CONDELL.

The level of services I received at Advocate Condell both times were exactly what I needed to live. I want to be clear that at a hospital such as the one Vista is proposing, would not have been an option for me in either case. What we, as residents, and God-forbid as patients, need are the services that already exist in Lake County from places like Advocate Condell Medical Center. We don't need a basic hospital that will drive up health care costs, while providing lower-level services AND weaken the strong network of healthcare providers that we have right now in Lake County.

I vehemently oppose Vista's project, and I hope that you will too.

David Cartwright

**Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

Good afternoon. I am David Cartwright, the Chief Financial Officer of Advocate Condell Medical Center. I am here in opposition to Vista's Lindenhurst application because it will unnecessarily add to the cost of health care in Lake County, and negatively impact the quality of care and the financial stability of existing hospitals.

Let's be very clear. The proposed Vista facility is not needed to meet population growth or unmet health care needs in Lake County. The patients planned for this facility will merely come by **shifting** patients from other Lake County hospitals to this new facility.

There are not sufficient inpatient volumes to justify a new hospital. Inpatient utilization within Lake County has been **declining** for the last three plus years (from about 70,000 in 2009 to about 68,000 today), and this is pretty much the case for the zip codes around Lindenhurst as well. In addition, according to Truven (a health care consulting/market research firm), future growth in the zip codes immediately around the proposed facility will only grow 2.1% **over five years** (e.g., .4% per year). Women of child bearing age (for OB services) are projected to **decline** by 1.6%

Second, there are currently six full service hospitals in Lake County, and every single one of them has capacity available to absorb additional patients. In fact, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health, Lake County has 108 more inpatient medical-surgical, pediatric and OB beds than what are needed **now**. We have excess capacity in cardiac catheterization and open heart services as well.

Finally, because of changes in healthcare, and health care reform, fewer and fewer inpatient beds will be needed in the future. More patients will be

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cared for in cost effective outpatient and physician office settings. This means that in the future, even *less* inpatient beds will be needed than what we have now. There really is no need for another hospital in Lake County, and in reality if this hospital is built, another hospital will likely have to be **closed** down the road.

The consequences of adding another hospital that merely duplicates existing services and steals patients from other facilities has huge negative effects.

First of all, with lower volumes and fewer financial resources to support health care services at existing hospitals, the quality of care at these other Lake County hospitals will be negatively impacted.

At Advocate Condell in particular, we estimate that this new hospital will result in the loss of about 2400 inpatient admissions, and negatively impact outpatient volumes as well. This volume shift will cause the loss of approximately \$22 million in revenues to Advocate Condell, and cause our overall operations to shift from a modest profit to a **loss**. This will greatly reduce our ability to reinvest in the hospital to meet future community needs, and will require us to look at cutting programs and services. Further, we estimate that we would have to lay off approximately 75 people to absorb this loss. I expect other hospitals in Lake County would also be negatively impacted as well.

But beyond the impact on the community of duplicating services, there is the very real impact on the cost of health care in Lake County. This hospital, by Vista's estimate, will cost \$131 million. In addition, there will be tens of millions of dollars in ongoing costs to maintain the new facility and manage the operations. These costs will have to be passed on to the employers and people of Lake County in the form of higher health insurance premiums—or, **another hospital will have to close**.

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Approving a new hospital in Lake County with excess hospital capacity will just result in **shifting** patients around, negatively impacting both the quality of care and the financial stability of existing hospitals, and in the end, result in the closure of **another** hospital down the road.

**Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

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Good morning.

My name is Matt Flynn and I serve as the senior vice president and chief financial officer at Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital. It is my responsibility to carefully monitor all the factors that affect the delivery of health care to our patients. I need to make sure we keep pace with the changes in health care, watch how reimbursement rates are changing, and evaluate the demand for services and control the cost of delivering quality health care services. It is vitally important that local residents can afford the care they need, and also that hospitals can stay in business to deliver that care.

There are several reasons why more inpatient beds and a new Vista hospital could put other hospitals in Lake County at risk.

First, the demand for health care has been shifting from inpatient to outpatient services over the past few years as the economy has impacted patient's choices and technology has shifted services to outpatient treatments.

Second, reimbursement rates are declining, so hospitals are paid less for every procedure and service they provide. Hospitals operate on a razor-thin margins and need to deliver care efficiently so they can continue to invest in advanced technology and specialty services. A new hospital will impact care for all. It takes a critical volume of patients to support clinical services 24 hours a day—both financially and from a quality perspective.

Finally, the effect of the Affordable Care Act has already caused consumers and healthcare providers to look differently at the future of health care. We cannot over-spend, over-build, or over-invest in services that won't be affordable for anyone in the future.

Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital has invested significantly to provide our community with basic and specialty care close to home. We remain committed to delivering quality care in an efficient system here in Lake County. We ask that the

*Matt Flynn  
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board look carefully at this application and evaluate whether there is a true, documented need for more inpatient beds in the region.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

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Stanley Dee, MD

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**Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

Good afternoon. I'm Dr. Stanley Dee, and I have practiced in Lake County for 24 years. I'm here today to oppose Vista's proposal for a new hospital. Given the many services already available nearby, and the surplus capacity at those facilities, there is no reason to add more inpatient beds in Lake County.

In 2011, the Northwestern Grayslake campus opened a new, state-of-the-art outpatient surgery center. Since that expansion, I have served as medical director of the facility and have spent a lot of time at the Grayslake campus. We have a surgery center, a cancer center, a Freestanding Emergency Center, imaging services and physician offices where patients can see their doctors close to home. And no question, we have room for more patients. We have not reached capacity.

In fact, neither has Vista's campus in Lindenhurst, which offers many of the same services. Last year, Vista's operating rooms were used for 1,276-and-a-half hours of surgeries, which is *less than a third* of the 4,500-hour guideline set by the state of Illinois. These numbers are a telling sign that a new hospital is not needed on that campus.

Lake County is also well-served when it comes to emergency care. There are two Freestanding Emergency Centers within six miles of each other in Western Lake County—out of four in the entire state. In its application, Vista forecasted they would see 14,000 visits by their second year in their FEC's operation. In their first year, they have seen 9,970 visits. We feel more emergency care is not the answer. All Lake County residents are already within 15 minutes of emergency care.

We hope the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board sees that a new facility should not be built where there is no increased patient need. If the Grayslake campus has capacity and Vista has capacity, the numbers do not support a new inpatient facility. Please take the area's existing services and capacity into consideration when you review Vista's proposal.

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**Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**  
**Virginia Friesen**

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Good afternoon. I am Virginia Friesen, and I am concerned that another Lake County hospital would negatively impact the quality of care available in Lake County – particularly when it comes to cardiac care, one of the most critical kinds of care that could mean the difference between life and death.

As the Executive Director of Cardiovascular Services at Advocate Condell, I manage a number of our programs, including our cardiac catheterization lab. Our patients go immediately to the cath lab upon emergency arrival. In the cath lab, cardiologists perform a procedure where they insert a tube into a patient's artery in order to diagnose and treat serious cardiac conditions with stenting or referral to open heart surgery.

For three consecutive periods, Advocate Condell has been recognized by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons as a three-star program open heart program placing Condell in the top 15% in the nation for quality outcomes. The reason is that our doctors have treated a high enough volume of patients over the years. For a procedure like this, more patients means better quality, because physicians have plenty of experience perfecting their technique. Think of it this way: Would you rather put your life in the hands of a physician who performs a procedure several times per week, or one that performs that same procedure a few times per month?

Advances in healthcare, however, mean that the number of patients needing these procedures is down across the board. In 2005, we performed more than 300 open heart surgeries. In 2011, that number was cut in half—to 167. Much of this decline is because fewer patients need open heart surgery, but some of it is also because Vista's open heart program has diluted volumes across Lake County. IDPH wants each open heart program to perform at least 200 surgeries a year to maintain quality of care. This is because numerous academic studies have found that low volume Open Heart surgery programs have higher mortality rates.

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With the addition of the Vista Open Heart program a few years ago, combined with the declining need for cardiac surgery, none of the cardiac surgery programs in Lake County now achieve the minimum number of surgeries expected. Vista performed just 65 open heart surgeries last year, or just a handful per month. The proposed Lindenhurst hospital would include a cardiac catheterization lab, meaning we could see the same decline in cath lab volumes that we've seen in our Open Heart program. Again, studies in journals like the New England Journal of Medicine have found that mortality rates are higher when volumes are lower.

It is important to note that the same decrease in inpatient cardiac services has been seen at the national level and is expected to continue, according to Sg2, a nationally recognized organization based in Skokie which projects health care utilization ten years in to the future. Sg2 predicts cardiac inpatient discharges nationally will be down 17% over the next ten years, and cardiac outpatient volume will be up 29% over the same period. This is largely due to early interventions that occur before a patient needs hospitalization.

While that is good news for all patients—including those in Lake County—adding another provider of cardiac cath services will dilute the volume at existing providers when the number of cardiac catheterizations needed is already falling precipitously. So, our program, and others in the area, cannot sustain the loss of many more patients while still maintaining such a high quality of care.

My goal, and the goal of all of our physicians and staff, is to give our patients the highest quality of care possible. I am concerned that our ability will begin to diminish—and our programs may even become unsustainable—if Vista's application is approved along with its request for cardiac catheterization services. I urge the board to carefully consider what this would mean for area cardiac patients. Thank you.

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## **Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today and to share my concern over the proposal for a new hospital in Lindenhurst.

My name is Raeann Fuller, and I have been the nurse manager of the Intensive Care Unit at Advocate Condell Medical Center since 2005. In this role, my team and I are on the front lines of patient care. We have a clear view of what is happening in healthcare, and the numbers confirm it.

Thanks to advances in healthcare, inpatient volumes are going down – in Lake County and in the very zip codes that Vista is proposing to serve. (Point to chart.) Admissions in Lake County are down from roughly 70,000 in 2009 to 68,000 in 2011. Admissions in Vista's proposed service area are down from more than 21,000 in 2009 to less than 20,000 in 2011.

The same story can be told with occupancy rates. Advocate Condell's occupancy is currently at 70.4 percent, compared to 79.2 percent only five years ago. We are not alone in Lake County; not a single hospital here meets the state's target occupancy rates, including Vista itself.

Decreasing inpatient occupancy is repeated across our six county region. Inpatient admissions have declined five percent over the past two years, pushing hospital occupancy rates down. And that trend is consistent across our entire country. In fact, Vista's corporate parent showed that at their 130 hospitals, admissions declined 5.6 percent on average last year alone.

No doubt, a new hospital in Lake County would push the local hospital occupancy rates even lower. It is my understanding, one of the major purposes of the Certificate of Need process is to protect against predictable and damaging under utilization of inpatient beds at existing facilities. Ensuring the existing hospitals, already with utilization rates below state targets, are not plunged further below the standard should be the goal as well as to protect our valuable healthcare services.

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To that end, it is clear that Lake County residents have ample access to inpatient care. If there were a strong demand, we would see that reflected in our hospital through increased utilization rates. That just isn't the case.

I have spoken today on hospital utilization and as a registered nurse living in Lake Villa for the past 35 years. I have seen and experienced the many changes in healthcare for our county over time. It would be easy to say I want a hospital five minutes from my home. However, it is more important to me to have the limited healthcare dollars available be used to protect the healthcare resources and expertise currently in Lake County. Constructing a building that divides resources and personnel, while threatening care and services, is disturbing to me as a healthcare professional and as a citizen of Lake Villa.

I urge this board to take a close look at what the project would mean for the region and its already-underutilized hospitals. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to share my views and hope the Board will consider them as it makes its decision.

## **Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

First of all, thank you for listening to the public comment today. My name is Sarah Toomey, and I oversee many of Advocate Condell's community health and education programs. I am concerned that a new hospital in Lake County would take away from our ability to care for the county's neediest residents.

Advocate exists to serve. That's our mission. And as a not-for-profit, faith-based institution, improving the quality of care for area residents comes first. That's why we offer, free of charge, screenings for chronic diseases such as cancer and diabetes, flu shots, childbirth education classes and numerous support groups. We are partnering with area schools to address child obesity, and are offering a multitude of health and wellness education programs both at the hospital and in the community. In a joint effort with Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Advocate Condell Medical Center implemented the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program in 2011. We are proud to be the only Level 1 Trauma Center in Illinois to staff these specially trained nurses 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Many of our physicians personally dedicate their time, expertise and services to underprivileged patients free of charge. In 2011 alone Advocate provided \$95.2 million in free and discounted charity care for the uninsured and underinsured, and more than \$295 million in care without full reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid, and other government-sponsored programs. This isn't just a charity requirement that Advocate is trying to reach—it's part of who we are at our core. And each year we commit to building upon the previous year and helping a greater number of patients in a greater number of ways. What the poorest Lake County residents need is for the existing healthcare providers to continue reaching out to them where they live. They need us to continue taking them under our wing.

If a new area hospital were to come on-line, this would pull patients away from our base, affect our resources and jeopardize our ability to keep expanding this invaluable care to those who need it most. And this would be repeated at each of Lake County's existing hospitals. Keep in mind that much is at stake for the county's neediest residents.

Dr. Jack Franaszek

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**Testimony in opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

Good morning. I am Doctor Jack Franaszek and I am medical director of Emergency Services at both Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital and Northwestern Grayslake. I am here today not only as the director but as a practicing emergency physician.

I am concerned about the increase in the number of patients leaving Waukegan and its neighborhood Emergency Department at Vista Health to drive all the way to Lake Forest and Grayslake for emergency care.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to look closely at the patient volumes at Vista Emergency Rooms before approving another full-service hospital in Lake County.

As a for profit hospital, Vista's mission may be different than the other not-for-profit hospitals in Lake County. We have heard patients say they are asked to pay co-pays for surgical procedures up front, a practice that is not typical at not-for-profit hospitals. This may be encouraging the uninsured patients to leave Waukegan for care.

Vista has claimed there are long wait times in their Emergency Room, yet it advertises short wait times in its Emergency Room, pledging 30 minutes or less for emergency visits on its website. Patients tell us they have been encouraged to visit our hospital if they don't want to wait for care. This presents a conflict in my mind when it comes to serving the community's health care needs.

Moreover, in its application, Vista Health says that a new hospital would improve emergency access for area patients. We already have two free

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standing emergency rooms, one of them on the exact site of the proposed new hospital.

In fact every patient in the county already has access in less than 15 minutes to emergency care, that time frame being the gold standard. Both free standing facilities in the area have room to grow. The Vista free standing emergency center has 7 exams rooms, which allows 2,000 visits per room, or a total of 14,000 visits for standard utilization. Yet they are only seeing 9,000 patients annually now, so the numbers promised in the free standing application by Vista have not been attained. So, approval of a new hospital on the grounds of lack of emergency access is not the point.

I encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to thoughtfully consider Vista's Lindenhurst application and its negative impact on the other health care facilities in the region in light of these concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

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KATHRYN KERRIGAN  
FOUNDER & CEO, KATHRYN KERRIGAN, INC.

**Opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

Hello. My name is Katie Kerrigan and I am the founder and CEO of Kathryn Kerrigan, Inc. – an independent shoe business here in Lake County. I oppose Vista's proposal for reasons that are very personal. I grew up in this town and have a close ties with the community. As an active member of MainStreet Libertyville, I am also concerned about the overall economic well-being of our town and those who call it home.

Advocate Condell is indispensable to local residents. That includes my clients and fellow business owners. It's the largest employer in Libertyville. It's our go-to for top-of-the-line healthcare. And it has made our town what it is today. I'd hate to see us sacrifice all of that. We cannot empty our community hospital just to fill another one down the street. That doesn't make sense.

We also cannot let ourselves be swayed by Vista's argument that a new hospital would create new jobs. In truth, it would just shuffle existing jobs from one hospital to another, putting people out of work in the process. That doesn't help anyone.

Also, I ask myself, what will happen to Vista's existing Waukegan hospital when Vista moves into the proposed new and shiny hospital? Will they just abandon the campus?

My clients and neighbors are also my family. We depend on Advocate Condell – for our health and as an economic engine in this town. Please don't take that away from us. I ask you to review Vista's application very carefully. Thank you.



