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Illinois Department of Public Health 525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor Springfield, IL 62761

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RE: Opposition to the Proposed Palos Health South Campus Expansion & Modernization Application # 16-001

Dear Ms. Avery,

I emphatically oppose application 16-001 the expansion and modernization of Palos Community Hospital South.

At the hearing held February 18, 2016 they are projecting 400,000 or more patient's yearly to the proposed Palos South Campus. This facility is located in a neighborhood. There is a grammar school and Jr. High School less than a mile from this facility. To the south of the facility there are baseball & soccer fields and an aqua water park. To the west of the facility is a train station with hundreds of vehicles parked daily. This is also a residential area with apartments, townhomes, and single family homes. I truly do not believe this is the best location for this large scale facility that would increase the amount of traffic daily that is so heavily populated with children.

Orland Park and the surrounding area is already saturated with excellent medical, diagnostic, treatment and emergency centers. Palos Community Hospital has just completed a massive half-billion dollar expansion to their hospital in Palos Park. University of Chicago is building a four-story, 108,000 square foot outpatient facility at 143rd and Lagrange which includes similar services to what is proposed by Palos Hospital South Campus expansion & modernization. Services at the U of C Outpatient facility will included medical oncology, radiation oncology, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, woman's health and comprehensive diabetes, urology and surgical consulting. University of Chicago outpatient facility is approximately a mile and half from this proposed facility. How much can we actually support? It is more than we need.

Lastly, their best plan is to demolish the present Palos Health and Fitness Club to make room for a parking lot. It is loved by many because it makes such an impact in their lives. It will be a great loss to the community, senior population and disabled who work so hard at being well.

The applicants were not forthright in their application. They do not mention anywhere in their intention to demolish the Palos Health and Fitness club or give a breakdown of the demolition expenses. Appears they are trying to hide the facts.

This project, application 16-001 does not make sense. It is not rational.

Sincerely, Jacky Sullivar

Kathy Sulfivan 15570 Sunrise Ln Orland Park, Il 60462 March 3, 2016

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Dear Ms. Avery;

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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Ms Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Department of Public Health 525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Palos Health & Fitness Center

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am very opposed to the closing of Palos Health & Fitness Center. I just can't understand why Palos Community Hospital is razing the Palos Health & Fitness Center to build a parking lot. If you ever saw that beautiful building and the services that inside that building provides to so many people with medical conditions, you would ask the same question. The PHFC is a unique fitness center accommodating all with any type of medical condition and welcoming everyone warmly. All ages come to this center, babies, young children, teenagers, young adults, older adults, seniors, handicapped people, and people with serious medical conditions. And no one feels uncomfortable being there. We are all there for one purpose to feel better or get better. The services provided by the PHFC is very important to all of these people and would be a terrible loss to them and me.

Dr. Moisan is quoted as saying "85% of health care today does not happen in hospitals". After listening to members speak at the hearing on February 18th, health care does happen at the PHFC! Members spoke of how participating in the specialty exercise classes, swimming in the warm water therapy pool, the informative meetings held by the Center educating the community on how to live comfortably with acute medical conditions, using the weight machines, all of these things have kept them pain free and alive. The Center was even called the "miracle center" by many.

How can the members of the Board approve the destruction of the PHFC in order to build a "parking lot" in its place to accommodate the proposed Palos Community Hospital's South Campus expansion? I would think that these doctors and intelligent businessmen would understand that patients under a doctor's care would need a specialty fitness center to continue their fight to recovery. PHFC is the exact place for these patients to go. And if the center could be incorporated in the expansion, all the doctors would have to tell their patients is to go next door and continue their treatment with exercise and get better. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

Carmel R. Prendergast 12601 South Meade Avenue Palos Heights, Illinois 60463

February 29, 2016

Illinois Department of Public Health Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator 525 West Jefferson- 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62161

Re: Opposition to Palos Hospital SCMOB project (316-001)

Opposition to the demolition of the Medically-Integrated
Palos Health and Fitness Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a PHFC member, I am opposed to the demolition of this medically-integrated health and wellness facility. This haven for wellness will be <u>demolished</u> so that Palos Community Hospital and Loyola Medical Cancer Center can build a parking garage.

