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Village of Hazel Crest

Courtney R. Avery
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery;

I wholeheartedly support plans by Advocate South Suburban Hospital to renovate and modernize its surgical facilities in Hazel Crest. As Mayor of the Village of Hazel Crest, I take pride in knowing that the residents I serve are able to receive high-quality care close to home. Advocate South Suburban has been caring for patients in its current facility in Hazel Crest for 45 years. While the care provided is exceptional, the facility is out-of-date and many of the operating rooms are undersized, thus inhibiting the ability for growth and providing the most up-to-date services and technology for better experiences and outcomes for patients. Advocate's plans to modernize the surgery and cardiovascular procedural areas, and update endoscopy services, will better serve our community.

In the past, I understand the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board has indicated a preference for having hospitals expand services at their current locations, rather than look to alternative sites for the building of brand-new complexes. Modernizing a 45-year-old hospital to update surgical, procedural, and cardiac services to increase efficiency and patient comfort, speaks directly to that preference.

I applaud Advocate's ongoing efforts to meet the health care needs of the Southland. For this reason, I urge the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the Certificate of Need request for the modernization of its campus.

Sincerely,

Vernard Alsberry Jr.
President, Village of Hazel Crest