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Signature Michael Scheer

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Vista Health System CEO

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State Senate, District 31

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Vista Board Member

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Physicians

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Lake County Board, District 3

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Lindenhurst Trustee

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State Senate, District 30

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Lake Villa Fire Chief

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I. IDENTIFICATION

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Zion Fire Department Chief

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Lake Villa Township Supervisor

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Richard H. Hell

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Former chairman of the board  
of St. Therese Medical Center (which  
is now Vista West)

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Lake Villa Trustee

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
JOEL CRABTREE  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

My name is Joel Crabtree and I am the Admissions/Marketing Director at Hillcrest Nursing Center in Round Lake Beach. Hillcrest Nursing Center is a 142-bed skilled nursing facility that is within three miles of the Vista medical campus in Lindenhurst.

When Vista's new hospital is built, residents of our center will be very grateful. They'll no longer have to endure a stressful ambulance ride of 20 minutes or more from our center or the freestanding emergency center to the nearest hospital. Health care is about compassionate people helping those in need and our residents need a hospital that is near the ER.

Our residents would visit the Lindenhurst hospital frequently for non-emergency reasons as well. For example, they might need complicated medical tests that require an overnight stay, or to undergo – and recover from – surgery. Our residents' needs are our top priority at the Hillcrest Nursing Center. In the event of an emergency, it is our duty to provide them with the highest quality health care available. Vista's new Lindenhurst hospital will do just that.

I ask that you approve Vista's request to build a new hospital on the current medical campus. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Crabtree". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of JOEL CRABTREE  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
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Lake Villa, IL 60046*

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of LINDA RIX  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. My name is Linda Rix and I support Vista's plan to build a new hospital in Lindenhurst because people in our part of the county need a hospital that is close to where we live.

A hospital built on the current site of the Lindenhurst medical campus will help so many residents in the area. You can lose precious minutes – which add up to hours – when you travel to a hospital 30 to 45 minutes away.

As long-time resident of Lake Villa, my family and I have used Vista's services many times. My daughter and husband have used the Lindenhurst Emergency Center and I had both of my knees replaced at Vista in Waukegan, which is over 30 minutes away. It was so difficult traveling back and forth to Vista in Waukegan while I was in so much pain.

Vista takes excellent care of its patients and the community, and we look forward to this hospital. I ask that you approve Vista's plan to build a new hospital in Lindenhurst. Thanks.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Elizabeth Schmidt  
PROJECT# 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello, I am Elizabeth Schmidt and I support Vista because the Lindenhurst hospital is badly needed in northwestern Lake County.

I think of two important people when I consider how much it would matter if a hospital was built in Lindenhurst – my mother and my daughter.

My daughter had breathing problems when she was a baby. My family was forced to make a lot of long trips to the hospital because there was not a hospital close to where we live in Lake Villa. Driving almost 45 minutes to the nearest hospital was extremely stressful for everyone. I support Vista's new hospital because having a hospital closer to where we live would have helped a great deal.

When I think about the time spent driving to a hospital, I also think of my mother. She had both her knees replaced at Vista. Her travel time to the hospital also was more than 30 minutes. I do not want my daughter, my mother and others in the community to suffer from not having a hospital closer to them.

I support the plan to build a new hospital in Lindenhurst and I ask you to approve this hospital.

Thank you.



**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**

**of Barbara J. Martin, Chief Executive Officer  
Vista Health System**

**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

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Good morning. I am Barbara J. Martin and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Vista Health System.

Vista operates Vista Medical Center East and Vista Medical Center West – both in Waukegan. We also serve patients at several other facilities throughout Lake County. This includes Vista's Freestanding Emergency Center in Lindenhurst. Our FEC provides emergency care to residents of northwestern and north central Lake County faster – and closer to home – than ever before.

Today you will hear from dozens of people who support Vista's application to build a hospital in Lindenhurst. Our supporters include emergency first responders ... elected officials ... business and community leaders ... physicians ... and others who care deeply about access to health care. I would like to thank those supporters.

My comments today focus on three areas.

First, my overall message is that Vista is solidly committed to Waukegan and Lake County for the long haul.

While other health systems have stayed away from Waukegan, we have continued to invest in our Waukegan hospitals. In fact, if you look back to 2006, you could conclude that if Community Health Systems and Vista had not acquired St. Therese and Victory Memorial, there might not even be a hospital in Waukegan today. Other health systems

have stayed away from Waukegan because they would prefer to serve a more affluent patient base than we have in Waukegan.

Today, I am proud to report that we have expanded our services at Vista East and Vista West. We have invested in our infrastructure and patient care because we know that Vista East truly is Lake County's primary safety net hospital. And, Vista West offers the only remaining adult and child/adolescent inpatient psychiatry unit in Lake County.

Mayor Sabonjian will speak a little later about Vista's commitment to Waukegan, but I want to assure you that our plans in Lindenhurst in no way signal a change to that commitment. Rather, we are expanding our commitment to Lake County as a whole.

My next point is this: Vista's commitment to the Lindenhurst area also is strong and well-established. For more than a decade, we have taken a logical, measured approach to serving northwestern Lake County. We started years ago with an outpatient surgery center, a diagnostic laboratory and radiology services.

Eighteen months ago, the Review Board approved our plans for a Freestanding Emergency Center at the Lindenhurst campus. Since completion in July 2011, we have had an extremely positive response from the community. We will see approximately 12,000 emergency department visits there this year. Of those visits, over 100 patients a month are subsequently admitted to the hospital. The high utilization of the center confirms that the demand for health care in north central and northwestern Lake County – which others had questioned – is there.

Our Medical Office Building opened recently, too. So, now, to fully serve the community, we need inpatient hospital beds and services in Lindenhurst, to improve health care access.

One last thing...

Vista Health System serves patients who live paycheck to paycheck...plus those who don't even have a paycheck.

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We know that leaders of several other health systems with hospitals in Lake County are going to oppose our application for a Lindenhurst hospital. So, Review Board members might ask themselves why these other systems are opposing Vista's plan. I'll tell you why. It's about their payor mix. They are afraid that if Vista – which serves the poorest patients in Lake County 365 days a year, every year – opens a new hospital, their payor mix may not be as lucrative as it is today.

Step back and look at where those other hospitals are located – Highland Park ... Lake Forest ... Barrington ... Libertyville – these are some of the most affluent communities in Lake County ... and they're some of the most affluent communities in the entire state of Illinois. They are not interested in patients from Waukegan ... or North Chicago ... or any of the other Lake County communities with the high poverty levels Vista serves.

Leaders from some of these other systems will probably quote their charity care numbers in an attempt to show that they care about serving low-income and uninsured patients. But that is far from the whole story. Take a look at how few Medicaid patients these other hospitals treat.

For illustration, let's take one example. Let's compare Vista, a two-hospital system, with another system that has two hospitals in Lake County – Advocate Healthcare. Advocate has Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington and Condell Hospital in Libertyville.

When it comes to serving Medicaid patients, Vista's two hospitals combined (East and West) serve a far greater percentage of Medicaid patients – out of the total number of patients – than Advocate's two Lake County hospitals do, combined.

Vista's combined Medicaid admissions in 2011 were 34.4 percent of all patients served – in-patient and out-patient – at our two hospitals. By comparison, Advocate's combined Medicaid patients in 2011 were far less. They were just 11.5 percent of all in-patient and out-patient care for Advocate's two Lake County hospitals.

As a proportion of net revenue, Vista's Medicaid patient revenue is 21.6 percent of net revenue. Advocate's combined net Medicaid revenue for Condell and Good Shepherd is just 7.2 percent of net revenue.

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In closing, I ask you to look at the big picture.

In Lake County, we have so many people, with so little access to healthcare, and so much growth. Vista Health System has a consistent track record of responding to the health care needs of all Lake County residents. We are especially attuned to those who are most vulnerable.

Vista is applying to build a new hospital to improve access to health care for patients. Others are opposing us because of what they fear it will do to their payor mix. Their opposition isn't about the patients. We believe the issue of access to health care should trump concerns over the bottom lines of hospitals that are located in the most affluent parts of this county.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Barbara J. Martin

President & CEO, Vista Health System

Project No. 12-081/Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst

Public Hearing Testimony in Support of Vista Lindenhurst

11/15/2012

My name is Dr. Deborah Smart and on behalf of Vista Health System, I'd like to express our appreciation to the broad spectrum of individuals that have expressed their support for this project today including patients and area residents, elected officials, physicians and first responders. I'd like to thank the hearing officer and board member present and the board for the opportunity to be heard. We are excited about this project because it will bring services to a population that has long been in need of approved access.

As noted by the opposition, Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst is programmatically designed to provide the services typically provided in the community hospital setting. In fact, we purposefully elected not to duplicate the tertiary care services already available in Lake County. However, while not duplicating those services, the proposed hospital will improve access to the types of inpatient services most often required by those in need.

Vista has a long and well recognized reputation for providing both Medicaid and charity care services to some of the most economically challenged residents of Lake County, and any suggestion that it has failed to do so because of its for-profit organization is unfounded. To the contrary, it will enhance its services to these residents with a new hospital in Lindenhurst.

Again, we thank you for this opportunity and look forward to working with residents of the community, the Board and its staff to bring a hospital to Northwestern and North central Lake County.



David B. Stolman  
Board Chairman

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**DAVID STOLMAN PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**Project # 12-081, Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst**  
**Thursday, November 15, 2012**

Good afternoon. My name is David Stolman and I am chairman of the Lake County Board. I have been on the Board for the past 20 years and have been a resident of Lake County for more than 30 years.

As chairman, it is my responsibility to lead Lake County toward achieving the goals set by its residents and the County Board. As many of you know, one of the goals of our Strategic Plan is to build healthy and resilient communities. We are working to maintain the well-being of residents by focusing on health care access for families ... the aging population ... and other populations in need.

As the County Board began developing its strategic plan in 2008, Vista had already identified an imbalance in access to medical care in northwestern Lake County. There has been tremendous population growth in this area of the county and more is expected. As the population grows, the roads get busier – and for many residents in this area, driving more than 30 minutes for medical care just isn't right.

Access to quality, affordable health care is also essential to the continued economic growth in this region. A new hospital would bring jobs to residents in north and central Lake County. For these reasons, Lake County continues to support Vista's plan for a new private hospital presence in northwest Lake County and continued healthcare services in Waukegan.

I commend the Review Board for approving Vista's Freestanding Emergency Center, which opened in July 2011. It has been a tremendous asset to the community. And, it is on track to treat about 12,000 patients by the end of this year.

Members of the Review Board, you have the opportunity to correct this imbalanced distribution of hospital beds and to do the right thing for Lake County residents. Your approval of this much-needed hospital in Lindenhurst will help Lake County meet its goal, by making hospital services more accessible for all individuals and families.

I support Vista's plans for a Lindenhurst hospital, and I encourage you to do the same.

Thank you for your time.

David Stolman  
Chairman  
Lake County Board

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*David Stolman*  
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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ADJOURNED REGULAR SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2003 SESSION  
MAY 11, 2004

MADAM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Health and Human Services Committee presents herewith a Resolution affirming its support for maintaining a private hospital in Waukegan and for the establishment of a new private hospital in northwest Lake County, and requests its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

	Aye	Nay
<u>Andy Cole</u> Chairman	✓	___
<u>Steve Carlson</u> Vice-Chairman	✓	___
<u>Carol Spielman</u>	✓	___
<u>Marybeth Cunningham</u>	✓	___
<u>Donald M. Bauer</u>	✓	___
<u>Audrey Nixson</u>	✓	___
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Willard R. Helander County Clerk

Health & Human Services Committee

VOICE VOTE

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the population of Lake County, Illinois, grew from 179,097 in 1950 to 644,356 in the official 2000 census, resulting in the rate of population growth of Lake County being higher than that of the Chicago six-county metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the County's population is projected to continue increasing through the 2020 horizon of the Lake County Regional Framework Plan; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of Lake County's population is also increasing with the racial and ethnic diversity of the County also expected to continue to increase through 2020, with additional shifts in demographic trends anticipated, including increasing Hispanic and Asian populations and a growing older-adults population; and

WHEREAS, the fastest population growth is projected to occur in the northwest section of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, population growth and development in some areas can cause unintended impacts on traffic, infrastructure, and public services such as hospitals, the Lake County Regional Framework Plan recognizes the need for hospitals to be within a reasonable driving distance for all residents; and

WHEREAS, significant energies have gone into managing the growth of this County to better assure a healthy and productive life style for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Regional Framework Plan specifically encourages the establishment of a hospital presence in northwest Lake County while maintaining a hospital presence in Waukegan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake County Board affirms its support to Vista Health Care Systems or any other private hospital system in order to maintain an adequate private hospital presence in Waukegan; and

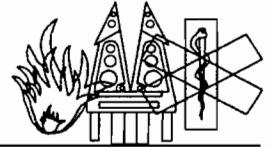
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake County Board affirms its support for the establishment of a new private hospital presence in northwest Lake County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board strongly encourages all hospitals in Lake County to share fairly in treatment of the uninsured and under served in the immediate region, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of the Resolution to the County Board, County Administrator, and Executive Director of the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center, and Director of Lake County Planning, Building and Development.

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2004.



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of MARK KIRSCHHOFFER  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

My name is Mark Kirschhoffer – Fire Chief Newport Township Fire Protection District. I have been a member of the Newport Township Fire District for more than 33 years and I have served as Fire Chief for the past 20 years. I want to emphasize to you that the proposed Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst Level II trauma center is a much needed project that will indeed save lives.

Through the years I've been part of countless fire and rescue emergencies in our protection area and assisted in neighboring communities as well. In doing so I've witnessed the serious consequences that can result when we have to travel too far to reach an appropriate hospital. It is unacceptable for critical patients to travel 20, 30 or 40 minutes for higher level medical care. Residents in the northwest region of Lake County need a hospital located nearby. Increased traffic congestion along with the long distance of travel to current hospital facilities is unacceptable. A Lindenhurst Level II trauma center would be the right thing for better patient care.

Vista's proposed hospital would provide a Level II trauma center in an area of the County that drastically needs a closer hospital facility. We appreciate having the freestanding emergency center in Lindenhurst but it can not fully handle the needs of the area. The Lindenhurst and surrounding communities deserves better access to hospital care.

With limited staffing of fire/rescue agencies this would also make both a financial and quality service impact by having turn around times quicker getting ambulance back in service in their communities sooner.

We need a hospital closer to us. It would provide an effective solution to better service at a more cost effective manner. I commend Vista Medical Center for stepping up and offering a facility in our northern region of Lake County

Respectfully,

Mark Kirschhoffer

Fire Chief

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Dan Young**  
**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello I'm Dan Young. For the past four years I've had the honor and privilege of serving as chief of the Waukegan Fire Department.

The Waukegan Fire Department and Vista Health System have worked together to reduce response times, improve critical care of patients, and dramatically increase the overall success associated with a new system for treating and diagnosing heart attack patients – ultimately saving lives.

That's one thing firefighters and health care systems have in common – we save lives.

But, we can only do so in more efficient ways when our communities have access to convenient, high-quality care.

I stand here today in full support of Vista's plans to build a new hospital in Lindenhurst, because Vista Health System sets the standard for high-quality care.

Vista's hospital plan shows it is committed to making sure all Lake County residents have reasonable access to hospital care.

The consensus among many area fire chiefs is that transport times are still too high.

For example, the closest hospitals to Vista's medical campus in Lindenhurst are 20 to 25 miles away. It can take 45 minutes to get the patient to a hospital for care... and that's on a good day, due to congested roadways. That is in addition to the time it takes to get to the patient in the first place.

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Dan Young  
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We're all aware that the population in western and northwestern Lake County continues to grow. As we welcome more families into this county, we'll get more emergency calls – and congestion – which hinder our ability to provide life-saving care.

If the Review Board approves this hospital, it could save more lives.

And remember, that's my job. That's also Vista Health System's job, to save lives.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,



Dan Young

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of DR. NEIL PULLER  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. My name is Dr. Neil Puller. I am a radiologist with 30 years of experience in Lake County and I also am a Vista board member. When you review this Certificate of Need application, it is easy to see the clear need for Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst.

Vista's Lindenhurst medical campus features excellent radiology facilities and services, including a diagnostics lab, CT, MRI and digital mammography. Patients are fully utilizing these services, and I have used these facilities to diagnosis countless conditions. Some of my patients are admitted to hospitals as a result of these tests. Adding a hospital to this campus would allow these patients to receive treatment close to home – most importantly, close to their family and friends, as well as their doctors and other medical professionals.

