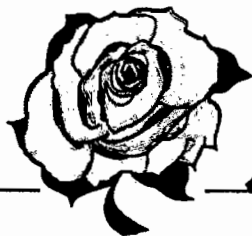


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Dear Ms. Avery,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for the merger between Vanguard Health Systems and Tenet Healthcare Corporation. I write to request that you and your colleagues consider the Certificate of Need application for this merger at your September 24, 2013 meeting.

Westlake Hospital sits in the Village of Melrose Park and provides crucial services to its residents. The hospital participates in free health fairs and screenings at local churches and community organizations as well as hosting four-community blood drives a year. Through these programs and services, Westlake Hospital has become an important part of our community's health and continued wellbeing.

The stability and continued service at Westlake will not be compromised during this merger, as local leadership at the hospital and network level will remain the same. I am also pleased to see the commitment from Tenet to preserve the current services provided at Westlake and other facilities in the Vanguard Network for the next two years.

Members of the Melrose Park community appreciate the services provided by Westlake Hospital. I share their interest in seeing that the merger with Tenet is fast and seamless to provide for the hospital's continued support to members of our community.

Sincerely,

Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor