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### **Toni Preckwinkle wants \$126 million rehab of old Cook County Hospital**

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Less than a decade ago, then Cook County Board President John Stroger wanted to send in the wrecking ball to take down the hulking historic Cook County Hospital on the West Side.

On Wednesday, current Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced a multi-year, \$683 million capital improvement plan that includes a \$126 million redevelopment and rehab of the hospital. The building at 1835 W. Harrison has stood vacant since the 2002 opening of the nearby Stroger Hospital.

The plan is to turn at least a portion of the century-old facility into offices for Cook County Health and Hospitals System administrators.

"I made a commitment early on that we were going to save the building, and we're working on how we can do that" in a way that's "most cost efficient," Preckwinkle told reporters.

"It's a beautiful old building but we have considerable ongoing expenses — we have to keep the place heated in the winter so the pipes don't burst," Preckwinkle said. "So our maintenance costs over time have been fairly significant as the building has remained empty."

Details on the annual pricetag for simply maintaining the building were not available. And the start and project finish dates also weren't immediately available.

While the late board president Stroger wanted to get rid of it, his son and successor Todd Stroger was open to keeping some of the buildings and tearing down others. The majority of county commissioners, who have the final vote, already supported saving the building and backed a plan to move county hospital administrators from the converted nurses dormitory at 1900 W. Polk, slated for demolition, to the rehabbed county hospital.

The hospital and its famous beaux-arts façade was built in 1914. Preservation Chicago put it on its "most

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endangered" list in 2003 and 2004 and was among the groups that helped block the wrecking ball during the political battles over the fate of the facility.

Preckwinkle's capital plan comes after a December 13th order to halt all non-essential capital projects until her staff could analyze the projects and costs. About half of the money for the projects will come from about \$300 million in proceeds from bonds issued in 2009 and 2010 for projects.

The overall capital plan, which ultimately must be approved by a vote of county commissioners, also includes:

† A new \$92 million diagnostic and residential treatment unit for prisoners at the Cook County Jail.

† A \$50.2 million expansion of the garage at the current Stroger Hospital to add 1,760 spaces. The current garage has 1,340 spaces.

† A \$10 million upgrade of the elevators at the Daley Center courthouse complex.

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GUEST COMMENTARY  
LYNDA DELAFORGUE

As the summer months draw to a close, many of us are looking back on a year that has been both challenging and rewarding. It is a time to reflect on the successes we have achieved and the lessons we have learned. In this guest commentary, I will share some of my thoughts on the current state of the economy and the role of business in our society.

The current economic environment is one of uncertainty and volatility. Many businesses are struggling to survive, and the job market remains weak. However, there are also signs of hope and growth. As we move forward, it is important for us to stay focused on our goals and to embrace change. Business leaders must be innovative and adaptable in order to succeed in this new landscape.

One of the key challenges facing businesses today is the need to reduce costs and improve efficiency. This can be achieved through a variety of means, including streamlining operations, investing in technology, and hiring skilled talent. It is also important for businesses to maintain strong relationships with their customers and to provide excellent customer service. By doing so, businesses can build a loyal customer base and ensure long-term success.

In addition to focusing on internal operations, businesses must also be aware of the broader economic and social context in which they operate. This includes staying up-to-date on government regulations and industry trends. By being proactive and engaged in their communities, businesses can contribute to the overall well-being of society and create a positive impact.

As we look ahead, it is clear that the future holds both challenges and opportunities. By staying resilient and embracing change, businesses can navigate the uncertainties of the future and emerge stronger than ever. I encourage all business leaders to stay optimistic and to continue to work hard to achieve their goals. Together, we can build a brighter future for ourselves and for our communities.

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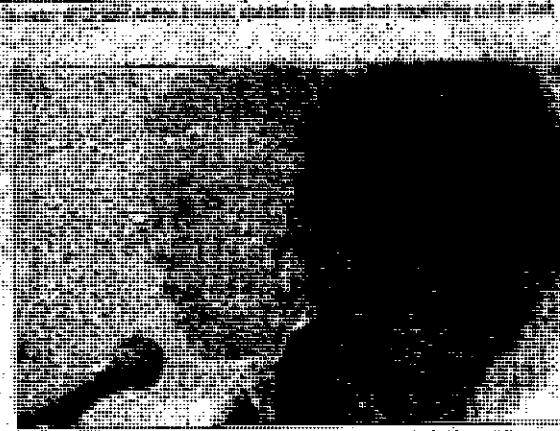
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# Who will pick up Oak Forest patients?