When you look at a map of Lake County, you can see that the hospitals are located in east, south or southeastern sections of Lake County. This is unfair to every resident that lives in north, west or northwest portions of Lake County.

This unbalance in access to hospital services needs to be fixed. It simply does not make sense to have six hospitals in one half of a county and zero in other half. Lindenhurst and its surrounding areas need hospital beds in the community.

It is unreasonable to ask such a large amount of Lake County residents to travel 30 minutes or more to reach a hospital. This problem is only exacerbated during rush hour and in the case of medical emergencies.

Finally, it would be something between hypocritical and disingenuous for an organization that actually applied for a certificate of need several years ago for a Round Lake hospital to now claim that the necessity for a northwest Lake County hospital no longer exists. I urge the board to look at a map of Lake County and you will see that we are not properly serving an entire half of the county. We can fix this though, through the approval of Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst.



PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of DR. BROCK FRANKLIN  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. I am Dr. Brock Franklin and I am an emergency medicine physician and the medical director of Vista Health System's Emergency Departments.

Our emergency room plays a vital role in providing trauma care to east and southeastern Lake County. We must extend this care to underserved areas in north central and northwestern Lake County.

And, I also want to be clear ... adding a Level II Trauma Center in Lindenhurst would NOT, in itself, mean that Advocate Condell would have to close down its Level I Trauma Center. That is an empty threat.

The truth is that Level I Trauma cases would STILL be transported to Condell. That's the way the trauma system is designed. Our new hospital would NOT decrease the number of Level I cases in Lake County.

Vista's goal is to increase access to the routine services provided by virtually every other hospital for the north central and northwestern parts of the county. To repeat ... this is about increasing access to life-saving care.

At Vista East, we are fortunate that many of our patients are transported from Waukegan or from just outside the city.

I shudder when I hear about some of the ambulance transport times in northwestern Lake County. Thirty to 45 minutes? Amazing.

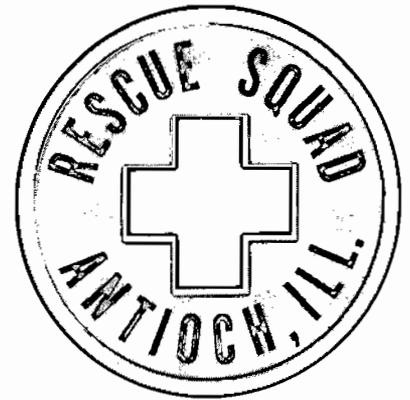
I'm in awe of our amazingly dedicated paramedics and firefighters from northwestern and north central Lake County. Just think about all the life-saving work they do when they transport people on long rides across the county. But it shouldn't be all on them. They need to have a hospital nearby.

We're expecting about 12,000 visits to the Lindenhurst freestanding emergency center this year. About 100 of those patients each month are admitted to the hospital.

Vista's new hospital can provide nearby hospital beds for the recovery process. This will allow us to deliver patient-centered care that keeps people near their homes.

In closing, I ask that you approve the Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst project. Thank you.

# Antioch Rescue Squad



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
Of Brian DeKind, Chief, Antioch Rescue Squad  
Project # 12-081, Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst  
Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012

Hello. My name is Brian DeKind and I am Chief of the Antioch Rescue Squad. I am happy to offer my support for the hospital proposed for Lindenhurst by Vista Health System.

The Antioch Rescue Squad is a nonprofit corporation, dedicated to helping those who are injured or sick in the Antioch community. We also provide first aid education to the public. And, I am proud to say that the Antioch Rescue Squad – founded more than 70 years ago – was the first of its kind in Illinois, and first in the Midwest.

Our goal always has been, and continues to be, to treat and stabilize injured and sick people as quickly as possible and transport them to a place where they can be seen by emergency physicians as soon as possible.

I realize that we can't – and shouldn't – have hospitals on every corner. However, there is no denying that all of us in the northwest part of Lake County – especially the Antioch and lakes region – have lacked reasonable access to hospital care as long as we can remember.

Vista's plan to build a hospital in Lindenhurst will help improve access to care for everyone. As I understand it, this hospital would include a Level II Trauma Center and

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# *Antioch Rescue Squad*



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plenty of inpatient beds, which makes sense – why transport people across the county or out of the state?

Residents in Antioch are among those who would benefit most from this hospital. Many times we've had to send our patients to hospitals in Wisconsin because it's the closest place to get care.

No one wants to be in an ambulance for 30+ minutes - it takes a toll on the patient. And, once we reach the hospital, it takes our crews a long time to get back to our district, which can hurt further responses. The close proximity of the Lindenhurst hospital will help in all of those areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to come here today and speak about something that's very important to me and the Antioch Rescue Squad – reasonable access to life-saving health care. I ask that you approve this certificate of need so that Vista can build a hospital where it's needed the most.

Thank you.



# Village of Lindenhurst

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of DOMINIC MARTURANO  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

I'm Dominic Marturano, a Trustee for the Village of Lindenhurst, and I'm quite honored to be here today.

Why? Because I can show support for a project that will dramatically strengthen the community's economy and improve our access to health care.

Vista has served our community for many years. Its Lindenhurst medical campus is quite impressive – a freestanding emergency center, diagnostic labs and a new medical office building.

Let's talk about the emergency center. I've heard that an average of a thousand or more people go there each month. Those numbers alone justify the need for this hospital. In addition, I've talked to many constituents who say they really appreciate this center and hope the hospital will get approved.

It's clear that our community wants this hospital.

This project also will create hundreds of jobs and new opportunities for the community. These hospital jobs will pay well and will have an incredibly positive ripple effect throughout this area.

As a 20+ year Lindenhurst resident and 5 ½ year Village Trustee, I know how much this Vista-Lindenhurst project means to longtime residents. We all love living here, but worry about what would happen if we had to be transported to the hospital in an emergency. Especially during rush hour.

Vista knows this, and wants to help us. Let's help Vista fulfill its vision.

I fully support Vista's efforts to provide more quality health care closer to home. I ask that you approve their plans to build Vista Medical Center - Lindenhurst.

FRANK M. LOFFREDO, Mayor  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Frank Loffredo  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER- LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

My name is Frank Loffredo, and I have served as Mayor of Lake Villa for almost 20 years. During that time, I have been honored to help our village grow into the wonderful place it is to live and work today.

Lake Villa is well-known for its small-town charm, but we have the needs of a much larger community. In the last decade alone, our population has increased by nearly 50 percent.

As we work to serve the growing needs of our residents, ensuring access to quality medical care has become a major priority.

Both as Mayor and as a Lake Villa citizen, I am a strong supporter of Vista Health System's plan to open a new hospital next door in Lindenhurst.

Vista's new 132-bed medical center will bring life-saving hospital care to northwestern and north central Lake County, and to the residents of Lake Villa.

Unfortunately, access to medical care is not evenly distributed around Lake County. Residents in Lake Villa and towns such as Lindenhurst and Antioch are forced to drive 20, 30, 40 minutes or more to get access to health care that they need and deserve.

If you drive long enough, you can find a hospital. But that hospital might be in a different county or even a different state. I don't think you should have to drive 30 minutes to get hospital care. Shame on us. We need to do better than that.

There is no question about the need to open this facility.

We owe it to the residents of Lake Villa, Lindenhurst and our neighbors in west and northwestern Lake County to build Vista's new hospital. We need to ensure that quality medical care is available to families close to home when they need it most.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

  
Frank M. Loffredo  
Mayor

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
OF  
NAREN KAPADIA MD  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER - LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

My name is Naren Kapadia MD, and I have been in private practice as an Oncologist/Hematologist for more than 30 years in Waukegan area

I want to tell you a story. A story of Sister Christine, who was one of the senior administrators at St Therese Hospital, single handedly decided to do something about the medical care for poor in Lake County. She founded the organization known as Health Reach Clinic about 20 years ago and offered free care to thousands of patients who did not have access to care. Many of those patients required specialty care, and were seen by many of the physicians in our community and were completely taken care of by St Therese and Victory Memorial Hospital.

Community Health Center now operates both Vista Medical Center East and Vista Medical Center West and are part of Vista Health System. Both of these hospitals continue to provide unflinching support for these patients in north east Lake County

I am proud to be a part of a Community Health Service and Vista System that cares so much about its community to provide quality care. I am confident that this quality health care will continue to be provided to the uninsured as well as indigenous population as Vista System continues to grow in western part of Lake County in Lindenhurst. Vista is committed to the community and has proven track record in Waukegan. The experiences of providing quality health care at these two current locations will further provide an impetus to the new location in Lindenhurst

Vista has provided excellent healthcare to the northwestern Lake County residents with its newly opened Free Standing Emergency Center, medical office building, radiology services and outpatient services in Lindenhurst campus. Only thing missing from here are hospital beds and inpatient care to our patients

Today I ask the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to approve Vista Health System's application for a certificate of need to build Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst. A yes vote will allow Vista to bring its care, commitment and health care services to the residents of Northwest Lake County.

Thank you,  
Naren Kapadia MD



# Village of Lindenhurst

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## PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY of Susan Lahr

PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

On behalf of the residents of Lindenhurst, I'd like to start by saying how grateful I am to Vista for its determination ... and its vision.

Vista's vision for many years has been to build a medical campus in Lindenhurst that includes a full-service hospital.

Why? Because Vista is determined to improve health care access for a large section of Lake County that does not have a hospital nearby.

The last time I testified at a review board hearing about a Vista project, it was for the freestanding emergency center in Lindenhurst. At that hearing more than two years ago, we heard a lot of positive testimony about what the emergency center would do, but we also heard some negative. Some people tried to convince the review board that this center would be a bad thing for Lake County.

Guess what? The emergency center is a smashing success. Vista is on track to get 12,000 visits to the center this year. Just think about it – that's hundreds of people each month who are spared a 25-, 30- or 45-minute drive each way to the nearest hospital.

Now, we have a chance to do more. Much more.

Vista's new hospital will dramatically improve health care for thousands of people. It's not just about saving lives, although that is the top reason. It's also about access to care for the elderly and poor who might need to take public transportation to hospitals many miles away.

Our community and region are still growing – for example, our housing permits went up by 22 percent last year.

With that growth, we need to plan for the future. Our motto "Developing Today for Tomorrow" fits perfectly with Vista's vision for its medical campus.

We, like Vista, are determined to improve access to health care for western and northwestern Lake County. For that reason, I ask that the review board approve the certificate of need for Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst.

Thank you,

My name is Trent Gordon, and I am the Director of Business Development at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, and I'm here to voice Advocate Good Shepherd's opposition to the Vista application. Good Shepherd is located in Lake County and in the same Planning Area as the proposed project. One thing that has not been mentioned is that this application was previously denied by the Board less than 5 years ago. The Board denied the application because the hospital did not meet the Board's rules. Has that much significantly changed over those five years to warrant the Board reversing their decision?

However, let me take my professional hat off and speak to you as a resident of Grayslake, which is located on the other side of line referenced by Vista. My family and I moved to Grayslake over 10 years ago and at that time I was not working for Advocate. I can assure you as a resident of central Lake County that I have ample access to health care resources. Let me give you an example. There are five freestanding emergency centers in the state, living in Grayslake I live less than 10 minutes from two of those freestanding emergency centers. One is Lake Forest's emergency center in Grayslake and one is Vista's freestanding center in Lindenhurst. Numerous people have talked about the need for access to nearby critical care. Critical care is what freestanding emergency centers provide. Should I have a need for critical services I can stay within my hometown or drive north 10 minutes to Vista's FEC or drive south to Advocate Condell in Libertyville. But let me go back to north central Lake County and the health care services located in north central Lake County. Not only are there emergency services in Lindenhurst, there's an ambulatory surgery center in Lindenhurst. If I need surgery I don't need to leave my community to get that surgical procedure done. If I need an imaging study performed, like a CT, MRI or x-ray, I can go to the Lake Forest Grayslake campus or drive 10 minutes north to Lindenhurst.

In summary, there are more powerful reasons to vote against this project than there are to vote for this project.

I ask that you deny this project.

Thank you.

## Orchard Medical Center, S.C.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Guy Abderholden, M.D.  
PROJECT# 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello, my name is Dr Guy Abderholden MD and I was born and raised in Antioch, IL. I have been a family physician for the last 20 years at Orchard medical center in Antioch, IL. The practice was founded by my father Dr Ed Abderholden in 1958. He worked as a general practioner for 39 years and was very active in the community and with Victory and St Therese hospital. The Antioch community has always been well minded about health care needs for all its residents. The first certified paramedics in all the state of Illinois were members of the complete volunteer rescue squad. In the 1970's my father and other physicians foresaw the health needs in the area and pushed for a hospital in Lake Villa Il, called Countryside hospital but their vision was never realized. Now 40 years later we are still debating an issue that past community members were able to foresee back then. And now it is more evident the needs of this part of the county. The Archdiocese sees this area as growing and has opened a new parish called St Raphael The Archangel in Antioch, Il. even with St Peters parish thriving in downtown Antioch. But state officials for some reason do not see what everyone else sees. Hospitals across the border see the needs of our community and are buying practices and taking patients, jobs and services and money out of our state and into Wisconsin. I support a hospital in Lindenhurst, IL because it will serve the community and neighboring towns. People will get quick and life saving services and be able to be close to family, friends and neighbors. Often people from Antioch, Il are taken to Wisconsin hospitals or driving themselves due to proximity. Unfortunately continuity of care is lost because their primary physicians are not on staff at these hospitals and follow up with sub-specialist is lost because these doctors do not know us and worse we do not know them. I have testified in the past in favor of a new facility in Lindenhurst Il and I am more convinced and committed to see that this becomes a reality. Thank you very much. Dr Guy Abderholden



Guy R. Abderholden, MD

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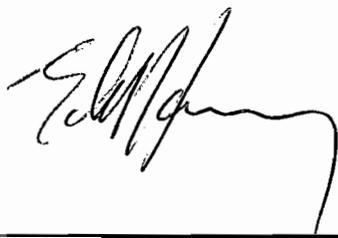
PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Edward Hamming, MD  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Good morning. My name is Dr. Edward Hamming and I have been an orthopaedic surgeon for more than 30 years. I strongly believe that it's necessary to build a hospital in Lindenhurst that provides better health care access to the residents of Lake County.

As senior partner of Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, I am deeply committed to the residents of Lake County. The residents deserve to have a new hospital in Lindenhurst because the region has a large population that must travel outside the area to receive care. Depending on the traffic and the time of day, the commute could take up to an hour.

The two freestanding emergency centers in the region – Lindenhurst and Grayslake – are very limited as to what problems they can treat. Many people arrive at the centers for treatment and have to be transferred to a regular hospital. This is a considerable waste of time, costs a lot of extra money and isn't pleasant for the patient.

I perform many surgeries at Vista East in Waukegan and I can attest to the excellent medical care that Vista Health System provides to its patients. Therefore, I fully support the addition of a new hospital for the people of north central and northwestern Lake County.



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Dr. William Maloney

**Testimony in opposition to Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst, Project #12-081**

Good afternoon. My name is Dr. William Maloney. I have been an emergency physician for 21 years and am currently the Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Advocate Condell Medical Center here in Lake County. I worked all night; and after giving this testimony I am going to bed as I am working again tonight. I mention this because despite my schedule I came to the hearing today because I am very concerned that this hospital proposal would affect the quality of emergency care available here in our county.

As you may know, Condell is one of only 18 Level I Trauma Centers in Illinois, and it is the only Level I Trauma Center in Lake County. Among the reasons why there are so few Level I Trauma Centers are that they require a great concentration of specialist care, and they are very expensive to operate.

At Condell, we provide this service because it is vital to Lake County residents. We see nearly 1,500 local Trauma patients every year. Many of these patients are our most serious cases, require the most emergent attention, and would not live without this level of care. This includes patients who have suffered severe car or motorcycle accidents, bad falls, violent attacks, and more.

Before Condell earned Level I status in 2009, ambulances or helicopters were forced to take these patients much further away -- as far as Chicago or Milwaukee. Now, patients can get this critical care, which is frequently life-saving, much more quickly. It is also a significant advantage for the friends and families of our patients who do not need to travel as far to visit their loved ones.

It is an enormous benefit to the Lake County community to have this resource right in their backyard, and I am sure everyone can agree that is a resource that they would like to keep for the long-term. Fortunately for Lake County residents, they are not among the 45 million Americans without access to a Level I or Level II trauma center within the "golden hour" after they experience a traumatic event.

