PROJECT HEARING REPORT

Project: 15-038, Rock ford Memorial Hospital-Rockton Avenue Campus
Project: 15-039, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Boulevard Campus
Project: 15-040, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Medical Office Building
September 17, 2015

On September 17, 2015, Board Staff (Constantino, Agbodo, and Roate), conducted 3 public hearings for Projects 15-038: Rock ford Memorial Hospital-Rockton Avenue Campus,15-039: Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Boulevard Campus, and 15-040: Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Medical Office Building. The hearing was held at 10:00 am, 1:30p.m., and 3:00pm, at the Zeke Giorgi Center, 319 West State Street, Rockford. Board member in attendance: Senator Brad Burzynski. Board Staff notes although individual hearings were held for each of the three projects, individuals came forward during all three meetings to express their opposition/support for all three projects. The attendance sheets reflect the individuals testimony

Project: 15-038, Rock ford Memorial Hospital-Rockton Avenue Campus

Individuals who registered their attendance at the hearing: 121
- Support: 103
- Oppose: 15
- Neutral: 3

Individuals who registered to speak at the hearing: 62
- Support: 45
- Oppose: 17

Total individuals registered: 183

Number of Letters received:
- Support: 30
- Oppose: 15

Project: 15-039, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Boulevard Campus

Individuals who registered their attendance at the hearing: 137
- Support: 114
- Oppose: 14
- Neutral: 9

Individuals who registered to speak at the hearing: 37
- Support: 36
- Oppose: 11

Total individuals registered: 174

Number of Letters received:
- Support: 48
- Oppose: 4

Project: 15-040, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Medical Office Building

Individuals who registered their attendance at the hearing: 19

Support: 14
Oppose: 5
Neutral: 0

Individuals who registered to speak at the hearing: 6

Support: 4
Oppose: 2

Total individuals registered: 25

Number of Letters received:

Support: 12
Oppose: 4

STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Public Hearing Testimony Registration Form

Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital – Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Michele Lippert

City Rockford State IL Zip 61107

Signature Michele Lippert

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

RHS

III. POSITION (*please circle appropriate position)*

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (*please circle)*

Oral Written

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital – Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) ELIZABETH SIMMS

City ROCKFORD State IL Zip 61107

Signature

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS
SENIOR SERVICES

PATIENT

III. POSITION (*please circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (*please circle*)

Oral Written

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital – Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Dan Parod

City Caledonia State IL Zip 61011

Signature Dan Parod

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Mercy Rockford Health System

III. POSITION (*please circle appropriate position)*

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (*please circle)*

Oral + Written

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital – Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) John Groh

City Rockford State IL Zip 61107

Signature

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

III. POSITION (*please circle appropriate position)*

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (*please circle)*

Oral Written

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Public Hearing Testimony Registration Form

Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital – Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Susan Milford

City Crystal Lake State IL Zip 60012

Signature Susan Milford

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

SSF Healthcare System

III. POSITION (*please circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (*please circle*)

Oral Written

both

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HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Public Hearing Testimony Registration Form

Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital – Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) DAN LAWLER

City CHICAGO State IL Zip 60606

Signature [illegible]

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care) Barnes & Thornburg LLP

III. POSITION (*please circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (*please circle*)

Oral Written

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Martha Spataro

City Rockford State Ill Zip 61114

Signature Martha Spataro

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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Rockford Health System

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Sandra Rios

City Roscoe State IL Zip 61073

Signature

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care) RMH

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Jim Evans

City Belvidere State IL Zip 61008

Signature

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) ROZENE Smith

City Rockford State IL Zip 61101

Signature Rozene Smith

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care) Rockford Health System

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Geoffrey Page

City Rockford State IL Zip 61101

Signature Geoffrey Page

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) LARRY MINOR

City ROCKFORD State IL Zip 61101

Signature [signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care) ROCKFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) JASON PARKER

City ROCKFORD State IL Zip 61072

Signature

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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Rockford Memorial Hospital

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) BRIAN MYERS

City ELGIN State IL Zip 60123

Signature Brian L. Myers

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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ROCKFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Luke Nelson

City Janesville State WI Zip

Signature Luke B Nelson

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care) Self

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Jeni Hallatt

City Lake Geneva State WI Zip 53147

Signature [illegible]

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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Self

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Krista Starr

City Rockford State IL Zip 61114

Signature [illegible]

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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Rockford Health System

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Deon Wagner

City Loves Park State IL Zip 61111

Signature Deon W

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III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position)*

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040 (15-039)(15-038)

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) LARRY ROWLETT

City Rockford/Rockton State IL Zip 61108

Signature

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040, 15038 + 15039

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Kristina DeCoster

City Rockford State IL Zip 61107

Signature

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

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III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) E.J. DILONARDO

City Loves Park State IL Zip 61111

Signature

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Angler's Edge

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Virginia A Nordlof

City Rockford State IL Zip 61114

Signature Virginia A Nordlof

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Amy Marchetti

City Rockford State IL Zip 61108

Signature Amy Marchetti

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Candace Campbell

City Rockford State IL Zip 61108

Signature Candace Campbell

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Rockford Memorial Hospital - Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building

Project Number: 15-040

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (*Please Print*) Mike Robinson

City Rockford State IL Zip 61101

Signature Michael P. Robinson

II. REPRESENTATION (*This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.*)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

OSF Healthcare

III. POSITION (*Circle appropriate position*)

Support Oppose Neutral

9/17/15

Venita Hervey, 5th Ward Alderman

September 17, 2015

Courtney Avery, Administrator
State of Illinois, Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Public Hearing on Projects 15-038, 15-039, 15-040
September 17, 2015, Rockford, Illinois
E. J. "Zeke" Giorgi Center

I requested this public hearing and speak today in opposition to Projects 15-038, 15-039, 15-040. First, my thanks to the HFSRB for being here today and hearing the community's concerns on these projects.