The Oak Forest Hospital is facing a significant financial challenge as it prepares to close its doors. The hospital, which has been a major employer in the area, is currently operating at a loss. The closure is expected to result in the loss of thousands of jobs. The hospital's management is currently in discussions with various stakeholders, including the local government and the community, to determine how the costs of the hospital's operations will be covered. The hospital's board of directors is also working to identify potential buyers or partners who could take over the facility. The closure is expected to have a significant impact on the local economy and the lives of the community members who rely on the hospital for medical services.



Healthcare leaders from Oak County Board President Tom Prochaska (left) and Oak Forest Hospital CEO (right) are shown at a meeting discussing the hospital's future.

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 large increases of 100,000 or more  
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 the Oak County Executive had the  
 closure of Oak Forest Hospital well  
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 plan that actually helps the business

of northern Oak County.  
 If a bridge is a commitment of our  
 jurisdiction, then it's time to report  
 on it.  
 Sports that always is a challenge  
 of the industry group (Business Journal  
 Illinois). The new business plan  
 (Business Journal)

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Name: ~~VIVIAN WENKAL~~ Public Testimony April 18, 2011

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Not to Close Oak Forest ~~Hospital~~  
Hospital. I need a job, for the poor peoples  
that can not get to Stroger, for people that do  
not have Insurance

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I am in town to keep the doctors  
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of takes about 2 to 4 hrs. to put the p  
time what will happen to the pt sb th  
the whole medical staff is dedicated  
the parents are very happy with the  
As an the interest of the parents of ser  
hospital from.

Name: Sarah Smith  
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LECLERC FIVE, APT # 131  
Oliv: OAK FOREST  
Phone Number: 308-530-888  
Email: amskarpans@yahoo

Name: *M. Williams* - Public Testimony April 18, 2011

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Phone Number: *CLAY 12* 773 805-1373

Email:

*MYJAY501@sbeglobal.net*

*The hospital is important to  
all the poor undernourished  
patients we have & will  
willing serve again.  
It could be  
@ the door to get help,  
It could be you.*

Name: TUBSTROM, PULCHRANASSOPAN Public Testimony April 18, 2011

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City: TINLEY PARK

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NOT TO CLOSE OAK FOREST HOSPITAL  
my mother HAD HIGH RISK  
HEART & DIABETIC NEED HELP.

Name: **Shah Jami**

Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 15889

Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

WELCHER AVE, APT # 13109

City: OAK FOREST

Phone Number: 708-530-8301

Email: [mskarpans@yahoo.com](mailto:mskarpans@yahoo.com)

I am in favor to keep the catchment hospital because this is the only hospital in Southside community so that have to go stay hospital so you visit the ER today due to heavy workload of takes about 2 to 3 hrs. to put the patient on the floor as the same time what will happen to the pt so he or she is critical situations. The whole medical staff is dedicated to their work & I think all the patients are very happy with the work & service offered to them. So on the interest of the patients & employees please keep this hospital open.

Thanks

Sincerely  
*[Signature]*

Name: Linda Phillips Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 14200 S 142<sup>nd</sup> St, Springfield Health Facility and Services Review Board

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Phone Number: 708 925-3155

Email:

The hospital is very convenient for the citizens in the Greater Suburban area. It's a very good place to work with people working through the halls laughing and smiling always.

Name: ~~NEFF SPENCER~~ Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 6417 Wedgfield health Facility and Services Review Board

City: Oak Forest IL 60452

Phone Number:

Email:

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DON'T close OFH, COMMUNITY NEEDS  
IT'S SERVICES

Name: WYROLA LGZ Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 21313 Winfrey Dr. Illinois health Facility and Services Review Board

City: Motteson

Phone Number: 708 700 3727

Email:

*Pls Save Oak Forest Hospital and  
Save the patient.*



Name: Module Objective Testimony April 18, 2011

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DO NOT CLOSE DFH,  
HOSPITAL OR THE PEOPLE JUSTICE LIVES  
ARE SAVED. DO NOT INCREASE  
MORTALITY & MORBIDITY. DO NOT  
USE YOUR POWER TO KILL PEOPLE.

