

Constantino, Mike

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To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: Additional Public Comment for Riverside Project 12-089

Dear Mr. Constantino,

Riverside has recently decided to try to incorporate other areas into their service area such as Wilton Center, Andres, and Green Garden, which were not even mentioned or initially included on their application. The population for these areas is as follows: Andres (less than 50), Green Garden (4,010), and Wilton Center (150). As their application states and looking at these population statistics, it remains clear that the majority of their intended service area visits/cases will still be primarily derived and rely on patient load from Matteson, Monee, Richton Park, Manteno, Frankfort, Mokena, Manhattan, and Peotone to support such an expensive facility and their anticipated patient case numbers. Regardless, the fact continues to remain that their facility location will NOT improve proximity and drive time for 83 percent of their anticipated patient load from these areas (according to their application, pg 238d).

Furthermore, it is worth noting that St. James Franciscan Alliance will be opening an ExpressCare immediate/urgent care facility at 20180 S LaGrange Rd in Frankfort in March 2013. This facility will have 4 treatment rooms will be staffed by actual physicians and will be open 365 days a year from 7am-11pm. This development of such a facility will likely even further reduce ER visits at current local hospitals such as Silver Cross and St. James, which in turn will likely further reduce patient volume and improve their capacity levels. Having this brand new immediate/urgent care facility in the heart of Frankfort also only further diminishes the need for a FEC facility in this area.

Despite what Riverside may claim, the fact remains that the need for a Freestanding Emergency Center does not exist in Frankfort because for the majority of its intended clients it will NOT improve access or proximity as their purpose statement claimed, there is no shortage of hospital access, urgent care options and local physician offices in the area, and approving such a costly project would only result in maldistribution, and increased patient transfers. I strongly encourage the Board to deny this proposal based on these facts.

Sincerely,

Nicole Pacini
Frankfort Resident

Sent from my iPad