Why is it that those who benefit from the Palos Health & Fitness Center, the most vulnerable among our members, — the sick, the elderly, and the medically-challenged, special Olympics, MS. Parkinson, Dystonia, COPD, Arthritis, Cardio, Orthopedic patients, must suffer due to those who have power to help or destroy other peoples' welfare?

WHY are those with special needs and special health issues being discriminated against and denied access to PHFC to maintain our health and lifestyle? We are told to travel long distances out of our territory to seek what we already have here in the Palos Health & Fitness Center.

We joined PHFC to work out in a COMMUNITY-ATMOSPHERE close to our homes. Most of us cannot travel long distances to maintain our health on a DAILY BASIS. We gather together for our health, BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT, the WHOLE PERSON is cared for at PHFC.

My family and I benefit from this special WARM (92') WATER THERAPY POOL WITH THE 6ft DEEP END to ease our pain and improve our flexibility on a daily basis. PHFC has the ONLY warm water therapy pool in the Southwest Also, the land equipment is user friendly and there is always a staff member, trainer, or therapist there when you need help.

No other facility suggested to us meets the needs of the PHFC members due to our special requirements according to our health.

Robert E. Prendergast 12601 South Meade Avenue Palos Heights, Illinois 60463

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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Illinois Department of Public Health Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator 525 West Jefferson – 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62161

Re: Opposition to Palos Hospital SCMOB (#16-001)

Opposition to the demolition of the medically- integrated
Palos Health and Fitness Center to build a
Parking lot, garage

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a member of the PHFC, I oppose Palos Hospital's SCMOB Project #16-001 and the resulting plans to demolish PHFC, this wonderful wellness center, in order to build a Parking lot, garage.

Why must the most vulnerable among our members, those with special health issues and physical needs, be **DISCRIMINATED** and **denied access** to care at the Palos Health and Fitness Center and told to go elsewhere? We cannot travel long distances on a daily basis to maintain our health needs. As an Arthritis patient, I use the warm water pool daily...

WE NEED THIS WARM "healing waters" of the WATER THERAPY POOL WITH THE 6FT DEEP End, "Our Lives Matter." THE ELDER GENERATION AND THE PHYSICALLY- CHALLENGED HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER.

DO NOT BE SO QUICK TO PUT US OUT TO PASTURE.

None of the other facilities suggested to us can accommodate our needs as does PHFC wellness center. Our doctors sent us to the therapeutic warm water pool, the ONLY one in the Southwest Suburbs and the user-friendly exercise machines.

One group of patients should not <u>be compromised</u> for <u>another needy group</u>. It is not ethically or morally correct to sacrifice the needs of one group over another, to accomplish an end, when <u>BOTH</u> can be served in a morally efficient manner.

WHY IS PALOS HOSPITAL RAZING the Palos Health & Fitness Center to build a Parking Lot?

Sincerely, Lot of Enewlege Robert E. Prendergast

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quality. As such we have implemented and/or maintained programs that we feel help to improve the wellness of the people we serve."

To this day, the Palos Health and Fitness Center trumpets in its promotional material the "integrated" nature of the hospital's medical services: "As the only medically-integrated fitness center in Orland Park and the surrounding area, Palos Health & Fitness Center offers our members a dynamic alternative to fitness and health maintenance. ... With a team of degreed health professionals who partners with Palos Community Hospital, you receive all the education, support and encouragement you'll need to make a commitment and stick with it." Just last spring, the center announced its recognition as a Certified Medical Fitness Facility by the Medical Fitness Association.

There is no meaningful distinction between the operation of the hospital and that of the fitness center; any division exists only for purposes of corporate form. As the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board is aware, the hospital previously restructured itself—creating a new parent corporation and a new subsidiary of that parent to operate the fitness center—specifically to skirt this Board's authority over the original construction of the fitness center. As a matter of management and healthcare delivery to the local community, the hospital and its fitness center are intrinsically linked; the fitness center is a creature of the hospital.