I am concerned, however, that this resource – and the well-being of those who live and work in Lake County – is in jeopardy. No question, a new hospital in Lindenhurst would have a negative impact on Condell. I support the idea that everyone should have access to healthcare, but not at the cost of others – especially not when it could potentially come at the cost of a Level I Trauma Center.

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Maloney  
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Condell was able to attract a number of highly trained specialists to our medical staff because these physicians knew they would have enough patient volume due to our trauma center designation. Stripping away some of that volume will leave us vulnerable to the possibility that some of those specialists – including pelvic surgeons, neurosurgeons, spine specialists – could leave our staff, and relocate to a different region where there are enough trauma patients to allow them to maintain their practices.

As a medical professional, I can tell you this would hurt not only the immediate community, but the entire region. It is critical that healthcare centers and hospitals collectively provide a broad spectrum of services. Maintaining this delicate balance relies on Lake County residents having access to a Level I Trauma Center. I believe upsetting this balance may cost lives that the region is now able to save.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns. I urge you to take a close look at the proposal and consider the negative consequences that would result from it. Healthcare is not about quantity; it's about quality.

**Michael F. Scheer, M.D., F.A.C.S.**

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Project # 12-081

RE: In Support of Vista Health System's Proposal for new Hospital in Lindenhurst

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my support for the Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst proposal.

As a General Surgeon practicing in Lake County for the past 17 years, I have seen tremendous growth in Lake County, especially in the northwest. I see many patients on a daily basis from the Antioch, Spring Grove, Richmond and Fox Lake areas and even patients from the Wisconsin cities of Bristol, Trevor and Twin Lakes.

Patients travel to my office for pre-operative consultations and then are scheduled for surgery at one of the local community hospitals where I have admitting and surgical privileges; either Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan or Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. If the surgery can be performed as an outpatient, I recommend that it be performed at the Surgery and Treatment Center in Lindenhurst, the same site as the proposed new hospital facility.

There are several reasons for this recommendation, the most immediate being the travel time savings for the patients and their families. From the locations above and the surrounding areas it currently takes 45 minutes to one hour to reach any of the Lake County hospitals during off peak hours and much longer during rush hour and with construction. From those same areas it takes less than 30 minutes to reach the Surgery and Treatment Center in Lindenhurst.

It is quite clear to me that the residents of northern Lake County and southern Wisconsin are in need of available inpatient and emergent hospital care.

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I also take calls from the Vista Lindenhurst Emergency Room. This ER has been steadily increasing in volume and admits patients to the local hospitals on a daily basis. Patients with life-threatening emergencies need to have access to a full-service hospital.

With the expanding population of northwestern Lake County and southern Wisconsin, we will see more trauma and more emergencies. Where are these patients going to go? A Level II trauma center at the proposed site on the border of Lindenhurst and Lake Villa will serve this population well now and in the future.

In closing, I completely support Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst as being best for my patients, for the local communities, and for Lake County, as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Scheer".

Michael F. Scheer, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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## PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST

NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello, I'm Dr. Wendy Lotts, president of the Vista Health System Medical Staff. I am also on staff at Lake Forest Hospital and Advocate Condell Medical Center.

I am pleased to see so many Vista doctors and private practice physicians who send their patients to Vista here today to show their support for Vista's certificate of need to build a new hospital in Lindenhurst. There is one common thread to all of our testimony: This hospital is, first and foremost, about the patients.

We want to be able to provide life-saving and life-sustaining medical care for residents in north central and northwestern Lake County.

As a pediatrician for more than 19 years, I automatically think of the children in these areas. What if a child is injured in an accident, hurt in a sporting event or is suffering from a sudden, severe illness? My husband was injured in our yard in October 2002. He broke both bones in his ankle and dislocated it. The Gurnee paramedics arrived in less than 5 minutes. However, it took 30 minutes for him to be transported from Almond and Grand Avenue to St Therese Hospital. That is 10 minutes east of the Lindenhurst site. If his ankle had been relocated within 60 minutes of his injury, he would have had less nerve damage. Unfortunately, that wasn't possible by the time xrays were completed.

As doctors, we can see many advantages to building a hospital on Vista's medical campus in Lindenhurst. The campus already has some of the components of a hospital, including a freestanding emergency center (FEC) – which will become a Level II Trauma Center – diagnostics labs and other state-of-the-art services. Now it just needs the hospital beds to provide ongoing care in an area that has been desperate for a nearby hospital.

On behalf of our Vista physicians and those in private practice who have privileges at Vista, as well as our nurses and staff, I ask that you let Vista shift some of its hospital beds from Vista Medical Center-East to Lindenhurst. Please approve this much-deserved certificate of need for a new hospital.

Thank you



PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of DR. DENNIS THAIN  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. My name is Dr. Dennis Thain and I practice family medicine in northwestern Lake County.

Northwestern and north central Lake County desperately need an in-patient/full-service hospital, which is why I support the Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst project.

The well-being of my patients is my top concern. A hospital in Lindenhurst would give my patients quicker access to emergency care, which is critical. Every minute counts in a medical emergency. The 30- to 45-minute drives my patients endure to get to a hospital are not acceptable.

The Lindenhurst medical campus is a tremendous asset to northwestern Lake County. But it can be dramatically enhanced by offering inpatient services. With the infrastructure already in place, it makes sense to add a full-service hospital.

I urge you to consider health care access for all Lake County residents. Please approve Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst.



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**Dominica Tallarico**

President, Advocate Condell Medical Center

November 15, 2012

Good morning Mr. Sewell, Ms. Avery, members of the audience. I am Dominica Tallarico, president of Advocate Condell Medical Center.

Our hospital has the opportunity to serve many residents of this community and certainly Lake County. We take this responsibility seriously and strive to provide our communities with the best possible health care available.

Having only recently begun my responsibilities at Condell it would admittedly be more exciting to be the hospital president proposing a new facility than the one opposing, - - but the fun position is not always the correct position. I am here today because I truly believe that the proposed hospital is inconsistent with our collective mission of stewards over the health care system. Which is better for Lake County, non-emergency hospital care that is 5 minutes closer or \$115 million less expensive?

**1. Hospitals Must do More, and Better, with Less**

The nation is just beginning one of the biggest health care reformations in my lifetime. (Of course I'm young). The nation's severe financial constraints will force health care providers to do more with less. We see, and feel, these reductions in Illinois where the State this year was forced to reduce Medicaid expenses by \$2.7 Billion No matter which reform programs you may have favored, virtually no healthcare reform proposal has argued that the solution to the nation's health care problem is to build more suburban hospitals. This proposed new hospital runs

counter to where health care is going, and to where it should go. Our health care system cannot afford this new hospital and it should not be built.

**2. What Has Changed**

Vista has previously proposed and the Review Board has previously rejected (twice) a new hospital in Lindenhurst. Has anything changed since that time that now justifies a new hospital?

A. *Is there a new need for an additional hospital?* No. The Review Board Inventory shows a surplus of 101 med/surg and OB beds in the area.

B. *Is there new need for emergency services?* No. Since the Boards denial of the new hospital, two new free-standing emergency centers have been built, including one in Lindenhurst.

C. *Is the area population growth so fast that existing hospitals can't keep up?* No. Any population increase is more that offset by the drop in inpatient utilization. Lake County hospitals have experienced a 3% decline in inpatient utilization in the past 2 years and the new hospital proposed service area has experienced a 5.2% decline in inpatient utilization. Last year Lake County hospitals had fewer patient days than in 2008.

D. *Are existing hospitals so full that patients don't have access to care?* No. Virtually every hospital in Lake County is operating below the review board's target utilization.

E. *Has Vista so filled its existing hospitals and facilities that they have no capacity?* No. Vista East operates at only 39% capacity for med/surg, 27% capacity for obstetrics and 0%

utilization of pediatrics. The hospital proposing to build a new hospital in Lake County is the hospital with the lowest utilization.

F. *Has Vista fulfilled their commitment to invest \$70M in improvements to the Vista Waukegan facilities?* No. Vista made commitments to the Lake County and Waukegan area residents to improve the existing hospital facilities and this commitment has not been met. Why would we then approve diverting these scarce health dollars to another project?

**3. The Health Care Delivery Model is Clearly Moving Away from New Hospitals to Ambulatory Care**

The health care trend is clearly moving care toward outpatient services and reserving in-patient hospitalization for the most complex care. This is not only more convenient to patients, it is more cost effective. In the last several years you have seen hospitals establish an extensive array of outpatient services including a new Free Standing Emergency Center in Lindenhurst. All of these efforts have brought additional health care into the communities. Please don't be fooled into thinking improved health care access requires building a new hospital.

**4. Unnecessary Duplication of Services**

One of the primary duties of the Review Board is to prevent unnecessary duplication of services. Some would say never mind – let the hospitals compete and fight it out. There are good reasons that it is unwise. A new hospital in the near proximity to hospitals not fully utilized causes considerable harm. Existing hospitals require sufficient volume to cover their fixed costs. Within a given area there are only so many babies to deliver or surgical procedures to perform. A new hospital does not create new demand, it only redistributes and dilutes the volume among existing providers. Without sufficient patients,

hospitals do not have the resources available to invest for the future, cover the cost of the patients who cannot afford care, or increase the quality of its care. Let's be clear — this proposed hospital will significantly harm existing service providers and affect the quality of care given.

One of the Review Board's core review criteria is that the Applicant "document that the proposed project will not lower the utilization rates of any existing provider below the target occupancy." This section of a CON Application is really one of the most substantial. Instead, in this application, Vista simply states "this review criterion quite obviously cannot be met." Vista is correct — this project will quite obviously lower others' utilization and cannot be met. So I ask Vista, "How much will you lower the utilization at my hospital? How many patients and jobs will you take from your own hospitals in Waukegan? If Vista does not answer my questions, Mr. Sewell, Ms. Avery, the Board's rules at least obligate Vista to tell you the answer to those questions.

**5. Assuring Quality of Clinical Care**

Clinical studies show that increased volume relates to improved care and health outcomes for patients. Any knowledgeable patient wants to inquire about the depth of a physician's experience. Particularly knowledgeable patients, like most people in this room, would also want to know about the experience, training and certifications of the nurses and the rest of the surgical team. Would you want to have your procedure performed by a facility that does the procedure once a week, or twice a day? We have several accomplished physicians and surgeons who can well explain how volume affects clinical outcomes. I believe that you would agree that quality counts.

**6. Unnecessary Hospital Construction is not Economic Development**

In today's economy I am very appreciative of the desire for new jobs. Unfortunately, this project does not create new permanent jobs. I'm sure that proponents for this hospital will argue that this project

is economic development. There are only so many patients requiring in-patient hospital services. Moving patients from one hospital to another does not create jobs, it merely moves them around inefficiently. Like using tax dollars to construct a bridge to nowhere, using health care dollars to construct an unnecessary hospital, is an imprudent use of scarce resources for only temporary gain.

### **Conclusion**

I truly believe that none of us charged with being stewards over health care resources, including the Health Facilities and Services Review Board, can conclude that this new project is a responsible use of our health care resources.



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JOHN LEWIS  
CHIEF

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## **Every minute counts.**

I'm Greg Friedrich, Deputy Chief of the Zion Fire Rescue Department, and my colleagues and I are thankful that we have a full-service hospital within 5 miles of our city.

## **Ten minutes.**

That, roughly, is the time it takes to get from Zion to Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan. If there is an emergency, we know our ability to transfer emergent care is improved because a hospital is always nearby.

## **More than 20 minutes.**

That's how long it takes to get from Vista's Lindenhurst medical campus to the nearest hospital. That distance alone shows that there is a need for this new hospital.

## **30 to 45 minutes ... or more.**

That's the amount of time it takes some fire and rescue ambulances in west and northwestern Lake County to travel to the nearest hospital.

As a first responder, I know I would rather be close to a hospital because it gives the patient in the ambulance a better chance.

It's tough to think about this, but put yourself into this situation: Imagine you're a patient in an ambulance, 45 minutes away from the hospital, and your condition deteriorates. We might not get you a hospital in time.

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Or ... how about if you're the spouse or child of the patient ... following the ambulance in your car. All you can do is hope your husband, wife, mother or fathers condition can be maintained during the 45-minute ride.

In the two minutes I've talked today, I hope I've given you a clearer picture of why this new hospital will save lives.

Please approve this project. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Friedrich', with a stylized, cursive script.

Deputy Chief Gregory Friedrich



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of JOHN LEWIS  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

I'm John Lewis, a Paramedic and Fire Chief, and I'm speaking to you today because I believe everyone should have an equal opportunity for quick access to life-saving emergency care.

For more than 20 years, I've served on the front lines of emergency care for the Zion Fire and Rescue Department. Being involved in public safety, and now serving as a Fire Chief, it is my job as Chief to ensure that all people, not just residents of the City of Zion, have access to a hospital emergency room as quickly as possible when they need it most.

We are fortunate in Zion to be close to Vista East Medical Center in Waukegan. But not everyone in Lake County is so lucky to have a hospital within a 10-minute drive. Access to hospital care in Lake County is dangerously unbalanced in our county with all hospitals located in far east, south, or southeastern parts of the county

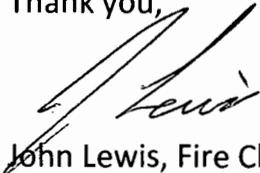
This means many residents of western and northwestern Lake County live 30 minutes or more from a hospital. That is 30 minutes on an easy traffic day. Road construction, rush hour, and sometimes just overwhelming amounts of traffic impede on quick access to a hospital emergency room. Many people are finding it quicker and easier to drive to Wisconsin for hospital care. This should not have to occur.

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We need Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst to help fill this large gap in access to hospital care — and greatly shorten emergency hospital trips for many of our county’s residents. When you, a loved one, or friend is stricken with an emergency medical incident requiring an emergency room, a sense of urgency overwhelms our sense of time. Whether in an ambulance or private vehicle, time can never pass by quick enough. If an opportunity presents itself to shorten the time it takes for you, a loved one, or friend to access emergency care in a time of need, then we in good consciousness should seek that opportunity.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Vista’s certificate of need application to build this new hospital. This project will ensure all Lake County residents have access to life-saving care.

Thank you,



John Lewis, Fire Chief

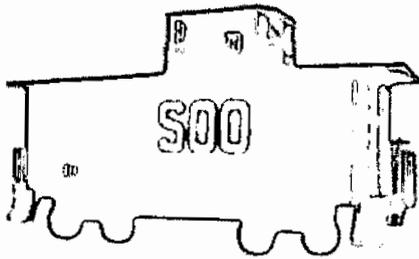
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Dan Venturi, Lake Villa Township Supervisor**  
**PROJECT # 12-081 (VISTA MEDICAL CENTER LINDENHURST)**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello. I am here today to express my support for Vista Health System's proposal to build a the Vista Medical Center in Lindenhurst. I am Dan Venturi, and I am Supervisor of Lake Villa Township. I am happy to welcome everyone here today to our Lake Villa Township West Campus building.

In Lake Villa Township we try to do everything we can to help our neighbors in need. And, today there are a lot of people in need in our communities. For example, we've seen a growing number of people coming to our Township Food Pantry. The requests for Township General Assistance and Emergency Assistance grants are up. And, as our population ages, we are seeing more seniors using our senior services.

The same goes for health care. The combination of population growth in Lake County, followed by a difficult recession and high unemployment, means that more people are looking for health care and more people are having trouble affording it. Vista Health System has been a great partner in our community, providing health care to all people, regardless of their economic situation.

Vista has continually shown its commitment to our community, they have built the emergency center and new medical office facility in Lindenhurst, this proposed medical center request further reflects this commitment. The proposed medical center is needed in order to assure quality health care to our community within a reasonable distance. The proximity of a hospital is crucial to those seeking care and to the family and loved ones that will visit them on a daily basis.

The Lindenhurst Medical Center will provide quality convenient hospital care for patients and families of Lake Villa, Antioch and Round Lake and the surrounding areas.

Thank you.

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Daniel Venturi

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

of

Frank Slazes, Lake Villa Fire Chief

Project # 12-081, Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst

November 15, 2012

Hello, my name is Frank Slazes. I have served with the Lake Villa Fire Department since 1979 and have held the position of Fire Chief for the last 23 years. All of the Firefighters and Paramedics of the Lake Villa Fire District are dedicated to protecting the lives and properties of the communities we serve, which includes the Village of Lake Villa, the Village of Lindenhurst and all of the remaining un-incorporated areas of Lake Villa Township.

