

16-038



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December 22, 2016

Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson St, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761-0001

Re: Support for Ambulatory Surgery Center at Advocate Sherman Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of the Kane County Health Department, I would like to express my support for the proposed ambulatory surgery center at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin.

Improving access to high quality surgical care in a more convenient, lower cost setting supports the health department's vision of having the healthiest residents in Illinois by 2030. Removing barriers to high quality care and making this care more affordable impacts overall health and quality of life in our community.

I ask that you approve this project for the benefit of residents in Kane County and our neighbor counties.

Sincerely,

Barbara Jeffers

Executive Director
Kane County Health Department

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Jeffrey Swoboda
Chief of Police

Elgin Police Department
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December 22, 2016

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

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Re: SUPPORT: Ambulatory Surgery Center at Sherman Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my support for Advocate Sherman Hospital's proposal to build an ambulatory surgery center on its Randall Road medical campus.

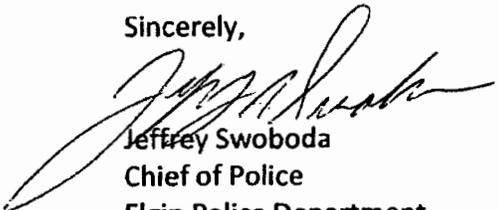
The Elgin Police Department partners with Sherman in a variety of ways to provide critical resources, services and support to our community. Together, we are building a safer, healthier community that people are proud to call home.

This proposed facility will make the high quality medical care Sherman provides even more convenient, accessible and affordable for Elgin residents.

I fully support Sherman's proposed ambulatory surgery center, and I ask you to approve this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Swoboda
Chief of Police
Elgin Police Department

Ms. Kathy J. Olson
Chairwoman, Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for 16-038- Advocate Sherman Ambulatory Surgery Center, Elgin, IL

December 20, 2016

Dear Ms. Olson,

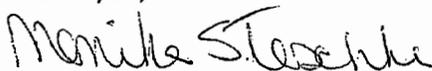
I am a long time resident of South Elgin. My family and I have utilized Presence St. Joseph Hospital & Advocate Sherman Hospital.

Hospitals in general are very intimidating to anyone, especially children, which is why we used Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center in St. Charles for my sons' last surgery. It was a very nice facility and we would use it again over the hospital. It would have been easier if there was an ambulatory surgery center at Sherman Hospital.

I would like to express my support to build a surgery center on the grounds with Sherman Hospital, not only to provide a lower cost, but also the convenient location.

I urge the approval of this important project for our community.

Thank you,



Monika S Teschke
1464 Woodland Dr
South Elgin, IL 60177

December 22, 2016

IL Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W Jefferson St, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Attn: Kathy Olson, Chairwomen

RE: Sherman ASC, project # 16-038

Dear Mrs. Olson,

Sherman Hospital continuously shows excellence in providing good quality care to its patients as well as gives back to our community. Adding a standalone Surgical Center adjacent to the hospital will be a great asset. Not only for convenience but for ease of mind that if in case of emergency, the hospital is a right there.

I also believe that with the rising costs in copays and deductibles, this should be a less expensive option for us to obtain our surgical care. Families are doing everything possible to avoid Emergency rooms as copays are \$750 to \$1000 copays with additional 20% co-insurance were as instead obtain the same quality at an Urgent Care the copay drops drastically to \$75.00. Services within the hospital as oppose to an outpatient setting and stand alone facility should decrease our out of pocket expense.

I strongly support this new project and hope you reconsider. Please approve this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Rios', is written over the typed name.

Johanna Rios

December 19, 2016

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
Attn: Ms. Olson
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Regarding: Support for Sherman ASC project, # 16-038

Dear Ms. Olsen,

As a member of the community, I want to write to express my support for the Sherman ASC project #16-038.

Sherman Hospital has provided great care to my family and neighbors. This new project will help Sherman better the needs of our community, high quality care, in a convenient, safe setting, and at a lower cost.

Yours,



Guadalupe Zavala.

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, Floor #2
Springfield, Illinois 62761

December 21, 2016

Re: Support for the Advocate Sherman ASTC, # 16-038

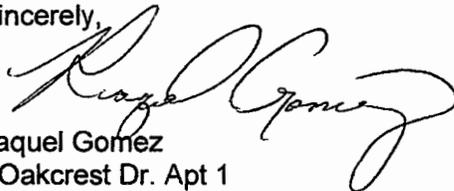
Dear Ms. Avery,

Please acknowledge this letter to express my support for the proposed ASTC at Sherman Hospital.