Public opposition to the proposed closure is widespread and intense because, despite the claims of Palos Community Hospital officials, there are not equivalent alternative options available in the southwest suburbs. It's no wonder the vast majority of individuals offering comment on the hospital's application before the Board expressed strong and unambiguous opposition.

Throughout its application, Palos Community Hospital carefully dodged any explanation of its plan as it pertains directly to the fate of the fitness center. The hospital is required to "document that the project will provide health services that improve the health care or well-being of the market area population to be served." In fact, the hospital's proposal will be detrimental to the healthcare and well being of the population served, yet the hospital failed to make note of this negative consequence.

It's also required to identify "alternatives to the proposed project." But it did not propose any alternative that would continue the fitness center services unabated, nor did it begin to explain how any benefit of its proposed expansion might outweigh the tremendous loss that will result from elimination of the fitness center.

As to whether there is need for additional ambulatory care settings—even putting aside the devastating implications of the hospital's plan to shutter the fitness center—this Board's staff reported in 2014, as part of the University of Chicago Medical Center's application to construct an ambulatory care medical office building at 143rd Street and LaGrange Road in Orland Park, that "there are underutilized services in the A-04 planning area" and that the University of Chicago development apparently "will have an Impact" on providers already operating in the region.

Appreciating that the Board ultimately approved that project, I would reiterate the concern expressed by the staff. Indeed, with the local University of Chicago facility expected to be completed later this year, any concern about regional underutilization would seem to be all the more acute.

Local elected officials have noted the Palos Health and Fitness Center is a state of the art facility in superb condition, fulfilling an important need in this community, not a building in deteriorating condition requiring a major investment. We understand the hospital is planning "redevelopment and expansion" of its Orland Park campus, but we have urged the hospital to work creatively with its architect and contractor on a revised design to preserve the fitness center—perhaps by building around or above it.

We also have noted that the hospital, as a non-profit corporation operating in accordance with the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Facilities, has a higher obligation to work cooperatively with the local community. Those directives require: "Catholic health care ministry exercises responsible stewardship Mrs. Sheryl Hill 13425 Hunt Master Lane Lemont II. 60439 RECEIVED

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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Department of Public Health 525 West Jefferson, 2nd floor Springfield Illinois, 62761

Dear Ms. Courtney,

As a member of Palos Fitness and Health Club and user of both pools after 2 knee and 1 foot surgeries, I previously sent letters opposing the destruction of PFHC. I attended the Thursday February 18 meeting in Orland Park and found there were 2 different focuses. Palos Hospital gave their plans/ reasons for a garage and cancer center, and PFHC members a question of why that would mean the destruction of PFHC, which I did not find addressed or answered.

My close friend, now a PFHC member, was treated at Loyola for breast cancer and her physicians wanted her to use their Maywood fitness facility to recuperate. Why would this not pertain to Palos?

Thank you for your attention, Meryl Hill

Sheryl Hill

March 2, 2016

Illinois Health Facilities and Board Review

2nd Floor

525 West Jefferson Street

Springfield, Illinois 62761

ATTN:/Courtney R. Avery, Administrator

Dear Board Members:

Enclosed are copies of all correspondence sent out reference "Issue 16-001" Palos Community Hospital/Loyola Medical Center/Trinity Health Services. The issue of demolishing the Palos Health and Fitness Center to make room for an office building for Loyola doctors, hi-tech equipment, and the Cancer Center, there is ample property available behind the Fitness Center to build your expansion and incorporate the Fitness Building into those plans.

I would imagine picking Bolingbrook Golf Club on March 29, 2016, for the next meeting on this issue is in hopes of not many individuals attending, driving in "rush hour" traffic will be a problem to mention a few things, and finally, it will make it much easier to pass this proposal.