I am here today, to support Vista Health System's plan to construct and operate a new 132-bed medical facility in Lindenhurst.

Lake Villa Township has experienced significant growth since I first joined the Fire Department in 1979. The most recent 2010 census indicates Lake Villa Township as having 40,280 residents. Communities bordering our Township have also experienced similar significant growth. With the growth of population, the demands of health care needs have also grown.

Significant increases in emergency medical service calls have also increased with the population growth. The increased population has increased daily traffic congestion and subsequently increased ambulance transport times which equates to increased ambulance "turn around" times from the hospital. On average our ambulances and crews are "tied up" for a minimum of 2 hours with one ALS medical transport.

It's unrealistic to expect the area Fire and EMS Agencies to continue to transport our most serious emergency patients across the county. Not only that, the burden becomes more difficult for our Fire and EMS personnel to be available in our Fire District for the next 9-1-1 call for help.

The newly constructed Vista Freestanding Emergency Center in Lindenhurst has allowed us to transport less serious patients to that facility. But still, the greater percentage of the medical transports, are taken to "full service" hospitals, passing that facility.

Ironically, approximately 30 years ago, discussions were held for a possible hospital location about 1 mile west of here on the property which is commonly known as "Caboose Park". Also, 30 plus years ago, a study was completed indicating the need for outlying Fire Stations in Lake Villa Township. The construction project right next door is finally becoming a reality with a new Fire Station on the west side of our Fire Protection District.

Now, it is also finally time for the construction of a "Full Service" hospital in Northwestern Lake County to provide health care services to the people in need of medical treatment.

Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst would significantly reduce ambulance transport times by area Fire / EMS Agencies. With this new Hospital's "Level 2" Trauma Center, coupled with reduced transport times lives can be saved; minutes can mean the difference between life and death.

Please support Vista's plan for a new Hospital in Lindenhurst.

Thank You



# Village of Lindenhurst

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of TRACY MCGRATH  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

My name is Tracy McGrath and I am a Trustee on the Lindenhurst Village Board. I have lived in Lindenhurst for about 10 years, where my husband and I have raised three children.

I'm very involved in the Lindenhurst community and have heard, time and again, that residents want ... and need ... a hospital that's closer to them.

When I served on the District 117 School Board and volunteered on school committees, one of our concerns was, "What if a student gets hurt ... or becomes severely ill?" Lindenhurst isn't like most suburbs – there's no hospital around the corner or even across town. You have to go across the county!

Right now, all Lake County hospitals are located in the far east, south or the southeastern parts of Lake County. No wonder some people around here go to different counties – or even states – to get care. That's sad.

The new Vista hospital in Lindenhurst will bring life-saving care to northwestern and north central Lake County. The hospital will fill the gap in healthcare that's existed for too many years.

I am proud of the work Vista does. Vista is a great business leader, and business partner, in our community. And, Vista makes this a better place to live by providing services to those who need it most, regardless of their ability to pay.

I urge the board to approve Vista's new hospital because it will provide necessary access to health care for the area.

Thank you,



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of DR. RASHMIKANT PATEL  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

I'm Dr. Rashmikant Patel, a physician, as well as a Vista Board member. I can speak first-hand about the need for Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst.

Time and again, my patients ask me this question: When is a hospital coming to Lindenhurst?

I have two offices – in Gurnee and Lindenhurst. My patients in Lindenhurst are eager to see the new hospital built because it would be on the same campus as my office. With the new hospital, I would be able to spend more time directly providing care to my patients. That is the reason I chose to practice medicine.

I have been a primary care physician for 21 years in Lindenhurst, and see patients for many reasons.

Some of my patients have chronic conditions, such as anemia or kidney disease, that can result in various complications. Sometimes they require hospitalization on short notice. When this is the case, my patients from the Lindenhurst area and their families are forced to stay at a hospital that is 25 to 40 minutes from their home.

This region needs reasonable access to treatment. The Lindenhurst hospital project puts hospital beds closer to our patients while increasing the types of services that patients can receive.

I am continuously asking myself what more I can do for my patients. The most important thing I can do right now is express my strong support for the Lindenhurst hospital.

I look forward to the day I can answer patients' questions about a possible new hospital with an affirmative answer: "Yes. The hospital will be built soon!"

Please, review board members. Approve this hospital project, for our patients' sake.

Sincerely,



Rashmikant S. Patel, MD

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of JoAnn Osmond  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello, I am, JoAnn Osmond, State Representative of the 61<sup>st</sup> District, which includes Antioch, Lake Villa, Fox Lake, Newport Township, Lindenhurst, Zion, Winthrop Harbor and Beach Park and Waukegan. I know from personal experience and by talking to constituents how important access to medical care is, and the hardships faced by those without it. That's why I can say, clearly and unequivocally- the Vista's new hospital in Lindenhurst is badly needed.

My late husband, State Representative Tim Osmond, was a former chief of the Antioch Rescue Squad. In his position as Chief he spent many hours of conversation with Dr. Freeland of the then Victory Hospital attempting to address the issue of how long a rescue squad could take getting a patient stabilized and transported to the nearest medical facilities. 35 minutes was a good time! Not so good when you have trauma patient, delivering a baby five weeks too early or a patient who is having chest pains.

Tim believed that having a hospital in our area would address the concerns of many issues. Over and over again we came close but without success in having a facility with funding to come forth. My husband died on December 17, 2002 from a heart attack at our home, 35 minutes away from a hospital.

As the minority spokesman for the House Committee on Health & Healthcare Disparities, and one of four co-chairs of the Affordable Health Care Committee, I hear stories about people who are shut out of our health care system through no fault of their own. During my time in office, I have worked to improve the state's ability to meet the health care needs of all residents. It concerns me when I learn of an area or population where access to medical care is insufficient – but especially if that area is within my own district.

I'm including with my testimony today a map that shows the imbalance of hospital care in Lake County. You'll see a diagonal line from the northeast to the southwest corners of Lake County...and if you look to the right of that line in the southeast you'll see all the hospitals...while there are NONE in the northwest.

This hospital has my full support, and I am prepared to do whatever I can to help make it a reality. If it comes down to it, I am ready to put on a hard hat and grab a shovel. I feel strongly about this project because the new five-story, 188,000-square-foot hospital serves a real need and puts beds closer to patients. I also believe Vista is the right provider to make care in this community available to all.

Through its support of HealthReach and other programs that extend medical care to the uninsured and underinsured, Vista Health System has shown itself to be a good corporate citizen and a valued member of our community. I would be happy to see Vista expand its presence in my district. I think Vista's case is clear and, on behalf of my constituents and residents across Lake County, I ask you for approve this hospital.

*Senator  
Schmidt  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Suzi Schmidt  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hi. I am Suzi Schmidt, Illinois State Senator for the 31<sup>st</sup> District and a resident of Lake Villa. Before I joined the Senate in 2011, I served on the Lake County Board for more than 20 years and as board chairman for about 10 years.

I am pleased to be here today to express my support for the hospital that Vista Health System is proposing for Lindenhurst.

I have lived in Lake Villa Township for 30 years. During that time, I have seen many dramatic changes in Lake County. The population has grown exponentially over the years and the condition of the roads and the availability of important community services – such as health care – have not always kept up.

This is particularly true in the northwest part of Lake County. For example, Antioch's population increased by more than 60 percent from 2000 to 2012. In that same time period, Lindenhurst grew by 15 percent, and ... just last year ... housing permits in the village went up by 22 percent.

We all know how difficult it is to get around on our congested roads. Things aren't so great, either, when it comes to access to health care. Right now, many of us who reside in Northwestern Lake County live more than 30 minutes away from a hospital – and that's in good traffic, with no road construction and in good weather. I shudder to imagine trying to get to an emergency room in a driving rainstorm or snowstorm, during rush hour.

Vista's hospital in Lindenhurst provide better health care access to the people who live in the northwest and north central regions of Lake County. The Lindenhurst hospital also is

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another component of Vista's overall commitment to provide safety net health care services to medically underserved people in Lake County.

Some people might say that there are plenty of health care options in Lake County already. That's easy to say if you haven't lived in northwestern Lake County for many years. But I have. Not only that, but I've represented this area for many years. I've talked to my constituents about it and ... time and again ... they've let me know that getting a hospital nearby is very important. Vista has heard them – and me – say this for many years. Now, Vista is acting on it.

Please count me as a supporter of the Lindenhurst hospital.

Thank you.



Senator Suzi Schmidt

Vista Medical Center - Lindenhurst #12-081  
Centegra Health System Opposition Testimony  
November 15, 2012

Good morning/afternoon, my name is Rowena Wermes. I am a Strategic Planning Project Manager with Centegra Health System. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today regarding the Community Health Systems application to establish a new hospital, Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst.

Centegra Health System is a not-for-profit provider of a continuum of health care services that has deep roots in McHenry County but has served the residents of northwestern Lake County for many years. Centegra Hospital-McHenry is located approximately 30 minutes from the proposed Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst and its service area is made up of both McHenry and Lake County communities. Centegra Hospital-McHenry is already an accessible option of care for many of the communities that Vista envisions serving.

In fact, the communities of Round Lake, Fox Lake, Spring Grove, Ingleside, Richmond and Round Lake, which are part of Vista's proposed service area, are also part of Centegra Health System's overall service area. From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, Centegra Hospital-McHenry was the third largest hospital providing care to approximately 3,000 patients within the proposed Vista service area.

An approval of Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst could negatively impact Centegra with an 8.4 percent decrease in inpatient volume and an inpatient contribution margin loss of \$2.9 million for Centegra Health System. Furthermore, the proposed hospital could negatively impact Centegra's total outpatient cases by 6.2 percent, with a loss of \$6.9 million. The addition of a hospital to the existing freestanding emergency center could negatively impact Centegra's outpatient emergency department cases, with a 7.5 percent volume decrease and a \$1.5 million loss.

In closing, Centegra Health System opposes the Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst project. Vista's project does not meet the Review Board's criteria. For this reason the project should be denied. We thank you again for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Dear Mr. Galassie:

The purpose of this letter is to express my total and unqualified support for Vista Health System’s new hospital in Lindenhurst. Northwestern Lake County has long needed a new hospital and with each passing year that need has become more acute. Southern and eastern Lake County have had hospitals in relatively easy reach while northwestern Lake County, the region of highest growth and increasing population density, has been left behind.

Vista Health Systems has done an excellent job in eastern Lake County and during the last ten years Vista has emerged as a major center for badly needed health care services in northwestern Lake County. All that remains to be accomplished is the construction of the proposed 132 bed hospital on Vista’s existing Lindenhurst medical services campus. Ever increasing growth and traffic congestion has steadily lengthened the time needed for residents of northwest Lake County to reach trauma services. Vista Health Systems will bring those lifesaving facilities to Lindenhurst for the first time. Vista’s century of service to Lake County is well documented. Vista East is already Lake County’s primary safety net hospital with the majority of its patient’s benefiting from Medicare and Medicaid. That same track record of caring and commitment to those of our neighbors who are most in need will be replicated in northwest Lake County.

Five years ago, I supported Vista Health Systems’ application to build a hospital for northwestern Lake County. A new hospital was needed then and now it has become an absolute necessity for the health and well-being of current and future generations of Lake County citizens. I urge the Board to approve Vista Health Systems’ application without further delay.

Sincerely,

Terry Link

State Senator – 30<sup>th</sup> District

Vista Medical Center - Lindenhurst #12-081  
Centegra Health System Opposition Testimony  
November 15, 2012

Good morning/afternoon, my name is Dr. Rebecca Standish. I am a Planning Analyst with Centegra Health System. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today regarding the Community Health Systems application to establish a new hospital, Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst.

As we reviewed the Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst application we noted a few additional items we thought would be important to highlight for you.

One point is that while Vista highlights the redistribution of and the net reduction in Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds, it avoids highlighting that there is currently no need for OB beds. In fact, there is an excess of 15 beds in the A-9 Planning Area. The additional 20 beds they are proposing will exacerbate the excess capacity. In addition, Vista East OB beds are only 27.7 percent occupied.

The second point is that Vista does not have a complete application. It neglected to address two items in the review criteria related to cardiac catheterization services.

The first component Vista did not address is related to need determination in section 1100.620, which states, "No additional cardiac catheterization service shall be started unless each facility in the planning area offering cardiac catheterization services operates at a level of 400 procedures annually." According to the hospital profiles published on September 11, 2012, it shows that Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital only performed 349 procedures in 2011, which is below the threshold of the need determination criteria.

The second component it neglected to address is related to the Unnecessary Duplication of Services criteria in 1110.1330, which states "Any application proposing to establish cardiac catheterization services must indicate if it will reduce the volume of existing facilities below 200 catheterizations. Any applicant proposing the establishment of cardiac catheterization services must contact all facilities currently providing the service within the planning area in which the applicant facility is located, to determine the impact the project will have on the patient volume at existing services."

Centegra Hospital-McHenry is a provider of cardiac catheterization services and was not contacted or asked whether the project will have an impact on our existing services. In fiscal year 2012, Centegra performed 332 cases from the proposed Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst service area. If Centegra were to lose a portion of these cases, it could translate into a 10% loss in cardiac cath volume and \$624,000 in contribution margin.

In closing, Centegra Health System opposes the Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst project. Vista's project does not meet the Review Board's criteria and has not addressed all the criteria as required by the Board's rules. For these reasons the project should be denied. We thank you again for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Edward Hamming, MD  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Good morning. My name is Dr. Edward Hamming and I have been an orthopaedic surgeon for more than 30 years. I strongly believe that it's necessary to build a hospital in Lindenhurst that provides better health care access to the residents of Lake County.

As senior partner of Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, I am deeply committed to the residents of Lake County. The residents deserve to have a new hospital in Lindenhurst because the region has a large population that must travel outside the area to receive care. Depending on the traffic and the time of day, the commute could take up to an hour.

The two freestanding emergency centers in the region – Lindenhurst and Grayslake – are very limited as to what problems they can treat. Many people arrive at the centers for treatment and have to be transferred to a regular hospital. This is a considerable waste of time, costs a lot of extra money and isn't pleasant for the patient.

I perform many surgeries at Vista East in Waukegan and I can attest to the excellent medical care that Vista Health System provides to its patients. Therefore, I fully support the addition of a new hospital for the people of north central and northwestern Lake County.

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Oppose

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Support

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Support

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Signature Irene Steiner

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Support

Oppose

Written

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November 15, 2012

RE: Vista Health System Hospital  
Public Hearing Testimony  
Project No.

To Whom It May Concern:

Hi, I am Richard Hill, Mayor of Round Lake Beach, and I support Vista Health System initiative to construct a hospital in Lindenhurst, Illinois. Hospitals need to be where the people are, and western Lake County is a highly populated area with lots of young families with children and families expecting children. Having a baby at the hospital is no easy task with the traffic we have in Lake County.

Ambulances taking accident victims to emergency care need to arrive as soon as possible. Minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Building the hospital where the people are will also help save the lives of those most in need of immediate emergency care and reduce the risk of an accident as the ambulance tries to negotiate traffic for many more miles.

My first wife passed away last August 1, 2006 from breast cancer. Mary was hospitalized at Condell Hospital several times and at Lake Forest Hospital once. They took very good care of her but it was a very frustrating and time consuming trip for our family to visit her. It should not be that difficult to visit a loved one when they are in the hospital. Mary needed to see her children as much as possible with her illness overtaking her. The hours spent in traffic should have been spent with Mary.

The construction of a hospital in Lindenhurst would be a huge economic boon for the area communities. It would create 600 jobs directly and thousands of collateral jobs, and most importantly, improve the quality of

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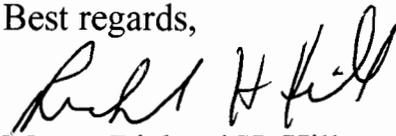
life for residents and workers in the area. While this should not be the main criteria it is certainly a benefit the residents deserve.

Vista Health System has an excellent reputation as a high quality health care provider. It is important that any new hospital approved for Lake County is able to provide an exceptional level of service to the residents.

For years, Western Lake County has been in dire need of more accessible hospital-based medical facilities and Vista Health System proposal will answer this need. Based on the local population I am sure you will agree the Vista Health System initiative is a good plan for the people.

