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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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September 3, 2013

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

13-041 thru
13-044

Re: Certificate of Need Application for a change in ownership of West Suburban Medical Center, Westlake Hospital, Weiss Memorial Hospital and MacNeal Hospital

Dear Ms Avery:

I am writing to express my support for the Certificate of Need Application submitted by Vanguard Health Systems and Tenet Healthcare for a change in ownership of West Suburban Medical Center, Westlake Hospital, Weiss Memorial Hospital and MacNeal Hospital.

Broadview Baptist Church is a mission focused church, with approximately 2,200 active members, providing services to this community for over 44 years. In addition to spiritual guidance, we train and organize our members to help those most in need through community service programs, clothing and food programs as well as partnering with other churches in Illinois and around the county to bring spiritual meaning and guidance to local communities.

I am very proud of the partnership we have built with Vanguard, particularly Westlake Hospital. A number of our members serve on the hospital's Community Advisory Board. Vanguard has partnered with us to host several free community health screenings for our parishioners and the community at large. These have included screenings for cholesterol and glucose levels, as well as blood pressure, body mass index (BMI) and prostate cancer screenings (PSA). For many, these are services which they would not have otherwise accessed. We have heard of individuals who were made aware of abnormal medical results and were encouraged to seek follow up treatment. We have also had staff from the medical center come make presentations to the church and our community about the importance of health lifestyles and other medical care issues.

Our partnership with Vanguard is very important—not only just to the church but to the entire community as we work to help people who need help. We look forward to seeing this commitment to community continue under Tenet's new ownership.

Sincerely,

Marvin G. Parker

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