

Constantino, Mike

From: Arnie and Jeanne Meyer [Jam83@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 3:55 PM
To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: letter of support for St. Joseph Hospital Replacement
Attachments: Letter of support.doc

To the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board in support Project #11-105 and #11-106. Thank you Jeanne Meyer Highland, IL 62249
618-654-4681

January 25, 2012

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

RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support regarding St. Joseph’s Hospital’s Certificate of Need application filed with your agency regarding plans to build a new replacement hospital facility in Highland, IL.

Since 1878, St. Joseph’s Hospital has served the Highland area by continuing their commitment to care for the sick, poor and needy as a healing ministry of Jesus Christ established by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. Although the hospital has made improvements to its current 64-year old building as it stands today, the current facility lacks the ability to meet future healthcare reform and service requirements. Additionally, the current four-acre site in Highland is land locked and unable to accommodate needed expansion and growth as the health care needs of local residents will continue to change.

Over 32,000 local residents, covering three counties, make up the hospital’s service area. Public transportation is very limited in the area, resulting often as a hardship for residents to access primary health care services.

A new St. Joseph Hospital would provide for an improved quality of life in a rural area in the following ways:

- Access to a state of art technology Emergency Department.
- Easy access to services for woman and children
- New high tech medical equipment and advanced technology within the hospital
- An improved healing environment
- Rooms that will provide privacy for patients and families.
- Decreased traveling costs to access health care

As a member of St. Joseph Hospital Board of Directors, I bring a life-long history with the hospital. My birth and my children’s birth occurred at St. Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL. My knowledge and experiences with the residents of this area gives me firsthand knowledge of the needs of the community and its support in the hospital’s mission.

On behalf of the more than 500 colleagues, physicians and volunteers of St. Joseph’s Hospital, I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Meyer

Constantino, Mike

From: Mark Korte [Mark.Korte@scheffelpc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 2:14 PM
To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: Letter of Support - St. Joseph's Hospital Highland
Attachments: St. Joseph's Hospital Highland Letter of Support.pdf

Please find attached my letter of support for the replacement hospital project #11-105 and #11-106 for St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

Thank you for your consideration,

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The community benefits that will be derived from the proposed new St. Joseph's Hospital are:

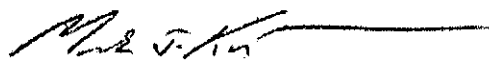
- An Emergency Department with state of the art technology and improved access
- Creating a healing environment for patients and their families
- The latest high-tech medical equipment and advanced technology throughout the hospital
- Continued family services with an increased emphasis on women and children services
- Convenience to the patients, including more parking with easier accessibility
- More patient and family privacy

Most of all, the new St. Joseph's Hospital will give over 32,000 local residents in the hospital's service area access to basic primary health care services without having to endure the financial and emotional hardships caused by having to travel to meet their health care needs.

As a member of the St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors, I am proud of the dedication of the leadership team, the employees and the members of the community who support the hospital's mission.

On behalf of the more than 500 colleagues, physicians and volunteers of St. Joseph's Hospital, I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,



Mark J. Korte

Constantino, Mike

From: Jeannie Korte [jeannie@highlandillinois.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 1:55 PM
To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: St. Joseph's Hospital letter of support
Attachments: Hospital Support Letter.pdf

Hello,

Attached is my letter in support of CON applications for St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland. Thank you for your kind attention.

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January 18, 2012

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RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter serves to confirm my full support of St. Joseph’s Hospital’s proposed replacement facility project in Highland. For more than 133 years, St. Joseph’s Hospital has been an important member of the Highland area business community – the new St. Joseph’s Hospital would ensure another 133 years of being a contributor to the livelihoods of more than 200+ employees. But more importantly, the new replacement facility would ensure needed health care services are easily accessible to more than 9,500 residents for that same 133 years.

Highland’s business community is vibrant and progressive with a mixture of retail, manufacturing, financial, agricultural, and service industries – all of which have employees that look to St. Joseph’s Hospital to provide the necessary health care services to them and their families through primary care offerings as well as in emergency situations.

St. Joseph’s Hospital is one of the top 10 employers in Highland - and with the new replacement facility, it will provide additional economic development opportunities that can transform the growth and vitality of Highland and surrounding communities.

On behalf of the nearly 250 Highland Chamber of Commerce members, I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,

Jean

Jean Korte
Assistant Director
Highland Chamber of Commerce

Constantino, Mike

From: Richard J. Knebel [RichardKnebel@bradfordbank.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 8:24 AM
To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: Proposed Replacement St. Joseph's Hospital-Project #11-105 & #11-106
Attachments: Hospital Letter for approval.docx

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Please consider the attached letter of support for the above project.

Thanks,

Richard J. Knebel

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January 19, 2012

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Since 1878, St. Joseph’s Hospital has served the Highland area by continuing their commitment to care for the sick, poor and needy as a healing ministry of Jesus Christ established by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. Just as the health care needs of local residents continuously change, St. Joseph’s Hospital must be prepared to offer the necessary health care services to sustain the health and well-being of present and future generations.

The new St. Joseph’s Hospital is designed and will be equipped to offer an extraordinary health care experience by providing:

- Convenience to the patients, including accessible and ample parking
- Privacy
- An Emergency Department with state of the art technology and easy access
- A healing environment for patients and their families
- The newest high-tech medical equipment and advanced technology throughout the hospital
- Continued family services with an increased emphasis on women and children services

As a member of the St. Joseph’s Hospital Advisory Council, I have an opportunity to provide feedback to the hospital as a community liaison in helping to maintain a positive relationship between the hospital and local residents. The new proposed St. Joseph’s Hospital will enable the hospital to remain as a vital anchor and source of civic pride within Highland.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Knebel

Constantino, Mike

From: Dena Henricks [dhenricks@highlandcusd5.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 11:59 AM
To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: Letter of support for the New St. Joseph's Hospital project
Attachments: Ltr of Support.pdf

Please find attached a letter of support for the new St. Joseph's hospital project from Superintendent Michael Sutton.

Thanks,

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January 25, 2012

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

RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter of support regarding the above-mentioned Certificate of Need application filed with your agency regarding plans to build a new replacement hospital in Highland, Illinois. As Superintendent of Highland Schools in the City of Highland, the proposed new St. Joseph’s Hospital will definitely increase the quality of living for more than 9,500 residents who call Highland their home.

Since 1878, St. Joseph’s Hospital has been a vital member of the Highland community. Just as our progressive civic attitude has guided Highland to be the thriving municipality it is today. St. Joseph’s Hospital continues to be an anchor in the community by allowing Highland residents to stay within its boundaries to have access to high-quality health care services. St. Joseph’s Hospital has been the primary provider of health care services in Highland for more than 133 years. The proposed new St. Joseph’s Hospital replacement facility will definitely continue this convenience and accessibility for our residents.

The City of Highland is very fortunate to have St. Joseph’s Hospital. The hospital’s history of providing health care services to all – especially the poor, needy and vulnerable – is widely recognized and is a true reflection of the giving and compassionate nature of the City in which it resides. Highland is an excellent community and St. Joseph’s Hospital is one of the pillars of our community.

I have had several chances to become involved in St. Joseph’s hospital, from attending local meetings to working with hospital officials on local issues. Peggy Sebastian and I worked together to resolve a tough issue for local teachers during this time of declined economy and shrinking budgets. Our teachers were very grateful for the support and cooperation from hospital administration.

On behalf of the residents of Highland, we are extremely grateful to have a health care organization with the reputation that St. Joseph’s Hospital has and respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Sutton".

Michael S. Sutton
Superintendent of Schools