I respectfully urge the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to approve Vista Health System proposal to build a hospital in Lindenhurst, Illinois.

Best regards,



Mayor Richard H. Hill



# Fire Department Gurnee

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Fred Friedl  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello, I'm Fred N. Friedl, and I am the Fire Chief of the Gurnee Fire Department.

A Vista hospital is needed in the Lindenhurst community for many reasons, but a very important one is the cut down on emergency transport times for communities such as Lake Villa, Antioch and Fox Lake.

With the high transport times, there is a risk at having local ambulances too far away when another emergency strikes.

It is my job, and my firefighter's jobs, to make sure we are adequately equipped with the tools we need to save lives as efficiently and effectively as possible. This includes the EMTs and access to ambulances.

When an ambulance is a half hour away and cannot return in time to help others in an emergency, we are putting peoples' lives in jeopardy.

The Lindenhurst community has needed a hospital for many years and now is the time. Review Board, your consideration to approve Vista Health System's plans to build in this community would be appreciated.

Yours in Safety and Protection,

Fred N. Friedl III CFO, Fire Chief

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Ronald Levin  
Fire Chief

## *Winthrop Harbor Fire Department*

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of SHAUNA HASKE  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hi. I'm Shauna Haske and I am a Captain with the Winthrop Harbor Fire Department. I have been a part of the fire department for close to 12 years.

As an EMT Paramedic, I am very familiar with the great services that Vista Health System provides. If approved, Vista will bring high-quality, life-saving care to Lindenhurst residents in north central and northwestern Lake County. These residents now have to travel a very long distance to receive in-patient care.

It's incredibly important to have a hospital close-by during an emergency. I often talk with other firefighters about what it must be like in northwestern Lake County ... when you're so far from a hospital. They know it's a big deal that this new hospital would include a Level II Trauma Center in Lindenhurst, as well as surgical and inpatient care.

When you come right down to it, as firefighters and EMTs, our job is to serve, and to save lives. Patients come first. That's why it is easy for me to support this project. I urge the Board to understand that it can provide access to care that is needed in this community, while having no impact on other communities that already have access to inpatient care.

I ask that you approve Vista's request to bring a much-needed hospital to Lindenhurst.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Capt. Shauna Haske*



Mark Kirschhoffer - Fire Chief

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of HANK GOVEKAR  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. My name is Hank Govekar and I am the EMS Division Chief for the Newport Township Fire Protection District. I support Vista's plan to bring a new hospital to Lindenhurst.

Our district includes parts of Old Mill Creek, Wadsworth, Russell, and Beach Park. We respond to a variety of calls, including high-speed car crashes that occur on I-94, which cuts through our district.

We know ... through our own experiences and those of our colleagues in northern Lake County ... that Lake County residents need a new hospital in Lindenhurst.

Convenient access to health care is crucial and potentially life-saving. First responders as well as patients from the north central and northwestern parts of Lake County have to battle congested roads to get to their nearest hospital.

Amazingly, some even have to drive to Wisconsin to seek care.

Currently, all the hospitals are located in the south, southeast and eastern areas of Lake County. It's very unbalanced in our county. If a new hospital is built on Vista's medical campus in Lindenhurst, northwestern Lake County residents will receive the care they deserve and they will get it closer to home.

Vista is a trusted health care system and it provides excellent services. Please approve construction of this hospital. Thanks.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of ANGELO KYLE**  
**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

I advocate for the medically underserved, and so does Vista Health System. This is why I am voicing my full-fledged support for Vista's proposed hospital in Lindenhurst. My name is Reverend Angelo Kyle and I am the pastor at St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church in Waukegan.

For almost 20 years, I served on the Lake County Board. During that time, my focus was to ensure access to health care for every single Lake County resident.

It remains my priority to this day.

Vista operates on these same principles. Vista Medical Center East is the safety net hospital for Lake County, and provided \$8 million in charity and other uncompensated care last year. At the same time, Vista paid more than \$3.5 million in property and sales and use taxes. That shows a real commitment to the community.

Now, Vista has asked to build a hospital in Lindenhurst. Why? Because Vista knows there is a need.

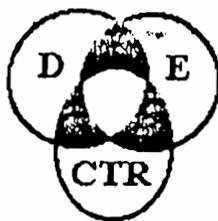
We know how much western Lake County has grown. But the area still doesn't have a hospital. Amazing. We should all applaud Vista for its foresight and willingness to invest in health care access for this area.

This past June, the state of Illinois cut \$1.6 billion from its Medicaid funding. That has made it difficult for patients with Medicaid or Medicare to receive medical treatment, and for hospitals to pay for that care.

But Vista East still meets the challenge. Last year, more than 65 percent of patients who received treatment were dependent on Medicaid or Medicare. I cannot stress enough how important it is to provide this health care access to all of Lake County.

This new hospital will save lives. Please let Vista extend its safety net to the northwestern part of the county.

Thank you.



## Diabetes & Endocrinology Center

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY** Telephone (847) 244-6800  
**of YOGINDER KUMAR** Fax (847) 244-9538  
**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

My name is Dr. Yoginder Kumar and I am speaking to you today on behalf of all the patients who would be treated at Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst.

I am a private practice endocrinologist with offices in Waukegan and Grayslake. I enthusiastically support the Vista Lindenhurst Hospital project because it is important that these patients have access to a hospital near their specialists and regular physicians.

Many of my patients are fortunate to live near Vista East Hospital in Waukegan. This means that when they are in the hospital, friends and family can come to visit in about 15 minutes or less. Studies have shown that when family can visit a loved one in the hospital frequently because they are nearby that aids the healing process.

But when my patients from northwestern and north central Lake County are in the hospital, they are, unfortunately, as many as 30 or 45 minutes from home.

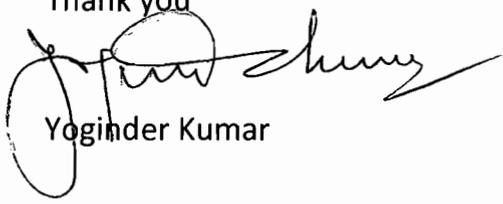
The Vista Lindenhurst hospital provides these patients with life-saving emergency care close to home.

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Vista has laid the groundwork for a state-of-the-art hospital campus. Now, the new hospital, with its Level II Trauma Center, and 12 much-needed ICU beds would allow Vista to provide for the community's need for high-quality and convenient hospital care.

For the health and welfare of residents in north central and northwestern Lake County, I urge that you approve the application to build this new hospital.

Thank you

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Yoginder Kumar

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of MAYOR LAWRENCE M. HANSON  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

My name is Lawrence Hanson and I am proud to serve as mayor of Antioch. It is my charge to enhance and preserve the high quality of life enjoyed by our citizens, so that Antioch continues to be a great place to live and work.

And as mayor, it is my responsibility to support a hospital that will serve as an accessible, convenient, and life-saving community hospital for our residents.

Antioch is a strong and growing community in northwest Lake County. Our population has increased by more than 60 percent since 2000. With this population boom comes a higher demand for hospital care and jobs.

The new Vista Lindenhurst hospital, only seven miles away, will serve both of these pressing needs for Antioch and surrounding areas.

Hospital care is hard to come by in our area. Our residents have to travel to Wisconsin or far eastern Lake County to reach the nearest hospital. Having a hospital on the Lindenhurst campus would cut an average of 20 minutes from these trips.

The new 132-bed hospital will also allow our residents to stay close to Antioch and their families.

On behalf of Antioch's residents and businesses, I ask that you approve Vista's certificate of need to build the Vista Lindenhurst Hospital.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Nestor Guzman, MD  
PROJECT# 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello, my name is Dr. Nestor Guzman. I am here today to support Vista's plans for a hospital in Lindenhurst. This facility would have a lot to offer residents in northwestern and north central Lake County.

I am a surgeon and appreciate the services this hospital would provide ... including surgery rooms that will accommodate the need for surgical procedures that require an overnight stay, 100 medical-surgical beds and 12 much-needed ICU beds.

I see patients in my office in Grayslake and know, based on where they live, that this hospital would allow them to have much better access to emergency and inpatient hospital care. I've also heard some of my patients say they are traveling to as far as Wisconsin for inpatient hospital care. This is unacceptable.

The construction of this hospital in northwestern Lake County will cut 20 minutes or more from emergency trips to the hospital. This facility can save lives.

I ask that you approve Vista's request to build this hospital. Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of REVEREND ARTHUR GASS  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. I am the Reverend Arthur Gass, the pastor at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Waukegan. I'm speaking to you today about why the state review board must support Vista Health System's Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst project.

For more than 100 years, Vista Health System's two hospitals – Vista East, which was formerly Victory Memorial, and Vista West, which was formerly St. Therese – have served as the safety net hospitals for Lake County. Vista now wants to do even more. This new hospital would improve access to that same safety net care for western and northwestern Lake County.

To me, health care is simple. When someone is sick or suffering, you help them. Period. Vista has the same mindset. That's why Vista is a leader for Lake County's health care community in serving the underserved.

Vista proves, every day, that health care is about improving and saving lives. Health care is about people.

Patients with Medicaid, Medicare, or no insurance at all do not have many options. But they need health care just like everyone else. They know they can count on Vista, and that they will never be denied medical treatment.

However, patients in northwestern Lake County have difficulty getting to Vista East, or any other hospital in Lake County for that matter. They need easier access to health services, and a hospital in Lindenhurst will do just that.

And, as founder and president of the Black Chamber of Commerce for Lake County, I also believe this hospital will improve lives beyond providing medical treatment.

Vista Health System is a blessing to this community. I cannot fathom why anyone would oppose this project.

If you care about ensuring health care access for all Lake County residents, you will approve this proposed hospital. Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of HANK GOVEKAR  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
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Public Hearing Testimony of Jai Jung Nho, M.D.  
Project # 12-081, Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst

Nov. 15, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Dr. Jai Jung Nho, a family practice physician with offices in both Gurnee and Round Lake, IL.

When it comes to hospital care, Lake County has a problem. All of our hospitals are located in the far east, south or southwestern parts of the county. We desperately need the Vista Lindenhurst Hospital to serve patients in north central and northwestern Lake County, population 710,000.

As a private practice physician with patients across Lake County, I have seen how uneven hospital care is in our county. In some places-such as near my Gurnee Practice-there is a good amount of hospital coverage. That means there are enough hospitals nearby to ensure patients have reliable access to high-quality medical care. People don't always realize how important a nearby hospital is...until they need it. But when your child gets sick, your father has a stroke, or your friend is in a car accident, you're sweating every minute it takes to get medical care.

For example, near my office in Round Lake, there are no hospitals nearby. The same holds true for my patients in Lindenhurst, Antioch, Fox Lake, Ingleside and other parts of northwestern Lake County.

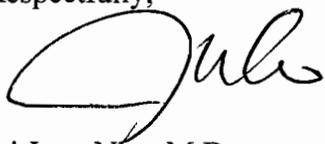
No one can deny that there is a huge gap in hospital care in Lake County. It keeps getting worse as the population continues to grow-especially for those 65 and older, who are more likely to need inpatient hospital care.

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We need to improve access to high quality hospital care throughout all of Lake County.

I ask that you grant the certificate of need for Vista Health System to build this new hospital. Let's make Lake County a leader when it comes to providing excellent hospital care for our patients and our community.

Respectfully,



Jai Jung Nho, M.D.



November 15, 2012

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Dr. Antao Du, a neurologist with Vista Physician Group.

Many Stroke patients in the northeastern side of Lake County are sent to the Freestanding ER in Lindenhurst and some need to have TPA treatment. After the TPA treatment, the patient is transferred with 20 minute ambulance ride to the ICU of Vista East in Waukegan for close observation. Because of risk of bleeding after TPA, it is not safe to take a risk of 20 minutes transportation. In addition, many patients with other neurological problems such as stroke without TPA treatment, seizure, mental status change who need to be admitted to the hospital must be transported by ambulance to Vista East in Waukegan. The 20 minute ambulance ride is a very tense situation for the patient and sometimes put patient's life at risk.

When Vista's new hospital is built, it will be nice to be able to take patients directly to their hospital room after they are cared for in the ER. We can provide the patients with the care they deserve without making them travel to another location.

I support Vista Health System's new Lindenhurst hospital and I ask that you approve its request.

Sincerely,

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Antao Du, MD  
Neurology

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Jennifer Bellucci-Jackson, M.D.  
PROJECT# 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. I am Dr. Jennifer Bellucci-Jackson. I practice family medicine in Antioch, Waukegan and Zion. I believe Lake County needs Vista Health System's new hospital in Lindenhurst. A new hospital would allow my Antioch patients to be as close to inpatient hospital and emergency care as my Waukegan and Zion patients are now.

My Waukegan and Zion patients receive the benefits of easy access to Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan. However, there is currently no hospital in the northwestern Lake County area. The Lindenhurst facility would bring life-saving care to many of my patients, both young and old.

The fact that some of my patients in Antioch may travel as many as 45 minutes to a hospital – or go across state lines to Wisconsin – is unacceptable.

The Vista Lindenhurst hospital would include a Level II Trauma Center, 12 much-needed ICU beds and 20 Ob/Gyn beds. The population in northwestern Lake County has increased quite a bit over the years and is still growing. We need this facility to help us plan for the future.

I feel very strongly about this project because Vista is committed to all of Lake County and its residents. Vista treats patients regardless of their ability to pay, and I am proud to be part of their mission.

I fully support the decision to build Vista Lindenhurst and I ask that you approve this hospital.

Thank you



Jennifer Bellucci-Jackson, MD

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Bill Anderson  
PROJECT# 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

My name is Bill Anderson and I am a Trustee for the Village of Lindenhurst. I support Vista's plan to construct a hospital on its medical campus.

The residents of Lindenhurst, as well as those in Antioch, Lake Villa, and Round Lake, would greatly benefit from the services offered at this hospital.

Since the freestanding emergency center opened last year, I've heard many stories from residents about how great it is to have emergency care so close to home. I was proud to publicly support the center two years ago, and am pleased to see that the success of that center has been a boon for this town.

I also have to admit I hear comments from people who aren't happy with just an emergency center. They really want to get a hospital close by because they're tired of driving across the county to get care ... or are concerned that if a health emergency struck them or one of their loved ones, that they might not make it to the hospital in time.

I agree. We do need a hospital here.

When you look at health care in this county, it's imbalanced. I can't understand why anyone would oppose a hospital project that makes health care more fair, equitable and accessible for all Lake County residents.

As the population in Lindenhurst continues to grow, more and more people will be at risk in an emergency. I want to make sure my neighbors are being taken care of and have access to what they need.

I support Vista Lindenhurst and I ask that you approve the construction of this hospital.

Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Terry Amanti  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Good afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to stand with my friends and neighbors to show my support for Vista's new hospital in Lindenhurst.

My name is Terry Amanti and the main reason I would like to see a hospital in Lindenhurst is because we don't have one close to us. Everything is so far away and the traffic is so bad.

When my mom was sick, I had to get an ambulance to take her to the hospital at Condell. If the hospital was nearby, it would've been so much nicer if I could've taken her myself. But, I didn't want to take a chance of something happening on the long drive to Libertyville so we had to get an ambulance.

Finally, I'm a single mother and if anything happened to one of my kids I want them to be as close to home as possible. It is hard to have a child in the hospital in the first place, but to be so far away when I don't have anyone to watch my other child would make it that much harder.

Please bring a new hospital to Lindenhurst. We desperately need it.

Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Nejd F. Alsikafi, MD  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. My name is Dr. Nejd F. Alsikafi and I support Vista's plan to bring a new hospital to Lindenhurst. There are many important reasons why the area needs a new hospital.

First, Vista's existing infrastructure already has laid the groundwork for a successful hospital in Lindenhurst. The medical campus is home to Vista's freestanding emergency center and surgical center. The next logical addition to the campus is a hospital.

The patients who receive care at Vista's medical campus must be transported to another hospital if they require in-patient hospital services. And, the residents of northwestern Lake County have to travel upwards of 45 minutes for in-patient services. Building a new hospital on the medical campus will provide the much needed services to many of these patients.

Most importantly, Vista's dedication to the Waukegan and Lindenhurst area is evident in the way it serves the low-income, medically uninsured and underinsured residents.

I'd also like to add that Vista is a great place to work. Vista has always been physician friendly and accommodating to all physicians on staff.

