

Mike Constantino, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62751

RE: Letter of Opposition, Project #12-089, Riverside Medical Center-  
Frankfort

Dear Mr. Constantino,

I am writing to oppose the new Riverside Freestanding Emergency Care Facility proposed for Frankfort and to submit, for the record, an online petition with 87 signatures also opposing this facility. These 87 signatures are from Frankfort area residents who feel that this facility is not needed in the proposed location. The petition signatures are attached to this letter.

Furthermore, I find it interesting that 36 of the 41 (88%) individuals supporting this proposal are Riverside employees that attended the hearing on January 10<sup>th</sup>. I also feel it is relevant to mention from reviewing the posted attendance records on your website that many employed by Riverside in support of this proposal failed to mention their affiliation with Riverside on these records. For the sake of transparency, I feel it is important to the integrity of the public hearing process to further identify Riverside's supporters and their roles, and have attached a summary for your review.

Sincerely,



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Arun Jagannathan, Radiology at Riverside  
Justin Caldwell, Director of Retail at Riverside Medical  
John Jurica, Family Practice MD at Riverside  
Archie Philip Burton, Physician Liaison at Riverside  
Marsha Tuttle Collins, Director of Pastoral Services, Riverside Hospital  
Sloane Bradshaw, Executive Chef that partners with Riverside's Dietary Department does for Heart Healthy Demonstrations at their facilities  
Kevin Hack, EMS Medical Director at Riverside  
Jessica Kebert, PR Specialist at Riverside (said she was "private citizen" on her form)  
David Duda, Senior VP, COO at Riverside  
Diane McGrath, Pediatric RN with Riverside  
Mike VanMill, Economic Alliance of Kankakee County; works closely with Riverside (attended various groundbreaking ceremonies with Riverside's Board of Directors)  
Dr Ryan Melners, Radiology, works at Riverside's Bourbonnais Campus  
Dr John Jurica, Sr VP of Riverside  
Patricia K. Vilt, VP of Finance, Riverside Medical Center  
David Wallace, Riverside Medical Center  
Margaret Ondrey, Riverside Medical Center  
Dave Puent, Riverside Medical Center  
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Patrick Mardin, Riverside Medical Center  
Margaret Frogge, Senior VP, Corporate Strategy, Riverside Medical Center  
Sherri Guertin, Riverside Medical Center  
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Rebecca Schiltz, Riverside Medical Center  
Dan Lawler, Riverside Medical Center  
Patricia & Richard McLaughlin, Riverside Medical Center  
Kenneth R. Doud, Jr., Riverside Medical Center  
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## Opposition to Proposed ER Hospital on LaGrange & Steger Road

Petition published by Vistana of Frankfort HOA on Dec 13, 2012

### Background (Preamble):

We feel that the proposed Free Standing ER Hospital is beyond the scope of the original proposed facilities and how the land was zoned. The original zone description was for urgent care and medical offices.

The proposed plan for a free standing 24 hour 7 day a week ER facility far out reaches this scope. Further more we fail to see how this facility would be equipped to help improve patient care.

The project as proposed would also have a severe negative impact on the community. This project will significantly depreciate the values of our home. Subject our neighborhood to increased car traffic and noise.

We feel that the negative impact to the community far outweighs any benefits this facility might provide.

### Petition Text:

We, the undersigned, strongly oppose the planned facility to be built and urge the Illinois State Board to vote against the certificate of need for Riverside Hospital, the proposed ER hospital.

Total signatures 87 (Signature comments can be viewed in the Appendix of this document)

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\* S/C/P - State, County or Province

\* PC - Post Code

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**Appendix: All signatures comments****87 Martin Dore**[Back to signature list](#)

This facility is not needed in this area nor is it the best location. With new facilities opened at in New Lenox with the relocation of Silver Cross this is not well thought out. The population south of this facility is very sparse. There are facilities in Manteno 15-20 minutes to the south directly down route 45. These would be next to no population of potential patients between there and this location. Not zoned for this facility for a reason. Bad idea.

**78 Debra Stengle**[Back to signature list](#)

I oppose the site for the facility and the need for emergency service. There is a brand new full service hospital 15 minutes away and an urgent care center 5 miles away.

**71 John Roldan**[Back to signature list](#)

I strongly oppose the new Riverside Freestanding Emergency Care Facility proposed in Frankfort. The location of the Riverside's ER Facility is a highly residential area. Developing such a site in such a highly residential area will disrupt the quality of life for thousands of residents subjected to siren noise, traffic noise, major road reconstruction, increased road congestion and diminish home values. Furthermore, there are ten community hospital locations in addition to urgent care facilities as well as freestanding Emergency Care Centers in Homer Glen, Orland Park, Tinley Park & Oak Lawn. Consequently, I am concerned that this emergency health care facility would duplicate existing services, result in an unnecessary increase in patient transfers, and jeopardize the quality of care to patients in the area. Not only does this proposed ER facility fail to provide greater accessibility and proximity of emergency health care services to the majority of the area which is already adequately serviced, but it is also in a completely unsuitable location due to its direct proximity to various residential neighborhoods. For these reasons, I strongly oppose this project.

**70 Nicole Roldan**[Back to signature list](#)

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**56 Vincent Lorencia**[Back to signature list](#)

What ever happened to voting on things like this? We DO NOT want the home values to decrease any more than what they have! We moved to the Coquille subdivision for a reason; because it is quiet.

**57 Colin Walsh**[Back to signature list](#)

We are NOT in favor of the Medical Center proposed for the corner of Rt45 and Steger Roads

**50 David Fiedler**[Back to signature list](#)

This is in very close proximity to residential housing which is totally unnecessary given the alternative land in abundance in commercial areas with roads that will not need to be rebuilt.

**35 Lily Joy**

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Definitely OPPOSED.

**34 Judy Cunningham**

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We, the undersigned, strongly oppose the planned facility to be built and urge the Illinois State Board to vote against the certificate of need for Riverside Hospital, the proposed ER hospital.

**32 Stephen Nepkin**

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Completely ridiculous to have so close to residential area.

**30 Carrie Nepkin**

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This location is not desirable as a resident of Sara springs subdivision. This is a quiet area and moving here only a year ago I would like to see my kids live in a safe and quiet community.

**24 Shirley Higginbotham**

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At that particular location a facility as described would have negative impact on the private residential community if abuts. I am sure more suitable commercial properties are available

**23 Andrei Neuhaus**

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This is not appropriate for a residential area.

**15 Tracy Miller**

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Please vote against the proposed ER hospital at this location.

**5 Chirag Desai**

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I strongly oppose this facility which will ultimately disrupt the community it is attempting to serve. If this facility is aimed at serving our community then it should respect our choices and consider an alternate site which preserves our neighborhoods, or change the planned construction to something which will have limited access, ie medical offices

**4 Robert Werniak**

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do we really need another hosp