Rockford is fortunate to have three outstanding hospitals with related clinics and medical services that are perfectly cited to the West, Central City, and East. In addition, we have two top notch Level 1 Trauma Centers which are located to serve citizens in all sectors of the City and throughout the greater Rockford region.

The unnecessary and draconian redistribution of health care services requested by the applicant will, if granted, upset this well-planned and functioning balance and leave a substantial portion of the City of Rockford and Western and SW Winnebago County without critical and timely emergency intervention services, and deny access to medical care and services to some of the region's most vulnerable citizens.

- **The application proposes to essentially gut Rockford Memorial Hospital and Clinics of the following critical care services, medical services, and health care providers:**
  - The Level 1 Trauma Center will be transferred to the Riverside Campus
  - The Cardiac Cath Lab will be transferred to the Riverside Campus
  - The application is confusing with regard to the number of patient beds that will remain at Rockford Memorial Hospital. One diagram indicates it will go from 233 medical surgical beds to 70 beds while Riverside will have 84 beds. Another schematic indicates that Rockford Memorial will be reduced to 90 beds while Riverside will have 188. I believe that 188 includes NICU and other pediatric beds. But make no mistake, Rockford Memorial's inpatient care capacity will be severely reduced

- The Emergency Department will lose 14 examination rooms (31 current rooms down to 17)
- The Intensive Care Unit will be reduced from 31 current beds down to 4 beds
- Operating Rooms will be reduced from 14 to 4
- Cardiac and urological surgeries will be discontinued – including most robotic surgeries
- General radiology, Cat Scans, MRI, and ultrasound services will be significantly reduced
- The GI lab will be moved to the Riverside site
- All obstetrics, pediatric and cardiac care will be moved to Riverside
- The NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) will be moved to the Riverside site
- All nuclear medicine services will be moved to Riverside, including PET Scans (even though cancer care will be provided at Rockton)
- The laboratory currently located in the Rockford Clinic Building will be incorporated into the RMH main laboratory

- **This is a huge reduction in services, especially critical care services. However, there is no census projection or demographic analysis which projects that 50% – 75% of West side and Western Winnebago County residents plan on moving to the far East side. The applicant essentially proposes to simply strip these patients of critical medical and health care services in order to build a fourth and unnecessary hospital on Riverside. The patients will be here, the services will not.**

- **Essentially, the Riverside facility, or "campus" as it is being marketed, will be a state-of-the-art, full-service general and specialty services hospital and clinic compound with comprehensive diagnostic and intervention equipment, services, and physician teams, and support staff, with a highly coveted life-saving Level 1 trauma center.**

- **Ironically, the applicant proposes to move the West side Level 1 Trauma Center, which serves not only the West side or Rockford but all of Western and SW Winnebago County, to within a few miles of the region's only other Level 1 trauma center at OSF St. Anthony.**

  - This makes no sense whatsoever and, make no mistake, the applicant will provide these services at the Riverside facility solely at the expense of the Rockton facility and its substantial patient base.

  - The 4th hospital at Riverside is being built as a compound and will include a hotel to ensure that the largely private pay patients the applicant wants to attract from Wisconsin will have a convenient place to stay. Meanwhile, Rockford Memorial Hospital patients have been promised a shuttle bus to transport them 25 minutes East, while they and their children are ill, in order to receive services at Riverside which isn't even on a local mass transit line.

- **According to the application, 31.5% of Rockford Memorial Hospital's patients currently originate from the 61101, 61102, and 61103 zip codes. If the applicant is permitted strip Rockford Memorial of the Level 1 Trauma Center, cardiac cath lab, and all of the critical services mention above, these citizens will be forced to receive services at what essentially will be a clinic with a holding center and transport docks where patients requiring trauma, cardiac care, and other time sensitive medical protocols will be subjected to life-threatening delays in diagnosis, intervention by specialized physicians, and on-site follow up care:**

  - The applicant has taken the breathtaking and unsubstantiated position that response time no longer is a critical factor in traumatic and cardiovascular events due to better pharmacological interventions and treatment protocols. This amazing claim is not supported by any of the empirical research and replicated research studies that are the hallmark of medical science.

  - These bald and baseless claims have not been subjected to the rigorous standards of peer review, replication and validation that are required to support a change in medical protocol, let alone a change that carries the type of life-saving implications that will result from removing both the Level 1 trauma center and the cardiac cath lab from Rockford Memorial Hospital. In fact, all cardiac surgeries and non-emergency services will be transferred from Rockford Memorial to the proposed Riverside compound.

  - Additionally, with the reduction of ICU beds, these same patients will have to be transferred to the Riverside facility or, alternatively, remain at Rockford Memorial Hospital to receive follow up care for serious accidents and critical medical events. There is no question in my mind that these patients cannot and will not receive the highest standard of medical care and support if they remain at Rockford Memorial. Their only alternative is to accept a lower standard of care at Rockford Memorial or be transported to the Riverside hospital away from their families and the emotional support that is equally important to optimum recovery outcomes.

