

February 24, 2017

Ms. Kathryn J. Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street--2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Westminster Village
Support for CON Project

Dear Chairwoman Olson,

Westminster Village has been an important part of the City of Bloomington for almost 40 years. We look forward to their next 40 years and the improvements they plan.

Westminster Village is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community of almost 340 residents in 198 independent living units, 52 assisted living units and 78 licensed skilled beds.

Many of these residents are long-time citizens who wish to remain in our community during their retirement. As mayor for the city, I want to support the expansion plans that will allow even more residents to remain in our community. The master plan is for the community to significantly increase the number of independent and assisted living unit on campus. It is important that it first modernize and expand its skilled unit so as to be able to accommodate the future needs of additional independent residents.

I have been on the Westminster campus numerous times and can attest to the caring environment. The current skilled facility with almost all shared rooms, however, needs the proposed modernization to allow the private rooms and baths that residents desire.

As mayor of Bloomington I support this project in our city, and ask that you similarly support the project with your approval of a Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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