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February 28, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 W Jefferson
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: 16-001 Opposition to Palos South Hospital Expansion

Dear Ms Avery:
We are writing to protest the closing and demolition of the Palos Health & Fitness Center (PHFC) in Orland Park, Illinois to accommodate the expansion of the hospital center next door. The PHFC was built and promoted as a local fitness and therapy center. Over the years, people have used and still use this facility for many reasons, from general fitness to targeted therapeutic care. This facility and staff have become irreplaceable!

Having both cold and warm water therapy pools, PHFC offers specialty services and classes for neuromuscular disorders, orthopedic services, and difficult health deficiencies. The Center offers classes on multiple topics for both members and non-members to promote a healthy lifestyle. With an aging local population, services offers by PHFC will only be in greater demand.

Demolishing this building will result in a significant loss to our community, and beyond. Why can't the building and garage expansion move to the west side of the current building where there is plenty of acreage for expansion?

The letter published by the hospital said this construction needs to be done to better-serve the community-at-large. If trying to better the community, do not demolish this 'gem' of a facility! With the new University of Chicago Medical Center site currently under construction only 2 miles away, this area will be over-built with specialized medical centers.

Please work to find a way to save PHFC – I don't know of anyone who is in favor of its demolition!

Concerned Citizens,
David & Mary Jo Murray

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February 25, 2016

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Reference: Board Matters-Closing of Palos Hospital Health & Fitness Club

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to offer my opposition to the closing of the Palos Health & Fitness Club in favor of a parking lot. This club is a valuable tool in maintaining the physical and even mental health of local Baby Boomers and seniors. There is no other facility in the area like it. It doesn't make sense to get rid of a valuable health tool in favor of a building that's treats illnesses people contract due to lack of exercise. That seems a little crazy. I understand medicine is changing. But how many Satellite hospital facilities do we need in the Orland Park area?

I urge your board to reconsider granting Palos Hospital approval.

Sincerely,

Jane Grove