Name:

Sylvia Fleming

Public Testimony April 18, 2011  
Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

Address:

151 N. Maple Ave

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773 836 0965

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Health care is needed badly in the South  
Suburbs where would patients go for  
health care. The private hospos can just put  
our backs and on the way and send  
them away. "Keep Dark Forest Hosp Alive"!!!

Name: *George Williams* Public Testimony April 18, 2011  
Address: Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: *GFH*

Phone Number:

Email:

*April 19, 2011*

Please keep Oak Forest Hosp. open for the patients that can't afford Health Care. The hospital has been helping patients for over a 100 years. The tax payers have been supporting this hospital all the time. Their has never in history been a big value about closing for the area here in oak forest. As a worker here at the hospital will be required to take care of patients based on there illness and not what they could pay. Please continue to help ill the sick and keep the jobs at the hospital.

Name: Maqel Campbell Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: Cushwood Illinois health Facility and Services Review Board

City: Illinois

Phone Number: (708) 489-2868

Email:

Please help Oak Forest Hospital to stay open for the poor & for the very sick patients. Very difficult for them to travel as well as the expenses.

Name: S. THOMAS Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 8021 Silverway Rd Illinois health Facility and Services Review Board

City: FINDER PARK

Phone Number: 708-533-2618

Email:

Keep 25 beds (acute + ICU) open.

Make a reservation by getting co-pay from ER

(urgent care pts) 5-10 dollars each everyone

come through the ER 13' not pass. If we can

sacrifice 5 full-time days they can spend 5 dollars

close long term care. Only keep the acute

care. Acute + ICU + some observation beds.

Name: F. PROWADA Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 1080 S. Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: NORR

Phone Number: 708-952-9264

Email:

MY MOM NEEDS A PLACE TO GO IF

THEY CLOSE THIS HOSPITAL

Name: *Choris M. Stewart* Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 524 Broadwood Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: Olympia Field, IL

Phone Number: 708-481-7206

Email:

[Redacted]

We People on the South Side of the city  
Need this hospital, Please keep it open.

Name: *LeLa Brazadostre* Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 330 E Maple Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: Glenwood, IL

Phone Number:

Email:

*Keep hospitals open  
for the community*



Name: J. David Boyce Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 4712 NW Parkway, Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: Oak Forest, IL 60452

Phone Number:

Email: dabo@stcglobal.net

Why chose a facility that has secured important, emergency, & long term care. Because we offer services that no other facility has matched for decades. It takes staff such as the ones who've remained to elevate moral and skill performance in a efficient yet professional manner. We deserve respect. We deserve to stay open. Cut the board's salaries, freeze their upgrades and quit reading relations who cause our facility service. OAK FOREST IS NECESSARY AND NEEDED.

Name: Madeha  
Rahuel

Public Testimony April 18, 2011

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City: Phoenix

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People need their jobs. How can sick patient make it  
all the way to the west side and they live right here.  
The wait @ Stroger is already extra long... now more  
people suppose to go & the wait will be longer.  
A county hospital is much needed in the suburbs as  
well as in the city.

Name: *Lynne Zinrich* Public Testimony April 18, 2014

Address: *3999 W 179th* Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: *Lau Playa Club Hills*

Phone Number: *708-798-9403*

Email: *szad76@hotmail.com*

Over the past years the County has been close beds to make it look like there is no need for the hospital to remain open. If the hospital closes how will the patients get to Stroger Hospital? There is no direct route and after 8:00pm it would be an almost impossible trip. The patients are just make it day to day, to take train to Chicago \$4.50 one way then bus transfer \$2.00 which will take 2 hour. If you take the bus from Oak Forest Hospital it will take over 2 hours 45 min. cost of \$2.25. Feeling ill it will be painful for the patient's hopefully they will have a seat. Let's hope they get sick between 7am-7pm. Or the service will take longer.

