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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Support/or Swedish American Hospital's CON Application to Modernize its Existing Facility and Construct a New Women and Children's Tower, and its Exemption Application to Add a Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

Please let this letter serve to express my strong support for the Swedish American Health System proposal to construct a Women's and Children's Center, and to update and modernize existing facilities and services. I specifically wish to support the associated CON (Project No. 17-019) and COE (No. E-O 19-17) applications.

Already the largest birthing center in Rockford, and the only area hospital to have received the Health grades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award, Swedish American plans to construct a dedicated Women's and Children's Center - to continue to provide the highest quality of care for women and infants in the communities I represent. The proposed Center is to include a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), which will permit Swedish American to apply for a Level III Nursery designation, again providing my constituents with direct access to the highest levels of care.

Swedish American Health Systems has served the Rockford community for over a century, and this proposed modernization will ensure that all citizens of Rockford (including on the west and south sides of town) will be cared for with the most up-to-date services and facilities available, including updated Emergency Department services, operating rooms and the Women's and Children's Center.

Swedish American is a vital resource in the Rockford community; I enthusiastically support its plans to modernize its facilities and create a new Women's and Children's Center so that it can continue to provide the citizens of Rockford with the best care possible.

Respectfully,

Litesa E. Wallace
Illinois Representative (67th District)

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Venita Hervey, 5th Ward Alderman

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Re: Support for SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON Application to Modernize its Existing Facility and Construct a New Women and Children's Tower, and its Exemption Application to Add a Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I write to express my strong support for the above-referenced project. SwedishAmerican Hospital has served the Rockford community for over a century, and is particularly important to the residents of my ward and the surrounding areas. It is incredibly important that this project be approved.

The proposed $130 million modernization and expansion will include private inpatient rooms, as well as a modernized Emergency Department, operating rooms, and other needed services.

Importantly, SwedishAmerican plans to establish a state-of-the-art Women's and Children's Center that will include a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Once approved, the NICU would allow SwedishAmerican to apply for designation as a Level III Nursery and treat more complex neo-natal patients – making such care immediately accessible to the west and south sides of Rockford. SwedishAmerican is already the largest birthing center in Rockford, and is the only area hospital to have received the Healthgrades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award. The addition of a Level III Nursery at SwedishAmerican, together with the new Women's and Children's Center, will assure access to the highest quality of care for all Rockford area families.

SwedishAmerican consistently has demonstrated its commitment to ensure equitable healthcare access and needed economic activity in the downtown, west side, and south side areas of Rockford. The importance of the above-referenced projects to these areas and the City of Rockford as a whole cannot be stressed enough. Both personally and on behalf of my constituents, I urge your swift approval of the CON and COE applications of SwedishAmerican Hospital.

Respectfully,

Venita Hervey
Rockford Alderman – 5th Ward
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Winnebago County Health Department

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RE: Support for SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON Application to Modernize its Existing Facility and Construct a New Women and Children's Tower, and its Exemption Application to Add a Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit

April 20, 2017

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

The Winnebago County Health Department supports the initiatives of SwedishAmerican Hospital outlined in their Certificate of Need (Project No. 17-019) and Exemption Application (No. E-019-17).

The Winnebago County Health Department is the Illinois state certified local health department for Winnebago County responsible for the health of approximately 300,000 residents, the majority of which reside in the City of Rockford. The most current community health assessment conducted by WCHD identified three (3) health priorities: Maternal and Child Health; Mental/Behavioral Health; and Violence Prevention with a focus on health equity and access to care. The applications being submitted by SwedishAmerican Hospital directly and indirectly addresses these health priorities.

The establishment of a state-of-the art Women and Children's Center will expand access to maternal and infant care accessible to community areas and populations that have historically been underserved and at the highest risk for poor outcomes including pre-term and low birthweight infants. The availability of a Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit will further support family engagement with infants who need specialized care demonstrating their commitment to family infrastructure.

SwedishAmerican is the largest birthing center in Rockford and has achieved both the Healthgrades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award and designation as *Baby-Friendly* from the World Health Organization demonstrating their ability to deliver high quality care to both mother and infant.

These projects will address one of the highest health priorities in our community – supporting maternal and child health and respectfully urge their approval.

Sincerely,

Sandra Martell, RN, DNP
Public Health Administrator

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Frank Haney
County Board Chairman

County of Winnebago

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April 18, 2017

Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
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Re: Support for SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON Application to Modernize its Existing Facility and Construct a New Women and Children's Tower, and its Exemption Application to Add to a Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit

Dear Chairwoman Olson,

I wish to share my enthusiastic support for the project and applications referenced above. SwedishAmerican Hospital is a vital institution that has served the entire Winnebago County community for over 100 years. Approval of the CON and COE applications now before your agency will ensure the continued vibrancy of this important institution, and help guarantee equitable access throughout the region to the highest quality of healthcare. It will also bring needed economic activity to downtown Rockford.

The proposed $130 million modernization and expansion will include private inpatient rooms, as well as a modernized Emergency Department, operating rooms, and other needed services.

Importantly, SwedishAmerican plans to establish a state-of-the-art Women's and Children's Center that will include a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Once approved, the NICU would allow SwedishAmerican to apply for designation as a Level III Nursery and treat more complex neo-natal patients – making such care immediately accessible to the west and south sides of Rockford. SwedishAmerican is already the largest birthing center in Rockford, and is the only area hospital to have received the Healthgrades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award. The addition of a Level III Nursery at SwedishAmerican, together with the new Women's and Children's Center, will assure access to the highest quality of care for all Rockford area families.

I respectfully urge your prompt approval of this critically needed project.

Respectfully,

Frank Haney
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Re: Requested Approval for SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON Application to Modernize its Existing Facility and Construct a New Women and Children's Tower, and its Exemption Application to Add a Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

As I conclude 12 years of service in this office, I write to express my strong support for the CON and COE applications referenced above. This project is of vital importance to the residents of the City of Rockford. It will bring the highest quality of healthcare to the west and south sides of our city, and contribute significantly to the economic vitality of downtown Rockford.

The proposed $130 million modernization and expansion will include private inpatient rooms, as well as a modernized Emergency Department, operating rooms, and other needed services.

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Please give favorable consideration to the CON and COE applications now before your agency. The citizens of Rockford and its surrounding communities deserve your prompt approval.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence J. Morrissey
Mayor, City of Rockford, Illinois

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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I had the privilege of speaking several days ago at the announcement event for the above-referenced project. Today, I write as Mayor-elect of Rockford to urge your approval of the involved CON and COE applications. This is a vital and needed step toward meeting the healthcare needs of my community. It will bring proximate access to the highest level of care to the west and south side areas of Rockford, and serve as a critical component of the revitalization of our downtown. My support is unqualified and enthusiastic.

The proposed $130 million modernization and expansion will include private inpatient rooms, as well as a modernized Emergency Department, operating rooms, and other needed services.

Importantly, SwedishAmerican plans to establish a state-of-the-art Women's and Children's Center that will include a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Once approved, the NICU would allow SwedishAmerican to apply for designation as a Level III Nursery and treat more complex neo-natal patients – making such care immediately accessible to the west and south sides of Rockford. SwedishAmerican is already the largest birthing center in Rockford, and is the only area hospital to have received the Healthgrades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award. The addition of a Level III Nursery at SwedishAmerican, together with the new Women's and Children's Center, will assure access to the highest quality of care for all Rockford area families.

I respectfully urge your prompt approval of these CON and COE applications pending before your agency.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. McNamara

Tom McNamara
Mayor-elect of Rockford