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

RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a longtime resident of west Belleville and a long time businessman (Builder & Developer) of 32 years in O'Fallon/Shiloh, IL I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon. Having been a party in the sale of the land to both Barnes Jewish Hospital and St. Elizabeth as well as closely watching the efforts of Memorial Hospital, I understand the inevitability of hospitals choosing to locate where the growth of patients is the greatest and where the infrastructure and transportation are best.

It seems only fair that hospital employees are allowed to work in modern, clean and safe environments using up to date, state of the art equipment and methods. Surely the patient and their family experiences will be improved by that type of facility. Recruitment and retainage of doctors, nurses and other critical support staff would certainly be enhanced by a location that is easy to access.

It seems if we want to keep quality health care available on the east side we must have hospitals that are allowed to compete with the St. Louis hospitals. For many years east side patients and Doctors have been defecting to the west side of the Mississippi for health care and medical jobs. The only way to stop this migration is to allow new facilities in an excellent location just like they have in St. Louis.

In an area that lags behind most of the country in job creation, the jobs and increased economic development would surely be of great benefit. St. Elizabeth Hospital is a beloved, tired, cramped and obsolete facility that will be very difficult and expensive to rebuild or improve in its present location.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project in the metro east region. I hope you will vote to approve the hospital move to O'Fallon.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

Years ago, Belleville turned down Interstate 64 coming through town. At that time they set their course for the future and are now having difficulties with the results of that decision. It is a known fact that business follows the flow of traffic. The numbers have been declining at St. Elizabeth's for years. I am sure that some of the reason is St. Elizabeth's does not have some of the newer technology but it's difficult to add new technology when the numbers are declining. I, like others, have sentimental reasons for wanting to stay in Belleville, but not at the expense of becoming a defunct hospital.

Please support the replacement hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, IL. I have lived in the Metro East area for the last 14 years and currently work for HSHS Southern Illinois Division. My husband has had surgery at St. Elizabeth's and two years ago, I gave birth to our first child in St. Elizabeth's Labor and Delivery department. We have had excellent care while at St. Elizabeth's, but we have also seen firsthand the need for a new facility. I've seen the improvements that St. Elizabeth's has tried to retrofit into the current facility by making updated private Med/Surg rooms and renovating for a new Wound Care area, however, these improvements are still limited by the aging facility.

I drive to this facility every day from Troy, IL and there is no direct route to St. Elizabeth's. I also have had to deal with the numerous times that Main Street is closed down due to a celebration or one of the numerous parades that Belleville is so fond of. The proposed location is more of a direct route for the vast majority of patients that St. Elizabeth's serves as it is located off of Interstate 64. The convenience of this location will also attract more patients that currently find it easier to take the interstate to one of the numerous hospitals in St. Louis. When St. Elizabeth's was originally built in Belleville, it was built for accessibility for the masses. The Sister's built the hospital next to the railway, which was the main transportation method at the time. This is no longer the case, and as such, the Sister's have made the decision to adapt to the times and place the hospital on I-64, a main thoroughfare.

This replacement hospital will benefit from all the modern healthcare technologies and will attract more physicians and specialist to the area. This will benefit the entire community as it will allow state-of-the-art medicine to be easily accessible and on the Illinois side of the river. Denying the region of this opportunity would be a travesty.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my thoughts and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's Replacement Facility.

Sincerely,

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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

I work across the street from St. Elizabeth's Hospital and clearly see a need for a new facility. St. Elizabeth's does the best they can at keeping things neat and clean, but after so many years, it makes it very hard to do.

My parents, all my siblings and all my children were born at this hospital, but it is showing wear and tear, besides the asbestos that is looming on every person that walks in.

Please allow St. Elizabeth's to build their new facility, I really don't want to lose my job.

Sincerely,

Mary Zeveski

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Springfield, IL, 62661

Re: In support of Project #14043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

Dear Ms. Avery:
I am a long time employee of St. Elizabeth's and have served in multiple capacities there in the nursing department. I have witnessed the growth and expansion of the facility many times. Never did the hospital lose site of the primary mission to help the sick and the poor of the community. The growth of that mission will be aided by the allowance of a new facility in O'Fallon.
Over the years I have witnessed many attempts at expansion and renovation. The age of the building prevents that from occurring in the present location. People of all local communities will benefit from a new facility that can deliver the most up to date equipment and technology. I support and encourage the approval of the new facility.

Sincerely,

Judith Vernier

Judith Vernier
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