- **Perhaps the most cynical and disturbing aspects of the application is the scheme to define and market the project as "one hospital with two campuses" and operate the two hospitals under one license.**

  - In truth, the applicant is attempting to establish a fourth hospital in Rockford which is not needed and will upset the logical and well-planned balance and locations of health care services in the City of Rockford and greater Rockford region. Moving the Level 1 Trauma Center and cardiac cath labs to Riverside is absolutely unnecessary and will result in reduced accessibility to services, duplication of services, and higher local and regional medical costs at a time when health care is becoming more accessible and all sectors of the industry are striving to avoid duplication and control costs.

- **The applicant's claim that the Rockton Avenue facility is outdated, obsolete, and land-locked has merit on its face. However, the contention that these factors wholly prevent rebuilding on the current site have a questionable provenance. The applicant has owned more than 200 acres of prime commercial land on Riverside Blvd. for about 20 years. The applicant's desire to build a new hospital in this coveted area come as no surprise. It does, however, suggest that the condition of the Rockton Avenue facility is due more to planned obsolescence rather than the site's actual physical plant and topography.**

- This Board is aware that both Swedish American Hospital and OSF St. Anthony made the substantial commitment and investment to continue to provide health care in a balanced approach based on community needs. Both have modernized their facilities and added state-of-the-art services on their current sites. Although OSF has more land on which to build, SwedishAmerican actually is far more land-locked than the Rockford Memorial campus and managed to build new facilities and remodel existing facilities in a non-disruptive manner that will serve the central City community for decades to come.

- There are myriad other issues that mitigate against allowing these applications and projects. There will be significant impacts on the City of Rockford's Police and Fire services, including increased transport distances for EMS services that will take ambulances out of services for longer periods of time. This means that our current still areas, determined under our accreditation standards, will be significantly disrupted. The City undoubtedly will be forced to add additional ambulances and, quite probably, a new fire station at a time when the State of Illinois and every municipality within it are facing financial uncertainty.

- If this application is allowed, and a Certificate of Need is granted, it will have a devastating impact on the provision of life-saving medical services for a large segment of the patient population in the City of Rockford and Winnebago County.

- I respectfully request this Board consider the testimony given here today in opposition to the application, and review the written comments that will follow in order to fully address all aspects of the application, and determine that the application fails to meet the criteria for a Certificate of Need and deny the same.

Sincerely,

Venita Hervey
City of Rockford Resident and
5th Ward Alderman

cc: Mike Constantino, Supervisor, Project Review Section

Public hearing, Illinois Public Health and Services Review Board

September 17, 2017

15-040 Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building, Rockford

MEDICAL CLINICS BUILDING
IS A SUBSTANTIATIVE PROJECT FOR THE REVIEW BOARD

My name is Susan Milford, Senior Vice President with OSF Healthcare System, and I am speaking in opposition to this proposed project.

The applicants have identified this project as non-substantive and yet clearly by the CON rules it is a substantive project. The Medical Clinics Building for the RMH-Riverside Campus misinterprets several CON Review Board criteria including:

- The proposed MCB is a "healthcare facility."
- By it's own definition, the applicants propose to "establish" the MCB as an integral/connected facility with the proposed new hospital.
- Assuming the proposed MCB is an "establishement" of a healthcare facility, the project is substantiative and not non-substantiative, thereby requiring the need to be in full compliance with applicable Review Board criteria. The permit application, as submitted, is incomplete in that it includes clinical service areas. (See Attachment 34)
- Outpatient services are an integral component of a hospital and, as such, fall under Review Board Criterion (1110.3030) Clinical Service Areas other than Categories of Service. There is no substantiated methodology to support the proposed CSAs.
- In reviewing the MCB equipment list, it appears certain clinical services areas will be developed beyond those stated (Criterion 1110.3030) in the Permit Application thereby requiring the Permit Application to respond to all applicable criteria. These CSAs appear to include extensive procedural capabilities, neurological

services, pulmonary services, capabilities for "ASTC-like" procedures (urology, GYN, dermatology) thereby begging both the CSA question and the services noted in Attachment 34.

- Consistent with each of the three respective permit applications (15-038, 15-039, and 15-0040), the Applicants have not submitted full information on all of their current healthcare facilities as required by Criterion 1110.230(1.), Attachment 11. (See attached information).

Because this permit application is woefully deficient based on Review Board criterion, we respectfully suggest it be declared incomplete and be withdrawn from further consideration.

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September 17, 2015

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Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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BARNES & THORNBURG OBJECTIONS TO:
Project #15-038, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Rockton Avenue Campus
Project #15-039, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Boulevard Campus
Project #15-040, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building, Rockford

Dear Ms. Avery:

We represent OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in opposition to the above projects. We have many substantive objections to the CON applications, and we are providing them in writing to this Board in accordance with the Review Board's rules. My appearance here today is necessitated by the Applicants' improper misrepresentation of a congratulatory note from the Governor's Office as a "Support Letter" for their CON applications. On behalf of OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, I object to this highly inappropriate tactic and request that the Review Board take corrective action.

The facts are that the three CON applications were filed on August 18. The applications each included an August 13 letter from the Governor's Office. The same letter was separately mailed by the Applicants' consultant to the Review Board and was separately docketed as having been received on August 24. The letter appears on the Board's website and is labeled "Support Letter – Governor Rauner 8/24/2015."[1]

Characterizing this letter from the Governor as a "Support Letter" for the CON applications is a disingenuous and brazen attempt to improperly pressure this Board. The letter is not a supporting statement or endorsement regarding the CON applications. A reading of this brief letter from the Governor reveals that it is a well-wishing congratulatory note intended to be read during an announcement event during which the Applicants apparently intended to announce a hospital project. In the letter, the Governor commends event organizers, congratulates the Applicants on a recent headquarters move and exhibits awareness that the

[1] *See* Attachment 1: Screen capture of the Applicants' project listings on the Review Board's website.

Applicants intend to build a $350 million hospital with a variety of potential attributes. It then offers best wishes "*... for a memorable event and many years of success.*"[2]

A letter exhibiting awareness of an intention to build a new hospital coupled with best wishes for an event and future years of success is not support for, or an endorsement of, these CON applications. Rather, it is an example of countless letters prepared by staff members of public officials to be read at events to welcome or congratulate individuals affiliated with business, not-for-profit and other groups. There is nothing wrong with this letter, and the Governor is entirely within his right to provide a congratulatory greeting of this nature. **What is outrageous is to over-lever the letter and misrepresent it as a letter supporting their specific CON applications. There is no express or implied support or endorsement of the CON applications in the letter.**

Even if the Governor's Office had wanted to, it would have been impossible to have reviewed the CON applications at the time the letter was written *because the CON applications were not filed until five days later on August 18.* Regardless, the misrepresentation of the Governor's "support" was made when the Applicants included the letter in their applications and separately mailed it to the Review Board to be docketed as a "Support Letter." The official project files and the Review Board's website indeed appear to show that a "Support Letter" was received from the Governor, posted on the Board's website and dated August 24, 2015; thereby creating the unfortunate impression that the Governor issued a "Support Letter" *after* the CON applications had been filed.

OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center urges the Review Board to reject the unfortunate practice of the Applicants. This is prejudicial to other parties and unfair to the public officials. The Review Board should not allow circumstances whereby citizens can infer that political actors are influencing the outcome of CON applications for non-substantive reasons – in derogation of the ethical public policymaking and action of this honorable Board.

In 2009, a support letter from a previous Governor's Office was submitted in regard to another CON application.[3] That letter expressly supported a CON application, and drew sharp bi-partisan criticism from the legislative members of the Task Force on Health Planning Reform. Senator Susan Garrett, a co-chair of the Task Force, was quoted as saying: "It's very upsetting to me to hear that while we're pushing for reforming the planning board, the governor is encouraging certain projects to be pushed through."[4] Senator Bill Brady was quoted as saying, "Clearly this is what we set this board up for – so it wouldn't be political"; "When the person who appoints you weighs in, it is certainly political."[5] Then-Governor Quinn quickly retracted

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[2] *See* Attachment 2: Letter dated August 13, 2015 from Governor's Office to MercyRockford Health System.

[3] *See* Attachment 3: Letter dated March 5, 2009 from Governor's Office to the Executive Secretary of the Health Facilities Planning Board for Project #09-015, Hartgrove Hospital.

[4] *See* Attachment 4: Article dated May 17, 2009 from The Chicago Sun-Times.

[5] *Id.*

that letter, and said it "... was sent without my knowledge or approval, and should not have been submitted to the Board."[6]

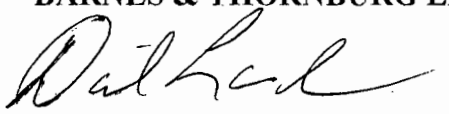
The 2009 incident involved obtaining and using a letter supporting a CON application from a Governor who had *not* authorized it. The current incident involves the Applicants' mischaracterization of a congratulatory letter from a Governor who has *not* provided an endorsement of these pending CON applications. The commonality is that in both instances the Governors did *not* take official positions on proposed projects, but efforts were made to make it look that way to this Board. Another commonality is that the same CON consultant retained by Applicants in these cases was also used by the applicant in the 2009 incident.

The Applicants submitted Governor Rauner's congratulatory letter with the clear intention of influencing Board member voting on their CON applications. The congratulatory letter is dated, and was submitted by Applicants, before the applications were even deemed complete and made known to the public. The Applicants' intentional misuse of this innocent congratulatory letter is highly prejudicial to parties adversely affected by these CON applications.

For these reasons, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center requests that the State Board suspend further review of these CON applications, and take action to ensure that the Applicants' communications to this Board do not prejudice any party or adversely affect the fairness of the proceedings.

Very truly yours,

BARNES & THORNBURG LLP



Daniel J. Lawler

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Attachments

[6] *See* Attachment 5: Letter dated May 18, 2009 from Governor Quinn to the Executive Secretary of the Health Facilities Planning Board regarding Project #09-015, Hartgrove Hospital.

15-038 Rockford Memorial Hospital-Rockton Avenue Campus, Rockford Application Support Letter - Governor Rauner 8/24/2015 Support Letter - Mayor of Rockford 8/26/2015 Support Letter - Chairman Winnebago County Board 8/31/2015 Public Hearing Request 9/1/2015 Support Letters - Alderman Thompson-Kelly and KishHealth System 9/3/2015 Support Letter - La Voz Latina & Editorial - Rockford Register Star 9/8/2015 Opposition Letter - Sally Carter 9/10/2015 Support Letter - Healing Pathways Cancer Resource Center 9/10/2015 Support Letters - Rochelle Community Hospital, ATS Ambulance, RAMP 9/14/2015	9/3/2015	10/28/2015
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BRUCE RAUNER
GOVERNOR

August 13, 2015

MercyRockford Health System
Rockford, Illinois 61101

Congratulations!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the MercyRockford Health System announcement to build a brand new hospital in Rockford, Illinois.

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On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for a memorable event and many years of success.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois

Attachment 2

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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PAT QUINN
GOVERNOR

May 18, 2009

Jeffrey S. Mark, Executive Secretary
Illinois Department of Public Health
Health Facilities Planning Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Mr. Mark:

Please accept this letter as a retraction of the letter dated March 5, 2009 ("the March 5 letter") that the Office of the Governor previously sent to you in your capacity as Executive Director of the Health Facilities Planning Board. The March 5 letter made reference to Hartgrove Hospital and concerned the hospital's plan to expand mental health services at Garfield Park Hospital.

The March 5 letter was sent without my knowledge or approval, and should not have been submitted to the Board. I now write to make clear that I take no position with respect to Hartgrove Hospital's expansion plan or any other matter before the Board. It is for the Board to determine such matters in accordance with its authority and applicable law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn

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Governor

Attachment 3

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HEADLINE: Quinn letter a 'mistake'; Office retracts support of hospital expansion after gov draws fire

BYLINE: Jordan Wilson, The Chicago Sun-Times

DATELINE: SPRINGFIELD

BODY:

Gov. Quinn's office took the unusual step late Friday of retracting a letter of support for a West Side hospital expansion after drawing bipartisan criticism for personally promoting the project.

Quinn's office sent a letter bearing his signature to the scandal-plagued Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, touting Hartgrove Hospital's bid to build an 88-bed mental health facility at 520 N. Ridgeway.

His letter, dated March 5, praised the hospital's "commitment to once again provide services in this community." But it sparked serious questions about why he would personally intervene on a matter before a board that was ground zero in the corruption scandals that knocked former Gov. Rod Blagojevich from office.

Late Friday, Quinn's office said the letter was written without his backing and said it shouldn't have been sent to the board. A new letter correcting the original one would be sent immediately to the hospital construction board.

The letter "was sent out by mistake and does not reflect the opinions of the governor. The governor has no official position on proposed projects before the Health Facilities Planning Board," said a statement from Quinn's office.

"The letter never crossed the governor's desk and was sent out by the governor's Office of Constituent Affairs during a time of transition."

Quinn's office said it put stricter standards in place about a month ago to prevent similar instances from happening.

The mistake is the second embarrassing blow Quinn's administration has faced in less than a month involving the board. In late April, after being appointed by Quinn to chair the board, Dr. Quentin Young abruptly withdrew from the job because of a potential conflict of interest.

Before Friday's mea culpa, Quinn was hammered over the Hartgrove Hospital letter by key members of a legislative panel that recommended dramatic overhauls to the board after the Blagojevich scandal.

"It's very upsetting to me to hear that while we're pushing for reforming the planning board, the governor is encouraging certain projects to be pushed through," said Sen. Susan Garrett (D-Highwood). "It just doesn't make any sense to me."

Later told of Quinn's retraction, Garrett said, "Given the fact he was going through a transition, it might be good to give him the benefit of the doubt. However, the fact this letter became public and a retraction had to be made underscores the fact that we have to continually monitor the Health Facilities Planning Board and make sure politics do not enter into the process."

A top Republican who served alongside Garrett on the Illinois Task Force on Health Planning said Quinn had no business getting involved in the activities of a board he has the authority to appoint.

"Clearly this is what we set this board up for -- so it wouldn't be political," said Sen. Bill Brady (R-Bloomington), who is eyeing a run for governor next year. "When the person who appoints you weighs in, it is certainly political."

A Hartgrove spokesman could not be reached Friday.

Comment at suntimes.com.

GRAPHIC:
Photo: Gov. Quinn ;

LOAD-DATE: May 19, 2009

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Attachment 5

BARNES & THORNBURG OBJECTIONS TO:

Project #15-038, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Rockton Avenue Campus

Project #15-039, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Boulevard Campus

Project #15-040, Rockford Memorial Hospital-Riverside Boulevard Campus Medical Clinics Building, Rockford

My name is Dan Lawler. I am a partner with the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg. I'm here to address the misrepresentation of a congratulatory note from the Governor's Office as if it were a "letter of support" for the Applicants' CON application.

The Governor's statement is just a well-wishing note intended for an announcement event. It commends event organizers, offers congratulations on a recent headquarters move, shows awareness of the Applicants' general intent to build a new facility and offers best wishes.

There is nothing wrong with the letter, and the Governor is entirely within his right to provide a congratulatory greeting of this nature.

What is outrageous is the Applicants' misrepresentation of the letter to make it appear that the Governor is supporting their CON applications. The Applicants have gone so far as to direct the Board's staff to post the Governor's letter as a letter of support for their CON applications.

The Applicants' consultant has previously used a Governor's letter to support a CON application. In 2009, a letter from then-Governor Quinn was submitted with a CON application to support it. That drew sharp bi-partisan criticism from the legislative members of the Task Force on Health Planning Reform.

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Governor Quinn quickly retracted that letter, and said it "... was sent without my knowledge or approval, and should not have been submitted to the Board."

As in 2009, the Governor has ***not*** taken a position on a pending CON project, but the Applicants sure make it look that way to this Board and to the public.

The Applicants' tactic is highly prejudicial.

On behalf of OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, I request that the Review Board suspend further review of these CON applications, and take action to ensure that the Applicants' communications to this Board do not prejudice any party or adversely affect the fairness of the proceedings.

I am submitting a formal, written and documented objection with this oral statement.

Axel & Associates, Inc.

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

August 20, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: MercyRockford Health System
Projects 15-038, 15-039, and 15-040

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please post the enclosed letter as a letter of support for the three above-referenced projects.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jacob M. Axel
President

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Sincerely,

Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois

Hearing 3

1. Good afternoon again
   -Senator Burzynski
   -staff members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
   -members of the greater Rockford community.

2. Obviously you know my name by now, but for the record I am Javon Bea President and CEO of MercyRockford Health System, the applicant.

3. Today we have reviewed the details of our first two applications...

4. ...to continue a vibrant and robust medical campus on the North Rockton Avenue campus...

5.... and our second application the establishment of the most critical care tertiary hospital services at our Riverside Campus.

6. At this time, I'd like to address the last of our three applications, the establishment of a medical office building for critical care tertiary physicians on the Riverside campus.

7. These three projects encompass the needed reconfiguration of our medical services so that, at completion, we will have one hospital on two campuses.

8. With a convenient location for Mercy Rockford's critical care and tertiary services that receive referrals from over 40 hospitals and large physician groups in the 15 counties of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin and why you will find letters from hospitals such as KSB in DeKalb and Rochelle Hospital in support of this project...

9...the Interstate 90 Riverside campus will enhance regional ease of access to high-risk mothers, infants and children who are critically ill and patients needing open heart surgery and brain surgery.

10. It will enhance our ability to provide our specialists with state-of-the-art technology at a location that can accommodate innovation.

11. Again, this cannot be accomplished in our 60-year-old Rockton Avenue campus building.

12. Adjacent to the hospital, the proposed 80,000 square-foot medical office building will house a variety critical care and tertiary specialists.

13. A children's medical center will serve high-risk infants and pediatric patients and specialists such as pediatric gastroenterologists, pediatric endocrinologists and pediatric cardiologists will be located here.

14. The women's medical center will provide an array of specialized services for high-risk moms and a variety of sub-specialists including our maternal fetal medicine specialists will care for patients here.

15. The medical office building will also provide space for

- a comprehensive heart center
- a cardiology clinic,
- other pediatric primary and specialty services,
- radiology and diagnostic testing.

16. For patients with chronic illnesses such as Crohn's disease, or those in need of low-dose chemotherapy and other intravenous medications, our infusion therapy center will provide convenient access and comfortable surroundings in which to receive the care they need.

17. The Riverside Campus will provide patients who are traveling within the greater Rockford area and from other communities, greater access to very specialized services.

18. Rockford holds a special place in my heart. I grew up here. I met my wife here. Most of my family lives here.

19. I am excited to not only improve the health and well-being of our community, but also I am excited to bring the largest facilities project ever in Rockford's history exceeding $400 million dollars.

20. Facilities will be built for the future health care needs of our patients.

21. Services will be expanded to keep patients close to home.

22. Community and regional access to healthcare services will be improved.

23. State-of-the-art technology will improve outcomes.

24. These projects will create jobs bringing economic growth to the greater Rockford region.

25. Having one hospital on two campuses will provide greater access to services, making health care more convenient for those we serve.

26. Thank you again to everyone for all your time today.

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September 17, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery
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Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
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Re: Support for MercyRockford Health System -- Project Numbers: 15-038, 15-039, 15-040

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is submitted in support of MercyRockford Health System's three applications.

As Illinois State Senator for the 45th District, I represent communities in all or part of Carroll, DeKalb, JoDaviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. I am strongly supportive of the MercyRockford Health System applications that have been filed with your agency. The necessary development of the current N. Rockton Avenue campus and establishing a state-of-the-art hospital campus, with a focus on critical care, on E. Riverside Blvd. and I-90 will strengthen access to care for my constituents.

The regional hospitals located in the communities I serve provide excellent care management and rely on access to highly specialized intensive care provided by Rockford Memorial Hospital – including our region's only Level III neonatal intensive care unit, high-risk maternity unit, and pediatric critical care unit. The plans for the Women's and Children's Hospital on the E. Riverside Blvd. campus will update those facilities to today's standards and enhance the care provided to the region.

With my background in law enforcement, including 20 years as Lee County Sheriff, I also support the plans to continue comprehensive emergency services on N. Rockton Ave. and the establishment of the Level 1 Trauma Center at E. Riverside Blvd., with its convenient access to the region via Interstate Highway 90.

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In a time of significant changes in our health care services as a result of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, I am confident that this new proposed facility will enhance the regional healthcare services that my constituents rely on.

Thank you for your consideration of my support.