Name: *LINDA ZIOKICH* Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: *3778 W. 125th St* Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: *Country Club Hills, IL 60478*

Phone Number: *89-789-2205*

Email: *jozid12@yahoo.com*

Over the past years the County has been close beds to make it look like there is no need for the hospital to remain open. If the hospital closes how will the patients get to Strayer Hospital? There is no direct route and after 8:00pm it would be an almost impossible trip. The patients are just made it day to day, to take train to Chicago \$4.50 one way then bus transfer \$2.00 which will take 2 hour. If you take the bus from Oak Forest Hospital it will take over 2 hours 45 min. cost of \$2.25. Feeling iff it will be painful for the patients, hopefully they will have a seat. Let's hope they get sick between 7am -7pm. Or the service will take longer.

Name: DONATHY JONES Public Testimony April 18, 2011  
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City: PARK FOREST, IL 60466

Phone Number: 708-203-0417

Email: DA.JONES.48@Comcast.NET

*Patients will miss the services that Oak Forest Hospital provides!  
The admissions would be higher if they did not close the beds.*

Name: Sharon Brinkley Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 285 S Canal St Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: Blue Island, IL

Phone Number:

Email:



One of the patients came to the ER April 19th 2011

and was very sick and was transported and when they got him to the car he completely lost control of his functions. Now he's in ICU at major South. This should never of happened but because of the doctors leaving and short staff there no one left to take care of the patient. With everyone leaving there jobs one left to take care a nurse have no experience. As usual never of made

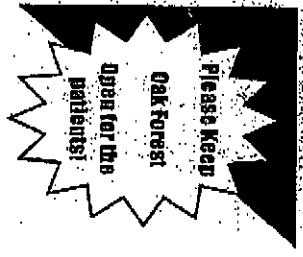
*This is a lot for a family to take. Thanks very much at Cancer.*

Name: *Sharon Chirba*

Address: *2025 Canal St*

City: *Rock Island, IL 60090*

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



Mike Constantino, Supervisor

Project Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street (2nd FL)

Springfield, Illinois 62761

Name: Maureen Sheboyin Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 2055 34<sup>th</sup> Street Illinois health Facility and Services Review Board

City: Springfield Illinois

Phone Number:

Email:



Using information services completely at OHH is very insensitive to the medical needs of the poor people living in the area; Many of whom don't have transportation & means to seek financial help; hospital like stroyer or provident, I thought our elected officials were out more for the very under privileged citizens, but I guess I'm wrong satisfy your conscience!



[Redacted]

Name: *Betty Lewis* Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: *16705 CLAIKE AVE* Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: *SO HOLLAND ILL 60473*

Phone Number: *708 596-7376*

Email: *we need SASS, and the patient need  
Medical care, M/and*

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Name: *Betty Lewis* Public Testimony April 18, 2011  
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Phone Number: *708 596-7376*  
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Medical Care.* *BT Lewis*

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Name: ELIZABETH THOMAS  
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City: TINLEY PARK

Phone Number: (708) 532-4058

Email:

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Keep Oak Forest Hospital open. The  
community need this hospital open.

[Redacted]

Name: DEL ROSARIO, RAH <sup>Public Testimony April 18, 2011</sup>

Address: 16934 <sup>Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board</sup>  
maplewood ct.

City: Tinley Park, IL 60477

Phone Number: 708. 253-5909

Email:

[Redacted]

Please keep Oak Forest Hospital  
Open — — for the sake of the  
poor people who don't have insurance —



Name: *Chris Lumpkin* Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: *14230 S. M* Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: *Burnham, IL*

Phone Number: *312-376-5633*

Email: *cm.lumpkin@sl.gov*



*This is the only location  
that can and has help me  
with my CHF*

Name: Joyce Sims Public Testimony April 16, 2011  
Address: 12093 S. Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board  
City: <sup>Anthony</sup> Hazel Crest Ill.  
Phone Number: 723 503-9499  
Email: JOYCE R E SIMS @ YEHOO.COM

It would be every big mistake to close our hospital. Our pts. have no where else to go and no one wants to take them but us. We take very good care at our pts. and we need to continue to do so. We need to expand our hospital - God knows we have the room - instead of closing it. We could serve the public better and become a world class institution on our beautiful campus. Please don't close our hospital, I fear there will be people dying in the streets if we do. Thank you

[REDACTED]  
Name: E. ONG Public Testimony April 18, 2011

Address: 11993 Twin Lakes Dr.  
Illinois Health Facility and Services Review Board

City: Orland Park

Phone Number:

Email:

[REDACTED]  
This hospital caters to the needs  
of the community. People with no  
insurance are best served.

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We the undersigned demand that Oak Forest Public Hospital remain open so that south suburban and southern Chicago residents continue receiving access to the emergency room service, Intensive Care, heart and cardiovascular unit, ventilation unit access, and long-term care rehabilitation. We do not want to see the vital hospital care that has saved thousands of lives turned into an outpatient clinic.

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Joseph Sims	6147 S. Paulina	CHICAGO, IL		—
Shanequa Milton	6219 S. Rhodes	Chicago, IL		—
Ne'Ssa Milton	21620 Clyde Ave.	Sauk Vill. IL		—
Bessie Brown	6147 S. Paulina	CHICAGO, IL		—
CONLEY, PHYLLIS	15243 15th W. APT 10	PROSERPINE IL		708-355-1583
BULLS, KENNETH	3610 W. 155th ST.	MARSHFIELD IL		708-339-5581
RUGGERI, JOHN	70 E. ORALE	CHICAGO HEIGHTS IL		708-755-3850
SMALDA, MARGARET	8729 W. SUMMER BAY APT 2	CHICAGO IL		630-518-0852
HARSHBACH, KEVIN	12203 S. PRINCETON	CHICAGO IL		912-933-9866
BUNN, NIDA	8448 W. ROBSON	ORLAND PARK IL		708-777-7983
PETTY, DIANE	9045 S. YATES	CHICAGO IL		773-221-6303
TUNSTALL, LAURA	3120 COMMERCIAL APT. 5	SOUTH CHICAGO		708-754-8290
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Martia, Samuel	1325 W 157TH ST	ORLAND PARK	IL 708	280-6656
Swinney, Alicia	337 N Canal APT 3405	Chicago	IL 773	406-0005
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Eduardo Gomez	958 CENTRAL AVE	MATTESON	IL	(708) 898-0791
Fred? Torres	945 CENTRAL AVE	MATTESON	IL	" " "
Souemino, Patricia	8444 S. HOMER	CHICAGO	IL 773	253-2814
Comacho, Katalina	28 OLYMPIC VILLAGE	CHICAGO HEIGHTS	IL	708-297-3800
Broughty, Lynda	146 Hemlock St	Park Forest	IL	708-748-9892
Wheatley Duane	15121 7TH RD	PHOENIX	IL	208-939-7339
Wheatley Stefanie	15121 7TH RD	PHOENIX	IL	" " "
Watt, Holly	4831 CANTERBURY PL	COUNTRY CLUB	IL	733-988-5355
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DAVIS, RICHARD	687 DEANES ST.	Chicago Heights IL		708-577-3038
AKINCI, BILGIN	9334 S. MYRE	Oak Lawn IL		708-744-5196
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WHATLEY, ROBERT	15121 7TH AV.	PHOENIX IL		708-939-7339
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Mitchell, Charlese	22336 MIDLAND DR.	Bank Village IL	708	217-7652
Winters, Rodney	901 E 104TH ST. APT 203A	Chicago IL	773	707-2777
MOORE, ALLEN	16603 S. Paulina	Markham IL	708	333-8199
Wilbur, Larry	2417 S. Central Park #1112	Chicago IL	773	672-9867
Goodell, Harold	7300 S 78TH APT. 2	Bridgman IL	630	728-6749
Palmer, Carol	9108 Mansfield Dr.	Trinity Park IL	708	342-0405
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Scales, Tony	1318 Kennedy Lane	Ford Heights IL	708	758-2115
Walter, Dominique	11312 Carpenter APT 304	Chicago IL	312	217-0845
Garcia, Herminia	2312 Broadway ST	Blue Island IL	708	8653-8680
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Poindexter, Johnny	7306 S. CLAREMONT	Chicago IL	708	698-8366

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PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME TO SUPPORT  
TO KEEP OAK FOREST HOSPITAL & OUTPATIENT  
CLINICS OPEN. COME TO HOLIDAY INN IN  
JOLIET, ILLINOIS AUGUST 16, 2011 10:00 AM.