Although, we currently do not reside in the Elgin area my family and I do receive our services at Sherman Hospital. I strongly believe the ASTC would be a great idea as it would be very convenient having one closer to Carpentersville township. Most importantly in case of an emergency the hospital would be adjacent to this facility.

In hope of this project being approved

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raquel Gomez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Raquel" being more prominent than the last name "Gomez".

Raquel Gomez
9 Oakcrest Dr. Apt 1
Carpentersville, IL 60110

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, Floor #2
Springfield, Illinois 62761

December 20, 2016

Re: Support for the Advocate Sherman ASTC, # 16-038

Dear Ms. Avery:

I live in Elgin and very much appreciate having an excellent hospital such as Advocate Sherman available in my community.

This letter is written to express my support for the proposed ASTC at Sherman Hospital. This is a great way to provide lower cost, convenient care with the advantage of being near the hospital in case something should go wrong.

Please approve this project.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Hruby".

Deborah Hruby

524 Clark Street, Elgin IL 60123

December 19, 2016

Chairwoman, Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
Attn: Ms. Olson
525 West Jefferson, floor #2
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for Sherman ASC project, # 16-038

Dear Ms. Olson:

Although I currently do not reside in Elgin, I continue obtain all of my services at Sherman Hospital as well as their Urgent Care Centers. With my continued health concerns it is truly important to me for everything to be centralized in one health system where my providers integrate with the hospital.

I am very excited about the new, proposed ambulatory surgery center at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. This new, lower cost option is important. Out of pocket health care costs continue to increase, almost to the point that health care is out of reach for many folks. And the best part of the proposal is that this lower cost care is located right next to Sherman Hospital. This adjacency to a hospital will ease the concerns of many patients, who might otherwise worry how a problem in surgery might be handled.

I fully support this Certificate of Need application for this important project.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Sincerely,



Valerie Dorwaldt
647 Hampshire Drive
Hampshire, IL 60140

December 20, 2016

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
Attn: Ms. Kathy J. Olson
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Regarding: Support for Sherman ASC project, # 16-038

Dear Ms. Olsen,

As a member of the community, I want to write to express my support for the Sherman ASC project #16-038.

I am so very proud of our hospital, Sherman Hospital. It has provided such great care to my family and neighbors. It has such a proud tradition of quality care for our community.

This new project will help Sherman better needs of our community, high quality care, in a convenient, safe setting, at a lower cost.

Please approve this project.

Sincerely,



Griselda Zavala
315 Washington St
Elgin, IL 60123
(847) 922-1130

December 20, 2016

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
Attn: Ms. Courtney Avery
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for the Advocate Sherman ASTC, # 16-038

Dear Ms. Avery:

I live in Elgin and very much appreciate having an excellent hospital such as Advocate Sherman available in my community. I'm writing this letter to express my support for the proposed ASTC at Sherman Hospital.

This will be a great way to provide low cost, convenient care with the advantage of being near a hospital in case something goes wrong.

Please approve this project.

Thank you,



Francisco Castaneda

8 S Liberty St, Apt 1A
Elgin, IL 60120

December 19, 2016

Chairwoman, Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
Attn: Ms. Kathy J. Olson
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for Sherman ASC project, # 16-038

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am very excited about the proposed ambulatory surgery center at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. This new, lower cost option is important as out of pocket health care costs continue to increase with outrageous Emergency Room and Inpatient copays, almost to the point that health care is out of reach for many of us. The best part of the proposal is that this lower cost care is located right next to Sherman Hospital and adjacent to the hospital; this will ease the concerns of many patients who might otherwise worry how a problem in surgery might be handled.

Please approve this project.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blanca Arrendondo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Blanca Arrendondo
150 N Crystal Ave, Apt 2
Elgin, IL 60123

December 19, 2016

IHFPB Chair

Attn: Kathy J. Olson

525 West Jefferson, 2nd floor

Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Advocate Sherman Ambulatory Surgery Center CON application # 16-038

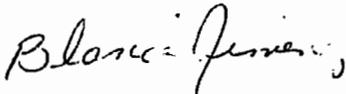
Dear Chairman Olson:

I've lived in Elgin for more than 40 years and I am very excited to learn about the ambulatory surgery center project being planned at Advocate Sherman Hospital. The cost of health care is continuously increasing every year. For me personally, deciding whether to stay in traditional Medicare or change to a Medicare Advantage plan is dependent of my providers' contracts and the service facilities. Thankfully I am still able to obtain services at our local hospital.

This ambulatory surgery project can help ease the pain and cost of surgery for my family as it is continuously growing as well as the community.

I urge the IHFPB to approve this important project for our community.

Sincerely,



Blanca Jimenez
150 N Crystal Ave, Apt 1
Elgin, IL 60123