Very truly yours,

Tim Bivins
State Senator, 45th District

Hearing # 3 : Support

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE

"ONE HOSPITAL, TWO CAMPUSES" PLAN

Name: Angela Mascharka, LCSW

Address: 13357 Glendowery Lane, Rockton, IL 61072

My name is Angela Mascharka. I'm a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for the Cancer Center at Rockford Memorial Hospital. I am proud to be an employee of our Cancer Center which, under this new plan, will continue to provide high quality, state-of-the-art cancer services at the North Rockton Ave campus. I'm excited, at the same time, to see our system respond to the needs of our community by having additional specialized services at the Riverside Blvd campus. As a social worker, I was especially happy to hear that our health system will provide for possible transportation needs, therefore ensuring access to care for all patients, by having a shuttle service that would run continuously between the two campuses. In conclusion, I am here to give my support for the "One Hospital, Two Campuses" plan as I feel it will greatly benefit our patients and the residents of this great community.

September 17
MercyRockford Health System Public Hearing
Zeke Giorgi Center, Rockford, IL

Support for MercyRockford Health System -- Project Numbers: 15-038, 15-039, 15-04

Michele Lippert, R.N.
Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
Rockford Health Physicians

My name is Michele Lippert and I am a Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Rockford Health Physicians, which represents about 185 physicians providing primary care, specialty care and hospital care. We have physician offices in more than 10 locations throughout the community. I have been part of Rockford Health System for more than 24 years and began my career in cardiac and critical care nursing.

I am speaking in support of the MercyRockford Health System plans and am speaking particularly about the plans for the Medical Office Building that will be located near the hospital on the E. Riverside Blvd. campus.

We will continue to offer a wide range of primary care and specialist physician services on the current N. Rockton Avenue campus. That will include OB/GYN, Internal medicine, family practice and pediatrician offices. Specialist physicians, like cardiology, neurology, oncology, rheumatology and others, will also continue to see patients on N. Rockton Ave.

The New office medical building at E. Riverside Blvd. will house the key physician groups that will support our new hospital on that campus. They will provide care to patients from throughout the region as well as from the surrounding communities. Those specialties include our maternal fetal medicine physicians, OB/GYN, and a wide variety of pediatric sub-specialists, like pediatric cardiology, gastroenterology and pediatric surgery, to name a few. Additionally, adult specialty physicians will see patients in the new office building as well as on the N. Rockton Ave. campus. Those include pulmonology, cardiology, electrophysiology, neuro and surgery.

The new office building will be designed to allow us to gain efficiencies with operational flow.
The new office building will also allow us to be child friendly in that we will have a specific pediatric out - patient testing area and then of course an adult specific area as well.

Thank you for allowing me to speak in support of these plans to expand access to physician services through the addition of the Medical Office Building at the E. Riverside campus.

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State of Illinois
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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September 16, 2015

To whom it may concern,

As a Mercy Health System physician for thirteen years, I have had the privilege of providing obstetrics and gynecological care to thousands of women in the Stateline area.

I appreciate the collaborative care we are now able to offer with the Rockford Health System fetal maternal physicians. This team approach has allowed us to provide high risk maternity patients with excellent care, closer to home.

With a new hospital just off I-90, my high risk pregnancy patients will benefit even more. Not only will it provide them with easy access and a convenient location for their outpatient appointments, but it will also save precious minutes when urgent maternal or NICU transfers take place.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Newmark, MD

State of Illinois
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St.
Springfield, IL 62761

September 14, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Amy Carey and I support MercyRockford's new hospital on Riverside Blvd.

I am a 35 year old patient at the Mercy Women's Health Center in Janesville, WI. I have not started thinking about starting a family, but I know this is my future plan. I will be considered high risk because of my age.

I like the fact that MercyRockford is working to bring maternal fetal specialists to Janesville and even better, building a state-of-the-art women's and children's hospital near I-90 that is close to home. If I need it, I know I will receive excellent care there. I am also reassured my baby will be well taken care of.

I know that I am not the only one to believe in the many great benefits of the new MercyRockford hospital.

Sincerely,

Amy Carey

Amy Carey
Mercy patient

State of Illinois
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St.
Springfield, IL 62761

September 12, 2015

I, Mary A. Mueller, 58 yrs old, with respect and compassion for the continued growth of the Mercy Health System am writing this quick letter. Three years ago I suffered a very silent heart attack. The Cardiology Dept with Dr. Paul Volkert and Dr. Kenneth Wolnak lead the outstanding care which I received. This department specializes on the heart, yet they practice their gift of medicine "with heart." When a person goes to the hospital it is not under a joyful purpose, there is a fear that overcomes one. Dr.Volkert and Dr. Wolnak change that fear to a healthy fear because they heal from their heart, through the mind, with their soul (body, mind and soul). Their care and guidance made me feel a part of the team to get healthy and to live.

God blessed me with these special doctors and the cardiology staff. I cannot put into words the excitement I feel about Mercy expanding and becoming part of the greater Rockford community. It is going to be nice to know that people can jump onto I-90 / I-*39 and have easy access to a new Mercy facility located at Riverside Boulevard off I-90 / I-39.*

Thank you for the taking the time to read my letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Mueller

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State of Illinois
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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September 15, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:
I am writing in support of the proposed construction of MercyRockford Health System's women and children's hospital in Rockford.

