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Re: Project #14-026, Fresenius Medical Care New City

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Toni L. Foulkes and I am the Alderman of the 15th Ward in the City of Chicago. I am writing to support the establishment of the Fresenius Medical Care New City dialysis center. This proposed facility would answer the need for accessible dialysis services for the residents of the Back of the Yards neighborhood which is a medically underserved area. The residents living here are at a disadvantage economically and socially, with a large percentage speaking only Spanish.

I have been made aware that the reason for the Board's prior negative vote is due to other dialysis clinics within 30 minutes travel time operating under the Board's standard of 80% capacity. However, I am also aware that the clinics that currently serve the Back of the Yards are full. These are in the surrounding neighborhoods of Marquette Park, Bridgeport and Englewood. Due to its ethnic make-up, economic barriers and health care shortage, this area experiences a higher proportion of kidney failure than areas that may be 30 minutes away from here. Many of the residents in Back of the Yards and other inner-city neighborhoods do not own cars and rely on public transportation and are not able to travel outside of their neighborhood for healthcare much less 30 minutes away.

Locating a dialysis clinic in the Back of the Yards would be a much appreciated supplement to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the 15th ward. Not only would it bring access to life dependent dialysis services next door to a Federally Qualified Health Center, it would add to the local economy by replacing an old run down building and offering employment for local citizens. I would like to give my enthusiastic support for this proposed facility and ask that the Board vote in favor of the Fresenius Medical Care New City dialysis clinic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alderman Toni L. Foulkes
15th Ward

