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Writing to you about the Mercy/Rockford Health system project#'s 15-038, 15,039, and 15-040. First on the list is moving the Level I trauma center to the opposite side of the City Of Rockford. Why move a Trauma center to the opposite side of the city when there is already one on that side of the city? Does not make any sense to me. Leave the Level I trauma center where it is at now on the west side of the city. Leave the services on the west side as they are now! This would be horrible duplication of services!

If Mercy/Rockford wants to build a new hospital on opposite side of the city then go ahead and do a smaller facility not a whole new facility to replace the current west side facility.

The physicians clinic on the east side is not needed either, they already have more than enough clinic facilities on the east side currently. Just as the Level I Trauma center would duplicate services, this would also duplicate services.

I reside about three blocks from the current hospital. This hospital is a neighborhood anchor. Our residences in Rockford have already taken a huge property value hit. Worse than most places in the State Of Illinois. The moving of services out of the west side facility will hit this side of the city even harder. I probably would not be able to sell my house if I wanted to without the anchor of the hospital on the west side of the city. Please take this into account as well.

I have seen this same scenario in the cities of Joliet, Aurora, and Elgin. None of them being a good outcome when the hospital picks up and moves out. Aurora still has a vacant building sitting there since about 1995 and in Elgin it was a horrible site to see a video online of them just tearing whole hospital facility down in Elgin and replacing with just a "green lot" not good for neighborhood at all.

In summary I feel there is no "NEED" for a facility like this to be built on opposite side of the city. This would overwhelm Swedish American Hospital Emergency room as most people on west side of City Of Rockford would now go to that ER. The Emergency room

that Mercy/Rockford is proposing for the N. Rockton Avenue campus is not a "full service" emergency room. More like a "Immediate Care" type clinic. They would probably transfer most patients to the new facility.

Hopefully your board will consider all of these concerns of not just myself but all of the west side residents who share the same concerns.

I will continue to keep track of the progress of this particular project. Thank you for reading my concerns.

Sincerely,

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