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Mr. Dale Galassie
Chair, Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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RE: Letter of Support for Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am writing to express my support for the establishment of Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC. I believe that this facility will have a strong positive impact in Palos Hills and the surrounding communities by offering affordable, specialized care.

Dr. Gary Kronen and Dr. Anton Fakhouri are well-established as leaders in the field of hand surgery. The level of expertise they provide their patients is widely known. Additionally, they are respected members of the community, and their proposed surgery center is evidence of their dedication to the wellbeing of those in need of their services.

As a public official, I am aware of the ways in which people often struggle to find quality and affordable health care. When an injury is as complex and difficult to treat as those of the hand and upper extremities usually are, the search is that much more complicated. Palos Hills Surgery Center would provide a single venue for many related or integrated health care services at an affordable rate. It is important to me as a community leader that health care is equally convenient as it is effective. I believe the longstanding reputation of excellence these doctors have proves that they will be invaluable to the health of Palos Hills and its surrounding areas and their services will be made easily available with this new surgery center.

Additionally, it cannot be overlooked that the opening of this surgery center will be economically beneficial to Palos Hills. There is a significant need for hand and upper extremity surgeons in the area. As it stands, people are forced to seek care outside the community or in emergency departments. Palos Hills Surgery Center will improve access for those in need of this care, alleviate emergency departments, and keep revenue local. The cost of health care is a major issue for all levels of government. The efficient strategies proposed by Drs. Kronen and Fakhouri will lower costs across the board, which benefits the patients served as well as their community.

For the reasons explained in this letter, I ask you to give your support to Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC's certificate of need application.

Sincerely,



Frank Williams
Fifth Ward Alderman
City of Palos Hills
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