I am proud to be affiliated with Vista Health Systems and I support its request to bring a new hospital to the residents of Lake County.



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Project # 12-081

Dear Ms. Avery:

Hello I'm Dr. Mahesh Agarwal. I have been a practicing physician specializing in internal medicine for almost 50 years and have an office in Gurnee.

Wow, has Lake County changed in the last few decades. The signs of increased population growth are everywhere. Roads that used to be sparsely traveled years ago that are now packed with cars most of the day. Houses and stores have sprung up all over the place. And now I'm treating patients who live all around northern Lake County.

Some of these patients are fortunate enough to live near a hospital. Others, such as people who live in north central or northwestern Lake County, do not have adequate access to hospitals.

Many of my patients have trips of 30 or 40 minutes each way to reach the nearest hospital. This does not make sense. And it's dangerous.

That's why I support Vista Health System's plan to build a 132-bed hospital in Lindenhurst. This hospital will allow physicians like me to provide the kind of care that our patients critically need, close to their homes.

Think about the winter weather that is coming very soon. Lake County weather can change with the blink of an eye. Blizzards and ice storms can put my patients at a higher risk for tragic consequences, whether they're riding in their own cars or in an ambulance for 40 minutes to a hospital.

While you can't always accurately predict the Lake County weather, we can guarantee that travel won't get easier.

I ask that the review board approve Vista's certificate of need for a new hospital in Lindenhurst.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mahesh Agarwal" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Mahesh Agarwal



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of JAMES ADAMSON, M.D.  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER – LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

**My name is Dr. James Adamson and I enthusiastically support Vista Health System's plans for a new hospital in Lindenhurst.**

**As a neurosurgeon who works in Gurnee, I believe the residents of western and northwestern Lake County deserve to have a fully equipped hospital in the area that can accommodate neurological emergencies.**

**If patients are hospitalized for a neurological emergency or need inpatient services related to a neurological emergency, they can't receive those services in the northwestern part of Lake County. They have to travel more than a half an hour away to get to the nearest hospital should they require surgery. This new hospital will put hospital beds closer to our patients.**

**The health and well-being of the folks who reside in the northwestern and north central area of Lake County is Vista's main purpose for building this hospital. While the Lindenhurst medical campus provides many services, the area needs more than a medical campus or a freestanding emergency center to adequately meet the needs of its residents.**

**I urge that the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board grant Vista's certificate of need to build this new hospital. The residents of Lake County deserve to have access to life-saving care.**

*James R. Adamson*

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
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PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

My name is Amy Swift-Johnson and I am a primary care physician practicing in Round Lake Beach, Illinois.

As a family medicine physician, I believe it is of the utmost importance to have excellent hospital care available to my patients. The new Lindenhurst hospital will provide inpatient services to those who need it without making them drive over a half hour away to receive such services.

The new hospital will allow Vista to put hospital beds closer to my patients. If a patient requires admittance to the hospital immediately, Vista's new hospital could provide the high-quality care my patients deserve.

The area is fortunate to have the Lindenhurst Freestanding Emergency Center to provide life-saving care but some of these patients are admitted to hospitals and aren't able to return home immediately. The area needs a hospital that can accommodate patients after emergency treatment. These patients need beds that are close to their primary care physicians, families and homes.

I support Vista's request to build the new 132-bed hospital in Lindenhurst as it will provide top-notch medical care for our community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Amy Swift-Johnson, MD

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**

**of KAREN HARMS**

**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**

Good afternoon. My name is Karen Harms, and I am a trustee in Lake Villa. Thank you for the opportunity to address you on behalf of the residents of Lake Villa and our neighbors in north central and northwest Lake County.

Our message is simple: **WE NEED A HOSPITAL**

We are denied the hospital care that our neighbors in the east and southeast part of this county take for granted. It is unacceptable that northwest Lake County residents are forced to travel to the other half of the county for a hospital bed.

Currently, we are at least 30 minutes or more by ambulance from the nearest hospital. Our population is growing and our communities are expanding to the north and west. We need a nearby hospital to take care of our residents.

This hospital will provide much needed care for our residents.

Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst will be the focal point of health care for a rapidly expanding area of Lake County.

Thank you for your consideration of our health care and our future. Please approve this much needed hospital project.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of WILLIAM WOODS**  
**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello, I'm Dr. William Woods, an Obstetrician & Gynecologist in Waukegan.

I want to call to your attention the desperate need for hospital care in north central and northwestern Lake County. For many residents in this area, it can take more than 30 minutes to reach the nearest hospital.

But, a woman in active labor can't just wait in traffic. She needs to be able to get to a hospital as soon as possible.

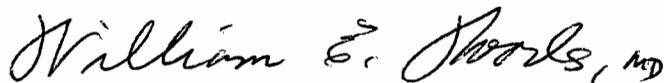
And, imagine if the woman has preeclampsia or another high-risk condition. Hers and her baby's life could be in danger. They would need immediate attention.

For Waukegan residents, Vista Medical Center-East is close and convenient. But in the Lindenhurst area, the nearest hospital is many miles away. Anything can happen in the time it takes to get to the hospital.

We need the new Vista Lindenhurst Hospital, as it will provide 20 Ob/Gyn beds, skilled Ob/Gyn specialists and needed services, including surgical procedures, childbirth and maternity services.

For these reasons, I urge that you grant the certificate of need for Vista Health System to build this new hospital on its Lindenhurst campus.

Thank you,



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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of DR. DIONISIO YORRO  
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NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello. I am Dr. Dionisio Yorro and I am speaking today about the great need to bring a hospital to northwestern Lake County. Vista Health System is proposing a practical and necessary project that will provide comprehensive health care for the entire region.

I am a cardiologist, and during my time practicing medicine, I have treated countless patients who have suffered some form of heart disease. We need a hospital in northwest Lake County that can address sudden cardiac emergencies.

Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst will feature a cardiac catheterization lab. This lab allows doctors to investigate cardiac problems before they become serious, or even fatal. It is our best line of defense against major cardiac disorders, including heart attacks. A catheterization lab is not a luxury. It is a necessity.

I am affiliated at several hospitals, including Vista's competitors. My main reason for being here is to be an advocate for my patients and to ask that a new hospital be located close to them.

Residents in northwestern Lake County deserve to be near high-quality hospital care. Right now, there is no hospital within about 20 minutes of Lindenhurst. My patients are traveling much too far to receive cardiac care.

A hospital that includes a Level II Trauma Center, a cardiac cath lab and inpatient services and beds will be an excellent addition to the medical campus that is already in place in Lindenhurst. Please approve this proposed hospital.

Sincerely,

Dionisio B. Yorro, MD

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Steve Voracek  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello, I'm Steve Voracek and I am a resident of Antioch. I have had two experiences with Vista Health Systems.

My first experience was with Vista's Physical Therapy department after having a hip replacement. The staff went above and beyond to work with my schedule and insurances, while always providing an encouraging and healthy environment. I referred two of my friends; they both agree with me that Vista is great.

However, my second experience was even more important. It involved my 4-year-old granddaughter. On Christmas, she had an accident and broke her arm. The EMS didn't want to take her to Lindenhurst ER, but I insisted, because of its proximity.

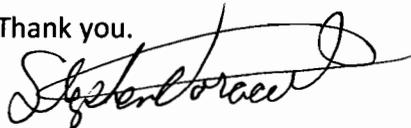
Doctors quickly determined the course of treatment for her arm. The Vista staff had to call a different hospital to treat her because the insurance company required it. But when the staff reached the surgeon on call, the surgeon who was working refused to do it.

Instead, Vista reached its orthopedic surgeon on-call. Within a matter of hours, my granddaughter had been seen in the ER, consulted with the ortho, and her arm mobilized and resting comfortable in her room.

A few hours isn't a bad experience, but it could have been an even better one with a Vista hospital in Lindenhurst.

I hope you will approve this new hospital in Lindenhurst.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Voracek". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Paul Tierney**  
**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello, I'm Paul Tierney and I am the Fire Chief of the Beach Park Fire Department.

We are responsible for providing fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services to a district of about 10 square miles in and around the village of Beach Park.

We serve about 15,000 residents on a normal day as well as commuters who travel between the Chicago area and Wisconsin.

But when the weather gets warmer ... we have many more people visiting our area to go to Illinois Beach State Park or other area lakes.

During that time of year, we're on even higher alert because ... as you know ... anything can happen. A boating accident. A biking mishap. Or a child who is drowning.

During those times, I can tell you ... to a person ... my team and I would give anything to have a hospital close by. And, of course, I speak for the families as well.

We do the best we can in emergencies. We evaluate patients and determine if they need to be strapped in for the full, long ride to the nearest hospital. You can Mapquest how long it takes to get from Beach Park to a hospital ... and it's bad enough right now. But make sure you add an extra five, 10 or 15 minutes on a crowded beach day.

If there was a Trauma II emergency room in Lindenhurst, it would be much better for our patients. It could improve their odds for survival ... and a complete recovery.

Everyone in Lake County deserves reasonable access to emergency care and to a hospital. On behalf of my team at the Beach Park Fire Department, we ask that the review board approve the Vista Lindenhurst Hospital.

Thanks.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Isaac Thomas, MD**

**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello I'm Dr. Isaac Thomas. I have been a cardiologist in the Lake County area for more than 20 years.

I support the Vista Health System-Lindenhurst project because it will bring the proper heart care to this community.

Heart disease is the cause of one in every four deaths in the United States, and access to a cardiac cath lab can help save lives. The sooner we can detect poor heart health with the equipment available in a cath lab, the better a patient's chance of proper care and survival.

The Vista Lindenhurst hospital will include this lab, along with an array of other quality health care services.

Every year, 935,000 Americans will have a heart attack. Thousands of those will be in Lake County. Let's make sure we can prevent, treat and save them.

Please approve this hospital project.

Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Gary Stittgen  
PROJECT# 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hi, my name is Gary Stittgen. I am a Realtor based in Lindenhurst and also serve as Chairman of the Lindenhurst Planning Commission.

When I've talked to my neighbors, clients and others about Vista, I've heard two main themes:

"Isn't it great that we have an emergency center and surgery center close to home?"

... and ...

"When will Vista be able to build a new hospital?"

People have seen Vista's emerging presence in the last several years. And they really appreciate it. We love Lindenhurst – it's a great place to work and raise a family. But like most towns around here, the access to medical care has been very poor.

I appreciate that Vista knows about this problem and is doing something about it.

I'm a planner, as you know, and have watched the way Vista has, piece by piece, built a medical campus that has provided much-needed care to this area. The medical campus is missing one critical component, however – a hospital.

You couldn't pick a better place to put a hospital. Vista's facility would cut by 20 minutes the time it takes many of our brave and dedicated first responders to reach a hospital.

That ... right there ... is a gift. When you're suffering from a heart attack or if you were in a car accident, you will be thankful for that potentially life-saving gift of time.

So the question lingers, "When will Vista be able to build a new hospital?" I hope ... on behalf of my neighbors, clients and others in and around Lindenhurst ... that the answer, very soon, will be "We're breaking ground as soon as possible."

Thank you for your time today.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of DR. SERGEI SHEVLYAGIN  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello. My name is Dr. Sergei Shevlyagin. I am an internal medicine physician in Lake County and I'd like to say that this proposed hospital will serve a critical and currently unmet need in northwestern and north central Lake County.

If this hospital is built, I would easily be able to provide acute care to northwest Lake County patients. Instead of hospital stays at locations more than 30 minutes from their home, they would be able to receive this care right in the community and get back on their feet much quicker. It enhances their quality of life.

Help these patients stay near their home during the recovery process and please approve this proposal for a new hospital in Lindenhurst.

Thank you.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Leon Rockingham  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

I'm Leon Rockingham, and I am the Mayor of the City of North Chicago.

Vista is located just north of us, in Waukegan. Vista's hospitals provide excellent medical care to our residents and are a source of pride in our community. We are lucky to have them.

Right now, Vista East serves as the primary safety net hospital for all of Lake County. That means Vista doctors and nurses treat people who might otherwise fall through the cracks. They provide care to people regardless of their address, creed or credit card balance.

More than 65 percent of patients served by Vista East last year were on Medicaid or Medicare. That includes many families from the Waukegan area – including North Chicago – that have been dealing with hard times, especially since the recession. If it wasn't for Vista, I don't know where some of these folks would go.

Unfortunately, many residents in western Lake County are facing hard times, too. It's too bad that they don't have a Vista medical center in their backyards.

That's why I strongly support Vista's plan for a new hospital in Lindenhurst.

You don't always hear the stories about people who are dependent on Medicaid and Medicare. But they are your neighbors ... maybe even members of your extended family. Think about what it must be like to not own a car, and to rely on public transportation to get across the county for a doctor's appointment or medical test.

Vista provides excellent care to the uninsured and underinsured patients in our area. I couldn't think of an organization better qualified to open a new hospital in Lindenhurst. With all Lake County's residents in mind, I ask you to please approve this hospital.

Thank you.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of JUDE PINTO  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello, I'm Dr. Jude Pinto. I am here today because we need the Vista Lindenhurst Hospital to fulfill the unmet need for comprehensive care for patients in north central and northwestern Lake County.

I am a private practice family medicine physician with an office in Fox Lake. The nearest hospital to my office is more than 20 minutes away. This makes it more difficult to quickly be at my patients sides when they need me. And, I can only imagine what it's like for my patients, who must endure 20-, 30- or 40-minute rides... each way...to a hospital.

I support the new hospital, because it would bring high-quality hospital care closer to patients' homes and primary care physicians.

All patients deserve convenient access to hospital care.

This need is especially pressing for elderly patients. For many of these residents travel is more difficult and the need for medical care is higher.

Think of the grandfather who just had a heart attack or the grandmother who is struggling with diabetes. Should they have to travel miles away from their physicians and family to get treatment?

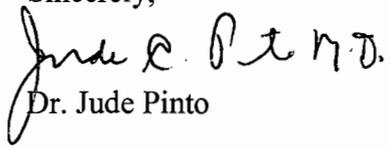
Yet, this problem is growing with the rise in the population of residents 65 and older in Lake County. Our senior citizen population is expected to increase by more than 30 percent from 2010 to 2015.

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I ask that you grant the certificate of need for Vista Health System to build its Lindenhurst hospital. Let's bring high-quality medical care close to home for those who need it the most.

Thank you

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Jude Pinto

Geetha M. Reddy, M.D. F.A.C.C.

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November 15, 2012

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Project # 12-081

Dear Ms. Avery:

Hello. I am Dr. Geetha Reddy and I have specialized in cardiology for the last 13 years.

I am pleased to support Vista's Lindenhurst hospital because it will save lives. One of the key life-saving services this new hospital will provide is heart catheterization. This service is important for two reasons:

1. If a patient who is having a heart attack is brought to the Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst we can provide rapid treatment in the cath lab that can help reduce the damage to the heart. We often talk about the "Golden Hour," which basically means the more quickly a person can receive emergency care following a life-threatening injury, the more likely that person is to survive.
2. It will help detect heart disease before it becomes deadly. Heart health screenings and more invasive procedures are critical to keeping patients healthy and safe. And many of these procedures need to be performed at a hospital, with the proper staff, equipment and recovery-period hospital beds. When dealing with the leading cause of death, we need to offer our patients every possible option to fight against it.

I'm also impressed that the Lindenhurst hospital would include a Level II Trauma Center, which is crucial for people in severe cardiac distress.

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Geetha M. Reddy, M.D. F.A.C.C.

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Currently, patients in northwestern Lake County must travel long distances to receive hospital services. I hold affiliations at other hospitals in Lake County. But I'm writing today because I believe it's important that my patients in north central and northwestern Lake County get much better access to life-saving hospital care.

I ask that the review board please keep the well-being of all Lake County residents in mind and approve Vista Health System's proposed hospital in Lindenhurst.

Sincerely,



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of DIANA O'KELLY**  
**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

My name is Diana O'Kelly and I am a Lake County Board Member in District 10, representing Lindenhurst and its neighboring communities. After reviewing Vista Health System's plan for a hospital in Lindenhurst, I am convinced that this is a thorough plan that will serve the community well.

The Lindenhurst medical campus currently includes an emergency department, a surgical center, a sleep disorders center, therapy services and access to MRI scans, CT scans and digital mammography. This campus has done a tremendous job of serving northwestern Lake County but there are currently no inpatient services. By building this hospital, Vista can provide much-needed hospital beds for the area.

