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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Members of Review Board,

I am a member at Palos Health and Fitness Center in Orland Park.

As you a well aware, PHFC is scheduled to close and demolition to allow for construction of a new medical facility and parking lot.

Many members, including myself, have found a "fitness home", if you will, at PHFC. I've been a member for more than 6 years and will certainly be adrift when (if???) it closes.

However, I'm fairly healthy, mobile and able to choose among other health facilities nearby. BUT I know many members do not have these options. PHFC meets the needs of elderly and those incapacitated by age or illness or disability. These members will not find other viable options.

Surely health care includes fitness and healing and doing well even in the case of chronic illness or disability. Surely other property near the Palos Hospital Health site could be alternative locations for the plans of Palos Community Hospital and its partner in this expansion, Loyola University Health.

Perhaps re-thinking this project as designed now would pay off in the future when Palos/Loyola health companies come to realize their patients ALSO need a fitness facility designed, staffed and welcoming to their needs.

Other fitness options in the area are really designed for the young and healthy, do not have programs for the elders in our community (and beyond) or the disabled.

Time to consider your public responsibility to the marginalized citizens.

Please keep PHFC up and running – it matters, it makes a difference, it is the right thing to do.

Most sincerely,

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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Dear Ms. Courtney Avery:

I am writing to oppose the closing of the Palos Health & Fitness Center in Orland Park, which is owned by Palos Community Hospital. It is scheduled to close May 1. This facility provides a much needed healthcare organization to senior citizens with chronic health care needs as well as children with disabilities and patrons who enjoy the excellent workout equipment and therapy pools.

Closing of this facility will cause undue hardship for my mother, Anna Chorzepa, who needs regular physical therapy for many medical issues. The therapy pool provides extreme pain relief to her stenosis. Also, this facility would greatly complement any hospital expansion for new patients and their rehabilitation.

There are untold numbers of people who will suffer from this facility's closing. I strongly oppose this closure and urge you to turn down any application that may come to your office. There are many open areas in the area that need developing on this campus. There is open land to the west of the hospital that needs developing. The old Andrew Corporation land is totally vacated after those buildings were demolished. It can be repurposed.

Please, find another solution and not remove this new and excellent facility.

Sincerely,

Jerry Chorzepa

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