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Ms Hills: Please accept the attached letters from Juan Salgado, President and CEO of Instituto Del Progreso Latino, Roberta Douglas, Center Director of Chicago Youth Centers, and Nilda Esparza of Little Village Chamber of Commerce as public comments in support of the above subject project. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks.

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## INSTITUTO DEL PROGRESO LATINO

January 14, 2013

Chairman Dale Galassie  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairman Galassie:

My name is Juan Salgado, President and CEO of Instituto del Progreso Latino for the last 12 years. This letter is in support of Saint Anthony Hospital's proposed dialysis center.

Instituto del Progreso Latino was incorporated in 1977 to meet the needs of Latino immigrants to learn English, find employment, accustom their children to the U.S. educational systems and adjust to life in Chicago in a myriad of ways. Since our inception, Instituto has been a story of hope, perseverance and community triumph. Today, Instituto is a recognized city and state educational center serving more than 14,000 participants annually to advance their basic academic skills, increase their job skills, learn about employment opportunities, and become U.S. citizens. Education is power – ensuring people have access to information and resources better their futures.

Five years ago, Saint Anthony decidedly strengthened its relationship with the Latino and African American communities on the west and southwest side of the city and re-claimed its role as a health care leader, providing compassionate care that turns no one away. In a relentless search to be there for their community, asked what the community needs in a healthcare provider, listened to the responses and developed a clinic model that ensure patients can access multiple services lines. The clinic model sets a platform for patients with different healthcare needs to be accessed under one roof. Medical care, wellness education, nutrition planning and social service direction are the resources to contribute to people taking control over their bodies.

The proposed clinic and dialysis center will transform the healthcare landscape in the Little Village and Pilsen neighborhoods. I support this project because it is the right thing to do for our community.

Sincerely,

Juan Salgado  
President and CEO

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January 10, 2013

Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairman Galassie:

Chicago Youth Centers (CYC) ABC Polk Bros. provides programing for the youth and families of North Lawndale. Utilizing a Positive Youth Development Model our Head Start, After School Program and Teen Leadership Development Program provide individual attention to youth to help them with academic achievement, social emotional development and life skills. CYC ABC Polk Bros. goal is to give members the tools, support, and guidance they need to reach their full potential.

Over the past few years ABC Polk Bros. has formed several integral community partnerships that we value and support. Saint Anthony Hospital is one of those partners. After seeing Saint Anthony Hospital partner in so many community events and activities, we invited them to work with our youth and families. Through their programs our youth and their parents were able to learn and understand what it means to live a healthy life and parent effectively. Through this partnership families were also introduced to the services of Saint Anthony Hospital.

It is pivotal that Saint Anthony continues to grow and provide quality health services and programs to the youth and residents of the North Lawndale community. Therefore Chicago Youth Center ABC Polk Bros. strongly supports the proposed dialysis center that Saint Anthony Hospital wishes to establish on 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

ABC Polk Bros.  
North Lawndale

Centro Nuestro  
Humboldt Park

Rebecca K. Crown  
South Shore

Elliott Donnelley  
Bronzeville

Fellowship House  
Bridgeport

Dorothy Gautreaux  
Riverdale-Altgeld

New Mt. Moriah/Taylor  
Humboldt Park

Roseland and Youth  
& Family Services  
Roseland-Pullman

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Sincerely,

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Center Director  
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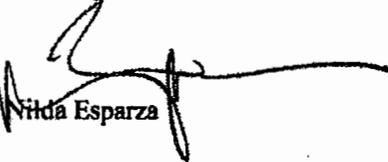
Chairman Galassie,

The Little Village Chamber of Commerce is a rooted membership organization that has represented the interests of the local businesses for more than 30 years. Our mission is to promote and support the growth and success of local businesses in Little Village and leverage the community's unique cultural identity to generate new opportunities. It is in our opinion that a project such as the dialysis site that Saint Anthony Hospital is proposing directly fits with the type of businesses we want in Little Village. Saint Anthony Hospital has been a pillar of healthcare strength, taking care of the underinsured and underserved populations of this community.

Little Village is a thriving commercial area in Chicago's West Side with more than 1,000 businesses that offer a vast area of goods and services. This community is home to the largest Mexican community in the Midwest. Residents and business owners are amply recognized for their entrepreneurial spirit, strong work ethic and commitment to family and community. The non-profit spirit of Saint Anthony Hospital and its affiliated clinics provide a framework of resources in healthcare and wellness that are readily accessible to the residents of Little Village.

We support this proposed dialysis center since it is a much needed resource in this community but also because it is going to be operated by an organization that feel is invested in our community. A national dialysis center, like DaVita or Fresenius, are not as invested in every community that they open a new site in. This community has a deep history and needs more than just another dialysis center. We support a project that remains faithful to its mission as a catholic healthcare provider while supplies a valuable service to the residents of Little Village. As the Chamber of Commerce for Little Village we focus on three primary areas: Training, Assistance and Advocacy. The SAH Dialysis Center at 26th Street fits all three of our focus areas. We hope in the near future we will be able to add this proposed dialysis center to our roster for residents as a important healthcare resource.

Best Regards,



Nilda Esparza