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July 21, 2015

Mike Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Constantino:

Please find the enclosed letter of support for Vista Medical Center East Project: 15-026.

Please feel free to call or contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Martin
President and CEO

Cc: Clare C. Ranalli

CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO

Leon Rockingham, Jr.
MAYOR

July 13, 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I would like to emphasize the important role that Vista Health System has played in caring for the health of our community. Thousands of people are seen by Vista physicians and nurses each year – whether it's to have a baby, visit an ER, have lab testing, undergo surgery, or receive treatment for every kind of injury and illness imaginable. The physicians, nurses and staff at Vista have shown great compassion and dedication to care for their patients.

We have seen a wide range of improvements and changes at Vista over the years, and in the past 6 – 8 years in particular. This new proposal to significantly renovate its facility and convert to private rooms can only be a positive influence on the community. I can see no reason why there would be any objection to this plan and am asking that you vote in favor of this proposed plan.

We look at Vista as a close partner in public safety along with our police, fire and EMS departments. Please stand with us and lend your support to Vista Health System's Application #15-026 in making these important renovations to its facility that serves countless people who live and work in Lake County.

Sincerely,

Leon Rockingham, Jr.

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Wayne Motley, Mayor
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Ricco Farrell
Fire Chief

July 14, 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I am writing today to lend my support for Vista Health System's Application #15-026 in its plan to convert all existing rooms to private use. This will benefit patients as well as their family members and other visitors and make it easier to receive the best available care. We know that the standard for all new hospitals facilities is for private rooms, and Vista's proposal to take this step for all remaining rooms will represent a major commitment to our area.

We understand the many challenges that face our hospitals and other healthcare organizations in today's changing environment. We are asking hospitals to provide more and more services while they are tasked with remaining financially viable. Vista is stepping forward to make a significant investment in its largest facility, and I believe that we need to support that in any reasonable way possible.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to a positive "yes" vote for this proposal so that it can move forward.

Sincerely,

Ricco Farrell

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Fire Chief

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TERRY LINK
ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER
STATE SENATOR · 30TH DISTRICT

June 26, 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

We recognize Vista Health System as a vitally important part of our community and have counted on its services for several generations. Vista has expanded its services over the years, and I am happy to lend my support in its newest proposal to convert to all private rooms at Vista Medical Center East.

Vista has always been there for our police, fire and EMS units as a critical trauma center as well as a stroke and heart center. Vista is also there for us in all situations around the clock to respond to any kind of health emergency and situation. Having private rooms is the standard of care today, and Vista's plan to complete its conversion is an important enhancement.

This is a very positive sign for our community that Vista is committing added capital to improve its facilities. For all of the reasons stated, I ask that you vote in favor of Vista Health System's Application #15-026.

Sincerely,

Terry Link
State Senator
30th District

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Kristina M. Kovarik, Mayor

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June 26, 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

Greetings from the Village of Gurnee. I am writing today to lend my support for Vista Health System's Application #15-026 in its plan to convert all existing rooms to private use. This will benefit patients as well as their family members and other visitors and make it easier to receive the best available care. We know that the standard for all new hospitals facilities is for private rooms, and Vista's proposal to take this step for all remaining rooms will represent a major commitment to our area.

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Sincerely,

Mayor Kristina M. Kovarik
Village of Gurnee

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