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Subject: Alderman Support Letter for Lawndale Dialysis (Proj. No. 11-103)

George,

Attached please find an electronic copy of a support letter for Lawndale Dialysis from Alderman Munoz. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,

Joe

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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Letter of Support for Lawndale Dialysis – Proj. No. 11-103

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am the Alderman representing Chicago's 22nd Ward, which includes the Lawndale Dialysis' proposed site for its new clinic to support the surrounding community. I am writing to express my support for DaVita's proposal to establish a 16-station dialysis facility at 3934 West 24th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60623. Lawndale Dialysis will improve access and essential dialysis treatment for Chicago residents who reside in my Ward. This new location will ensure continued access to dialysis services for our community.

I support this site for the dialysis facility, and I believe that this project will help meet the health care needs of my Ward. As such, I fully support DaVita's application for a certificate of need to establish Lawndale Dialysis in my Ward.

Unfortunately, the kidney failure incident rate in the area community is much higher than in the general population. With the high levels of the co-morbidities of end-stage renal disease- obesity, hypertension and diabetes - in the general population, demand for dialysis will continue to rise. The Lawndale Dialysis facility will deliver essential health care services to our community and needs to be established as soon as possible to provide for continuity of care for its patients.

Given growing demand in the area, there is no reasonable option for the patient base to receive treatment at other area dialysis facilities at convenient times, and patients would have to travel much too far to find an open treatment slot. There are many hardships for dialysis patients and there is no reason to deprive them of scheduling dialysis around their lives, rather than scheduling their lives around dialysis. As such, the establishment of Lawndale Dialysis is necessary to continue providing vital services for our community. I urge you to approve this project as presented by DaVita.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Munoz

Alderman, 22nd Ward

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