

November 7, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery  
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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon and Project #14-044 St. Elizabeth's Hospital-Ambulatory Care Center in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in strong support of this project.

I am retired military and my wife and I have lived in the Metro East for the last 15 years. I spend my time working with senior citizens and those less fortunate than me and I understand the importance of having a modern, advanced medical facility conveniently located. Many of the senior citizens I work with do not drive and have to depend on transportation such as Rotary Wheels and the Alternative Transportation System to get to medical appointments. If their appointment is in St Louis, life becomes very complicated for them.

St. Elizabeth's replacement facility will be a full-service hospital that will offer state-of-the-art medical advancements and technology not only to the Metro East residents but also to feeder hospitals in Breese and Highland. Additional attached medical office buildings will provide a full range of outpatient services with easy access to meet the health care needs of our senior citizens. If we can reduce the number of medical trips to St Louis we can reduce the anxiety level for our residents.

It is time to offer growth in the Metro East and make the Metro East a destination area. The new 144-bed inpatient hospital will not only reduce travel times to necessary health care for local patients, their families, and for critical ambulance transport but it will also be more convenient for patients referred to St. Elizabeth's from smaller community hospitals. With the excellent Metro East hotel and restaurant infrastructure I envision patients and families traveling here from all over Southern Illinois to receive state-of-the-art medical care.

I think this project is a win-win for the Metro East and I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,



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Re: Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon  
Project #14-044 St. Elizabeth's Hospital Ambulatory Care Center

St. Elizabeth's Hospital should be built in O'Fallon.

Belleville's population has not increased in the last fifty years.  
O'Fallon's population has skyrocketed.

In addition, the residents of Fairview Heights, Lebanon, and  
Shiloh would be better served by a hospital in O'Fallon.

Being accessible to Interstate 64 would also be a better location  
for East St. Louis residents, as well as anyone travelling.

Yours truly,



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