As a member of the Lake County Board's Finance and Administration committee, I focus on the county's budget and the county's property. Vista is making a smart choice in both areas by proposing to build its hospital at an already established campus.

It should also be noted that Lake County has seen a 25 percent increase in population in the last decade, with the majority of this growth coming from the northern and northwestern parts of this county, which are part of District 10. A hospital is necessary to respond to this population growth.

Adding a hospital to the Lindenhurst medical campus is a smart investment that would enhance the scope of Vista's services and provide my constituents with life-saving care. I urge you to approve Vista Health System's proposal to build a hospital at the Lindenhurst medical campus.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of JOHN R. NIXON  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

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Hello. I'm John Nixon, chief of the Antioch Fire Department.

I love Antioch and I noticed many more people do, too. In fact, in the last 12 years, Antioch's population has increased by more than 60 percent. That's great ... but for a first responder like me, it's also a bit scary.

Why? Because more people means more emergency calls ... and more congested roads. That's why I am a strong supporter of Vista's plan to build a hospital in Lindenhurst.

No one should have to ride in an ambulance 30 to 45 minutes to get to the nearest hospital. It's absurd. When our residents have a medical emergency, I want to be sure they receive high-quality hospital care close to home.

The new hospital would cut an average of 20 minutes from emergency hospital trips for Antioch residents. Reducing travel times during medical emergencies can save lives.

One more thing about population growth ... we expect that the number of senior citizens in Lake County will grow a lot in the coming years. The population of people 65 years old and older, who are more likely to be treated at hospitals, was expected to go up by almost 30 percent between 2010 and 2015.

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We must build this hospital now so that we can take care of our current ... and future ... residents. All Lake County residents deserve quick access to needed medical care. It is that simple.

On behalf of the Antioch Fire Department, I ask that the review board approve Vista Health System's request to build a hospital in Lindenhurst. Thank you.



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of ART NEUBAUER  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

My name is Art Neubauer and I am here to explain why the board should approve the proposal to build Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst. I am a Vista Health System Board member. I also am the treasurer of Lindenhurst, a position I have held for nearly 50 years.

I became the treasurer of Lindenhurst when the village had existed for only seven years. I have seen Lindenhurst from the beginning and I am in awe of the prosperous suburb it is today. But I know we can do even more to help our residents. That's where this hospital comes in.

The Vista Board has long held a vision of what the Lindenhurst medical campus would look like. Adding this hospital to the campus will deliver the total package that residents have been looking for since the campus was first built. This hospital is the next logical step.

Lake County in 2012 is not the Lake County of 40 years ago, when the county's last hospital was built. The communities in the north central part of the county like Antioch and Lindenhurst are growing, and the roadways are getting more congested. As a result, the time it takes to get to a hospital is getting longer. That's not acceptable. And, the concept of turning down a proven local provider, willing to step up and address this issue is unfathomable.

Vista Health System is committed to its patients. In order to truly fulfill this commitment, we must be able to provide timely care, especially in a crisis. Right now, ambulances are traveling too far to get patients to the appropriate facilities. I want better care for the community I have lived in and served for 50 years.

The proposed Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst will provide many benefits to the community which is why I support this project.

Thank you,

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Debra Molle'  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

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My name is Debra Molle' and I would like to lend my support to Vista as it plans to bring a new hospital to Lindenhurst.

I have firsthand knowledge of the wonderful care Vista provides to our community. About a month ago I had to rush my baby to the emergency center located on Vista's medical campus in Lindenhurst. My son Jacoby had a 104-degree fever and no matter what I tried I couldn't get his temperature to go down. I had to get him to the doctor immediately. We live in Ingleside and the nearest hospitals, Condell and Centegra, are more than a half an hour away. Vista's medical campus is only 15 minutes away.

The nurses and the physicians on staff at Vista's emergency center were so helpful and caring during this traumatic event. My family got in immediately and the staff turned a very stressful experience into a comforting one. Thankfully, Jacoby didn't have to be admitted to a hospital across the county.

The experience at Vista was so wonderful that I didn't hesitate to return when I noticed something was wrong with Jacoby's leg. Again, I took him to the emergency center. The x-rays discovered that Jacoby had a fractured tibia. The nurses did everything they could to calm me down after I was told this news. I am grateful for the excellent care and attention the staff of Vista has given to my family.

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I ask the board to approve Vista's application to build a new hospital in  
Lindenhurst. Thank you.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of DR. RICHARD MARGOLIN  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello, my name is Dr. Richard Margolin. I'm representing not only myself, but dozens of my patients who live much too far from a hospital.

We need a hospital to provide access to lifesaving emergency care and convenient inpatient care in northwestern Lake County.

That's why I wholeheartedly support Vista's plans to build a hospital in Lindenhurst.

As a family medicine physician, I see – and hear about – it all. Everything from emergencies to regular check-ups.

The patients who visit me the most are those with chronic illnesses. Until you or a family member are stricken by a chronic illness ... such as diabetes, heart disease, arthritis or kidney disease ... you don't realize how important it is to be close to a hospital.

That's why I'm appalled that residents in northwestern Lake County do not have a hospital nearby. I'm tired of hearing about patients who must travel 35 minutes for a hospital test ... or hang on for dear life – literally – when they get picked up in an ambulance that's 45 minutes from a hospital.

We desperately need a hospital on the Lindenhurst campus that can accommodate patients during and after emergency treatment.

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These patients also need beds that are close to their primary care physicians, families and homes for convenient follow up care.

I ask that you approve Vista's request to build the new 132-bed hospital in Lindenhurst>  
It will provide an oasis of high-quality medical care for thousands of patients each year.  
Thank you.

*Round Lake Family Physicians*  
*Jai Nho, M.D. & Moo Lim, M.D.*

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*PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY OF MOO U. LIM, MD.*

*Project # 12-081, Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst*

*November 15, 2012*

*Hello, I am Dr. Moo U. Lim, I am a family practitioner with 34 years of medical experience and have an office in Round Lake.*

*I support Vista Health System's plans to build a hospital in Lindenhurst because of its proximity to the community I serve.*

*Population in Round Lake tripled between 2000 and 2010, and the demand for health care services has grown quite a bit, too. We also have many people who are in need-for example, about 5 percent of Round Lake Beach residents are living below the poverty line.*

*Vista is well-known for providing care to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. That is an important consideration, because some of my patients still have not recovered from the economic downturn. They would appreciate a nearby hospital*

*Vista's approach to this hospital project has been very smart and efficient. By taking a step-by step approach, Vista has built a medical campus in Lindenhurst that includes a surgery center, freestanding emergency center and now a medical office building.*

*Vista has methodically developed a campus that has almost all of the components of a hospital-except for the beds.*

*This is the next logical step.*

*So I ask that the Review Board approve this hospital application...especially for the residents in the Round Lake and surrounding areas, who need it the most.*

*Thank you for your time.*

*Respectfully,*



*Moo U. Lim, MD*

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of **Kevin Liebovich, M.D.**  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Hello, my name is Dr. Kevin Liebovich. I am a gastroenterologist and am affiliated with Lake Shore Gastroenterology, located in Gurnee.

I support Vista's application for a hospital in Lindenhurst because it will improve access to care for patients living in northern Lake County.

Patients who live in northern Lake County need a hospital that is closer than their current options. My practice has a growing number of patients who live in Lindenhurst, Antioch, Spring Grove and surrounding cities. For these patients, it can take more than 30 minutes to drive to the nearest hospital.

The volume of patients seen in the Lindenhurst Freestanding Emergency Center is testament to this need. I am supportive of Vista's application, because a hospital in the Lindenhurst location will improve access to care for patients in northern Lake County.

I ask the Review Board to approve Vista's certificate of need application for the Vista Lindenhurst Hospital. Thank you.

November 15, 2012

Courtney Avery  
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**RE: In Support of Vista Health System's Proposal for a New Hospital in Lindenhurst, IL  
Project #12-081**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Lake Heart Specialists would like to express our support of the proposed Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst.

We formed our cardiology-focused practice 15 years ago. Today, we provide care from two Lake County locations – in Gurnee and Libertyville.

While our specialization involves preventive measures, diagnoses and recovery care, it is essential to remember that heart health care is an ongoing process. We work closely with six Lake County hospitals in order to provide the most comprehensive cardiac care possible.

We chose to affiliate with six hospitals in order to offer every single patient, regardless of where he or she is from in Lake County, local health care. However, this is not an option for our Lindenhurst patients, and this is not right. Currently, we must refer these patients to hospitals that are located more than 30 minutes from their homes.

Lake Heart Specialists firmly believes that being able to refer Lindenhurst patients to a nearby hospital will enhance their health care experience and ultimately lead to better results.

It will be beneficial to refer these patients to a nearby hospital. They will be able to receive treatment, as well as recover, close to their home and close to their family.

Heart conditions are not only physically taxing; they are emotionally taxing as well, on both the patients and their families. Receiving treatment and then spending the recovery period at a hospital that is more than 30 minutes away is an added stress.

We strongly urge that you keep the patients' best interests a top priority when making your decision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lake Heart Specialists  
Charles Jaffe, D.O.  
Fahd Jajeh, M.D.

Robert Koch, D.O.  
Maher Nahlawi, M.D.

J. William Bengel, M.D.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Patricia "Patty" Chybowski**  
**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello I'm Patty Chybowski. I am a Lindenhurst Trustee and have been a resident of Lake County for more than a decade. In the past 10 years I have seen new housing developments, school expansion projects and businesses moving in. Now, what we need is a hospital, which is why I enthusiastically support Vista Health System's plan for a new hospital in Lindenhurst.

Vista's Lindenhurst campus has been a focal point for health care in western and northwestern Lake County for more than a decade. In addition to the freestanding emergency center, we have the Lindenhurst Surgery Center, a diagnostics lab that includes MRI and digital mammography, therapy services, and a sleep disorders center.

And, a Medical Office Building that just opened this fall. With Vista's growing medical presence in Lake County, I see the tremendous opportunity for even more growth.

Also, this project is a great example of Vista using its health care dollars efficiently, by building around an established freestanding emergency center. It's also coordinating existing outpatient services at the site and with services at Vista East.

Vista has a plan. And, so far, that plan has worked incredibly well. The free standing emergency room is very popular. The surgery center and labs give residents a chance to get high-quality medical care close to home. But that's just part of it – we need to finish this plan by building the new hospital.

I ask that the review board approve Vista's plans for the Vista Medical Center 132-bed hospital. Vista is planning this project for all the right reasons. Let's make it a reality.

Thank you.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Fredrick Capaccio**  
**PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello, I'm Fredrick Capaccio and I am a resident of Lake Villa. I am also the lead carpenter for the Lake County Forest Preserve.

I had a partial right knee replacement and cannot say enough about my Vista Health System doctor, Dr. Dugan and the superb services that I received while at Vista Medical Center East.

As a carpenter, I have had my fair share of injuries and am familiar with the Lindenhurst ER and new medical office building. But we need more. We need a new hospital.

Our community is constantly growing and the need for access to quality hospital care is becoming an even more important issue in our county.

I support this new hospital 100 percent because Vista provides excellent service and there is not a hospital close in the Lindenhurst area.

Thank you.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of JODI BROWN  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Hello. I'm Jodi Brown, director of customer service for A-TEC Ambulance, one of the fastest growing and most respected ambulance service companies in Northern Illinois.

For 25 years, we have served customers in the Chicago area and we're now in eight counties, from Lake to Boone. Every day we follow our founder's original philosophy ... to give customers the excellent service they deserve and to care for all patients as we would want to be cared for.

A-TEC services many patients in northern Lake County and we see the same patient-centered care philosophy at Vista Medical Center. That's why it's no surprise to us that Vista would want to build a hospital in Lindenhurst ... because this new hospital is all about the patients.

I'm so proud of the first responders throughout our service area, but I have a special affinity for the ones in northern Lake County. Why? Because ... just imagine that you're treating a stroke victim who lives on a dirt road near one of the many lakes around Antioch. You have to use every ounce of your skill for that 45-minute, white-knuckle ride on often-congested and narrow roads to a hospital.

That scene is exciting if you're an actor and you're trying to film a TV or movie drama. In real life, though, it's scary and sad at the same time. Why should we have to put our first responders ... and, much more importantly, our patients ... through this kind of death-defying trip?

We at A-TEC fully support Vista's certificate of need application for a new hospital in Lindenhurst. It's time to give northern Lake County residents the kind of life-saving hospital care they deserve, close to home.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of JAMES BORIS  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

My name is James Boris and I am the Chief Financial Officer for Paradise Park Assisted Living & Memory Care in Fox Lake. There are numerous reasons why I enthusiastically support Vista's plans for a hospital on its medical campus in Lindenhurst.

Many of the residents at Paradise Park Assisted Living & Memory Care have ongoing health concerns and require occasional care in hospitals. We are only 15 minutes away from the proposed site of the Lindenhurst hospital. That is half of the current time it takes to travel to the next closest hospital. Our residents deserve reasonable access to medical services, whether it's for an emergency, a test or a check-up.

We're certainly not alone at Paradise Park ... there are several other senior living communities in this area that would benefit from this hospital. And, we know the 65-and-older population in Lake County is expected to grow by about 30 percent from 2000 to 2015. With the Baby Boomers aging, that will only increase every year.

It gives us a sense of comfort to have the inpatient beds, Level II Trauma Center and heart catheterization lab just 15 minutes away.

This project makes sense. On behalf of the residents of Paradise Park Assisted Living & Memory Care, please approve the Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst hospital certificate of need application.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
PROJECT # 12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Thank you for allowing me to speak today.

My name is Jim Zegar. I was born and raised in Waukegan and now reside in Wadsworth.

I am here to represent myself as a consumer and also the Village of Wadsworth where I serve as a trustee.

I'm pleased to announce that the Village of Wadsworth passed a resolution recommending approval. I am providing a copy of the resolution with my remarks.

What qualifications do I have to stand here and speak to you? Just two, really.

The first is that I was born at the old St. Therese Hospital and that gives me a passion for this organization.

And the second.... I was chairman of the board of Provena St. Therese Medical Center for 10 years. I was instrumental in the decision to merge with Victory Memorial Hospital to form Vista. A major accomplishment for health care delivery in the northern half of Lake County.

Why build this hospital?

- There is no hospital in northwestern or north central Lake County
- Population growth
- The closest ER could be a half hour or more away in bad traffic
- Aging population needs inpatient care

Why Vista? It has the doctors, nurses, and staff to provide health care that is second to none.

I have had the occasion to be hospitalized in all of Lake County's hospitals. I don't think any other hospital here surpasses Vista in terms of quality of care.

I personally know a lot of the Vista people because of my tenure on the St. Therese board and the Vista board. I can speak of their commitment to excellence.

Regarding recent accomplishments, you have seen or will see the list:

- Renovation of new Family Center at Vista East
- Fully remodeled Same Day Surgery Center
- Installed latest generation of the da Vinci Surgical System
- Completely renovated Progressive Care Unit
- Installed a new cath lab
- New 24-bed ICU

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There are many other improvements which demonstrate Vista's commitment to health care excellence.

And finally, no one has worked harder for it. To me, that speaks volumes.

Thank you for allowing me this chance to speak to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Zey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of DR. ROBERT THAIN  
PROJECT #12-081, VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

I support reasonable hospital access for all Lake County residents, which is why I am here to support Vista Health System's proposal to build a hospital in Lindenhurst.

My name is Dr. Robert Thain and I have practiced family medicine for 17 years. I am affiliated with six hospitals in the area – including Advocate, Northwestern and Vista – but wanted to make sure I was here today. This project is crucial to the long-term, well-being of my patients.

I provide ongoing, comprehensive health care to all ages. Vista's Lindenhurst campus offers an array of health care options that allow me to perform my job. This includes outpatient services, an emergency center, a surgery center, a diagnostics lab and a medical office building. The campus is doing an excellent job of providing care to residents in northwestern and north central Lake County.

However, there is component missing on the Lindenhurst medical campus: hospital beds. I treat many individuals and families from north central and northwestern Lake County and far too many of them do not have a hospital located nearby. Lindenhurst's medical campus is ready for a hospital – and community members are ready for it too.

Vista needs to build this Lindenhurst hospital. It would add 132 beds to an area that currently has zero. Please approve the construction of Vista Medical Center-Lindenhurst.



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