FINAL VOTING BY PUBLIC HEALTH & FACILITIES  
MS. TONI PERWINKLE APPEAL FOR THIRD  
TIME ASKING PUBLIC HEALTH & FACILITIES  
TO CLOSE OAK FOREST HOSPITAL. WE WON  
THREE TIMES TWICE WAS REJECTED BY  
PUBLIC HEALTH & FACILITIES NOT TO CLOSE.  
A BILL WAS INTRODUCED BY CONGRESS WOMAN  
BARBARA FLYNN TO CLOSE OUR HOSPITAL  
WAS ALSO DEFEATED.

MS TONI PERWINKLE ALWAYS SAYING  
NO MONEY. FOR OAK FOREST HOSPITAL &  
CLINICS.

FACTS. 680 MILLIONS TO SPENT IN  
DOWNTOWN PROJECTS.

1. 110 MILLIONS - TO RENOVATE OLD COOK  
COUNTY HOSPITAL FULL OF RATS,  
COACROACHES.

2. 120 MILLION - NEW JAIL IN 29TH  
CALIFORNIA ST.

3. 95 MILLION - NEW GARAGE STROGER  
HOSPITAL.

4. 10 MILLION - NEW ELEVATORS FOR COUNTY  
BUILDING DOWNTOWN.

WE WANT OUR PROPERTY TAX SPENT IN  
DOWNTOWN SUBURBAN. FAIR IS TO KEEP OAK  
FOREST HOSPITAL & CLINICS OPEN.



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 had a bypass  
 (the number of hours that  
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 ambulances are diverted to other  
 hospitals) in 2010 that was two  
 times the state average.  
 Just last week, the head of  
 Provident Hospital reported to the  
 Quality and Patient Safety Com  
 mittee of the Cook County Health  
 and Hospital System that more

SERVICE  
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 million  
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 Oak Forest  
 and the  
 trust  
 For the  
 County has  
 services at Oak Forest  
 store shelves are not  
 customers go away empty  
 and hungry. And there is a  
 dous hunger for comprehen  
 sive health care in south Cook Cou  
 ty. It is one of the poorest areas in Ill  
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 study shows that patients  
 are more complai  
 ing country than the United St  
 — diabetes, heart disease, inf  
 mortality, cancer and violence  
 statistics top the charts. Exper  
 t estimate that over the past dec  
 more than 2,000 hospital beds  
 been lost in the area. With the  
 downsizing of patient services,  
 Provident and Oak Forest, sout  
 ern Cook County is fast on its w

# Oak Forest patients.



**Needs convincing:** William McNary, co-director of Citizen Action Illinois, speaks in July against impending cuts at Oak Forest Hospital. FILE PHOTOS

to becoming a health desert.

It is easy to cry poverty and not support public health care when you don't use the public health care system. It is easier still to say that a clinic will serve the community better than a hospital, even though the surrounding health system is already overwhelmed.

If the county lacks money, why does it have \$168 million in its capital budget to rehab the old Stroger Hospital into administrative offices? What are the residents of Cook County really getting out of the tens of millions of dollars spent on high paid outside consultants like PricewaterhouseCoopers or Chamberlin Edmonds Associates to advise the health system? PricewaterhouseCoopers snagged up to a \$50 million contract from the Cook County health system, which pays the consultant \$150 per hour and puts county liability for the bill as high as \$2.5 million per month. Chamberlin Edmonds is getting up to \$88 million. How did the county find resources to give several top county health system administrators, including key Oak Forest



**Backing closure:** Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle testifies about Oak Forest Hospital on May 10 during an Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board meeting Joliet.

management staff, hefty annual wage increases of \$20,000 or more over the past year?

It is time for Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board to halt the closure of Oak Forest Hospital until they come up with a comprehensive plan that actually helps the families

of southern Cook County.

If a budget is a statement of our priorities, then it's time to reprioritize.

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