I have been a Janesville, Wisconsin resident for over 20 years and a Mercy Health System contractor for nearly as long. During that time, I've witnessed Mercy's continued contribution to and support of the communities it serves, as well as the tremendous impact its state-of-the art facilities and top-notch healthcare professionals have had on area residents. Mercy has long been a good corporate citizen and an active supporter of our area's economic and community development efforts.

Mercy's presence at the proposed hospital in Rockford, in collaboration with Rockford Health System, will undoubtedly positively impact residents in Rockford and surrounding communities. Once complete, the hospital will increase patient volumes and services, particularly intensive care and specialty services, and create an extremely positive impact on the local economy, including the creation of construction jobs.

Local contractors and businesses will have an opportunity to participate in the construction process, and this project will provide long-term jobs to area residents when construction is complete—all of which will feed into Rockford's positive economic momentum.

I fully support Mercy's application to construct the proposed hospital, and I encourage the State of Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer DeGarmo

State of Illinois
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St.
Springfield, IL 62761

September 14, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:
I am writing in support of the proposed construction of Mercy Rockford Health System's hospital in Rockford.

Mercy's plan to build a state-of-the art facility and staff it with top-notch healthcare professionals focusing on Intensive Care and Specialty services for women and children will have a positive effect on the region's health care, serving those in need. Additionally, the location will provide easy access to high-end care for many communities in the area.

In addition, the local economy will be positively impacted with the creation of new jobs for local healthcare and ancillary industry professionals when the new facility is complete, as well as the creation of construction jobs, which will both feed into Rockford's positive economic development.

I fully support Mercy's application to construct the proposed hospital, and I encourage the State of Illinois
Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Craig DeGarmo

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September 15, 2015

Hello,

I am Richard Brodie, a patient of Mercy Health System, and I support the new MercyRockford Hospital on Riverside Blvd.

I had internal bleeding and was taken by ambulance to Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center. The doctors were excellent and nurses were very professional.
They had me believing I wasn't sick. The nurses gave me the best possible care I could imagine. I felt at ease during my stay. I would call all the nurses terrific!

It is great to know that I wouldn't have to travel 40 minutes to Madison for specialty care that Mercy does not offer in Janesville. Having the new MercyRockford Hospital right off of I-90 and maybe 30 minutes away for my friends and family will be a great added benefit.

Thank you,

Richard Brodie

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September 15, 2015

I am writing in support of the proposed construction of MercyRockford Health System's women and children's hospital in Rockford.

In October 2013, my wife and I were blessed with a daughter, Gabrielle Elizabeth Cunningham. We commend the staff at Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center for the exemplary care we received.

From the time my wife was admitted to the time of our discharge, each staff member we encountered was polite, professional, and made us feel at ease during what can be a stressful experience. This began with the Labor and Delivery staff, particularly our nurse Krista (I didn't catch her last name). After my wife received an epidural, she started to feel ill, causing her blood pressure and the baby's heartbeat to fluctuate. Krista swiftly (but calmly) sprang into action, and the situation had normalized within minutes. When it came time to deliver the baby, a team of professionals led by our OB, Dr. Dorothy Newmark, did a great job of keeping things upbeat and moving the process along. My wife pushed for less than one hour to deliver our baby. This is in stark contrast to the birth of our son at another hospital, where my wife pushed for over six hours before he was born.

After Gabby was born, Mercy staff did a tremendous job catering to our every question and request. My wife was having some difficulty nursing, and our maternity nurse Mirsa Sullivan gave us some great tips and was very encouraging during an emotional time. The staff even gave us some great name suggestions!

Again, everyone who I encountered at the hospital—from the environmental staff to the food service workers and everyone in-between—was agreeable, pleasant and accommodating.

Sincerely,

Dan Cunningham
4279 Huntinghorne Drive
Janesville, WI 53546

PS...And here is Gabby today!

Real. Original.
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ILLINOIS, USA

PREPARED TESTIMONY

Before the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
at State of Illinois Building, Rockford, Illinois

September 15, 2015

Re: Support for MercyRockford Health System -- Project Numbers: 15-038, 15-039, 15-040

Good afternoon, my name is John Groh and in addition to being a lifelong resident of Rockford, I am President and CEO of the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, a private, non-profit organization that promotes and works toward growing our regional economy by increasing all forms of travel in to the region.

Primarily, our organization drives quality of life and economic growth for our citizens through tourism marketing and destination development efforts. To that end, our organization works closely with Rockford area hotels, restaurants, sports facilities, tourism venues, retailers and other civic organizations.

Today, I am here to speak in support of MercyRockford Health System's three applications.

Along with other employers in the greater Rockford community, we recognize the value of serving residents from the local market and also creating destination attractions for those who come from the region and beyond to Rockford to work, play, shop ... and seek superior quality healthcare.

I am strongly supportive of MercyRockford's proposed investments and improvement to its N. Rockton Avenue Campus and to develop needed services at the proposed E. Riverside Blvd. Campus. These investments will trigger economic growth and create additional investment in our community.

As you may know, medical-based tourism is one of the fastest growing economic drivers in leading communities across the nation. MercyRockford's proposed plans will result in net-new economic activity for our region, which will result in additional job growth in our community and significant other ancillary economic benefits.

Moreover, I anticipate that these projects will help to stop the outmigration of patients to Wisconsin for services. Those services, when provided in Illinois, will help strengthen the economic climate in our community and state.

As you review their applications, I encourage you to give the proposals favorable consideration and approval.

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