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August 21, 2012

Dale Galassie  
Chairperson  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Hawthorn Surgery Center – Certificate of Need Application

Dear Chairperson Galassie:

I am writing to you and the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board in regards to the application for permit to relocate Hawthorn Surgery Center (HSC) to Lakeview Parkway and Center Drive in Vernon Hills. I have met with representative from HSC on numerous occasions to discuss and review the placement of a new facility in Vernon Hills. These meeting led to HSC appearance before the Committee of the Whole of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills on December 6, 2011. At this meeting, HSC made a Concept Presentation of their plans to relocate their surgical center to property near Lakeview Parkway and Center Drive. At the meeting, HSC presented their proposed building which will be one story in height and approximately 15,231 sq ft. The building will be architecturally attractive, well landscaped and have adequate parking to serve their clients and employees. It was also noted that the property is properly zoned to allow HSC as a permitted use on the property.

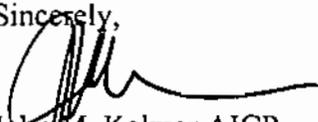
The reception from the Committee of the Whole was very positive and HSC was encouraged by the Committee to more into the Village's review process and reappear before the Board at a future date.

My own opinion on the proposed project is that the use will offer state-of-the-art facilities that will benefit the greater Vernon Hills area with its convenient location, shorter wait times and casier scheduling for patients and area employees. This will save both time and money for all involved.

Based on the positive reception at the Committee of the Whole at the Concept Review stage, HSC has commenced its preparation of plans which will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission and Village Board at meetings in the very near future. Subject to HSC completing the required plans, I anticipate that the zoning entitlement process could be completed by the end of 2012 and construction could begin within a reasonable amount of time thereafter.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John M. Kalmar', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John M. Kalmar AICP  
Assistant Village Manager/Dir of  
Community Development

Cc: Mayor & Village Board  
Mike Allison, Village Manager