

Constantino, Mike

From: Scott Rose [sr3252@aim.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 12:16 PM
To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: Letter of Support- Proposed replacement St. Joseph's Hospital- Project # 11-105 & # 11-106
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Mike,

Please forward to the appropriate parties.

Thanks,
Scott Rose
St. Jacob Township Supervisor

2/1/2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support for the approval of St. Joseph’s Hospital’s Certificate of Need application to permit construction of a replacement facility in Highland, IL. By allowing St. Joseph’s Hospital to build a new state-of-the-art replacement hospital, new technologies, easier access to services, and greater convenience will enhance the lives of many throughout the local area.

As Supervisor of St. Jacob Township, I appreciate all the hospital does not only for the residents of my township, but for residents throughout the southwest portion of Madison County and other regions that St. Joseph’s Hospital serves. For many years St. Jacob Township has conducted and funded an annual one day “Free Health Fair Clinic”. At this clinic members of St. Joseph’s Hospital’s expert nursing staff are employed to administer flu shots, glucose tests, and blood pressure monitoring to the residents of St. Jacob Township. The Health Fair not only provides a great service to the Township residents, but also as a way for St. Joseph’s Hospital to interact with the community. St. Joseph’s Hospital is a leader when it comes to improving our quality of life. Therefore, it is critical that the hospital is allowed to build a replacement facility in order to meet the increased demand for high quality health care services.

Since 1878, St. Joseph’s Hospital has been vital to sustaining the long term health of the local region. The new replacement hospital will provide health care in a more efficient manner in an environment that makes not only the patient, but also their loved ones feel like they can relax and possibly enjoy a quicker healing process – with the overall goal of being able to go home sooner.

On behalf of myself and the residents of St. Jacob Township, we are extremely grateful to have a health care organization with the reputation that St. Joseph’s Hospital has and respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Rose,

St. Jacob Township Supervisor

Constantino, Mike

From: Kevin Dewaele [kdewaele@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 7:18 PM
To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: St Joseph Hospital Letter of Support
Attachments: St joseph Hospital letter.docx

Mike,
Please forward my letter of support to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Kevin Dewaele

January 26, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support regarding St. Joseph’s Hospital’s Certificate of Need application filed with your agency regarding plans to build a new replacement hospital facility in Highland.

I have lived in the Highland Community for the last 17 years, started a business, Edward Jones Investment office twelve years ago. Throughout the years I volunteered and worked with many community organizations to make Highland better place to live. I have come to appreciate St. Joseph’s Hospital and the valuable services it has provided me and my family. I understand the current facility was built in 1948 and has numerous deficiencies which cannot be updated to keep up with changes in medical technology and equipment updates.

I have personally experienced outpatient procedures and two serious surgeries with stays of a week each in 2010. Needless to say the medical staff and the services provided was outstanding, but the amenities left much to be desired.

The proposed new St. Joseph’s Hospital will transform the delivery of health care services in Highland by:

- Improving accessibility
- Enhancing privacy
- Providing new state-of-the-art technologies
- Increasing the convenience of local residents by decreasing their need to travel away from Highland

I support the current administration taking the action to replace the hospital to make the Highland area a better place to live.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and # 11-106.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dewaele
39 Stone Drive
Highland, Illinois 62249