This Fitness Center needs to remain "open" as stated in the correspondence attached. Highly suggest you take the time and read all the material written as it is well defined why "Issue 16-001" is a must needed Center. There is no other Fitness Center that offers "specialized programs" for disabled individuals with various "life-long terminal illnesses" that come there in all ages and find hope, caring and compassion for their afflictions they never asked for but were born with them. That Center is a hospital that takes care of these individuals and that is what it was built for 15 years ago.

Your proposed added health facility building is not needed as the market is saturated by all your hopes and dreams already, and may someday you, your family, close friend may be given a "life-long terminal illness" and need to utilize this Center as they have the programs their doctors have prescribed for them.

We are "fighting a good fight" and whichever way it ends, hope all of you can look at yourself in the mirror and feel proud of what you did and how you accomplished your mission.

Sincerely,

Ms. Melanie F. Mobeck 14069 Putney Pl. Orland Park, IL 60462-2353

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March 2, 2016

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The Honorable Bruce Rauner

Governor of Illinois

Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Governor Rauner:

Having lived in this great State of Illinois all my life, I find myself wondering why the financial problems we are facing in today's world has caused so many problems with our "State Budget." As most hospitals are "non-for-profit organizations, or should I say Big Business" who do not pay taxes, it is time they did start paying a certain percentage of State and Federal taxes which would help bring the financial issue Illinois is facing in better perspective. If we all have to pay taxes, high health insurance premiums, just to name a few issues, it would probably make a big difference in the "State Budget."

There is a situation occurring in our area, Orland Park, Illinois, reference Palos Community Hospital located in Palos Heights, Illinois, who was recently purchased, or they are saying "merging" with Loyola Medical Center which is owned and operated by Trinity Health Services. Fifteen years ago a "specialized health fitness center" was built in our area named "Palos Health and Fitness Center" which is part of Palos Community Hospital. This Center is the only one around all areas that has unique, specialized programs for various disabled individuals who need the aqua pool that is there, the exercise programs along with physical therapy for Parkinson's. M.S., cancer patients, etc., (there are too many terminal other life-long illnesses to mention) that offers whatever they can perform to disabled individuals of all ages, to give them confidence, show compassion, and leave them daily with a feeling of being able to take care of themselves and have some form of "quality of life". The issue, Loyola/Palos/Trinity Health Services wants to demolish this Fitness Center to add 25 doctor offices, 400,000 parking places, expand their Cancer Center and add more hi-tech equipment for x-rays etc., which the market for their ideas is saturated already with 100's or more of what they want to offer.

There is ample property behind the Fitness Center where their expansion can be built and incorporate the much needed Palos Health and Fitness Center to remain standing and let those individuals who utilize it for their life-long terminal health issues, disabled, come in wheelchairs, walkers, canes, with assistance, and must use transportation provided by the Township Offices, PACE buses, ambulance services etc., back and forth.

Enclosed are copies of letters sent reference this extremely important issue for your information and review.

On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board will be holding another meeting at Bolingbrook Golf Club, 2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois at 9:00 A.M.,concerning proposal "16-001" Palos Community Hospital/Loyola Medical Center/Trinity Health Services for discussion.

We are "fighting a good fight" and if possible, a "Letter of Opposition" written by you to the Review Board would be a tremendous help to this vital issue. Know you have a "big load on your plate right now" but anything you can do to assist or offer support to this request, will be very much appreciated.

Thank you for listening, and continued success in all your endeavors for the people of the State of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Melanie F. Mobeck

14069 Putney Place

Orland Park, Illinois 60462-2353

Cell # 708-349-9231

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February 29, 2016

My

The Honorable Daniel J. McLaughlin

Mayor of Orland Park

Orland Park, Illinois 60462

Dear Mayor McLaughlin:

I have always had the highest regard and respect for you during the time of my employment of 32 years with the Village of Orland Park Police Department. My retirement was not what I had planned earlier than anticipated, but when you fall on "bubble wrap" and break your neck and back in three (3) places, and the doctors at Palos Community Hospital tell you "you'll never walk again", your life makes a 100% turnaround, and you tell yourself, "I will walk again" and that this fall happened for a very good reason. My doctor who performed my surgery came from Parkview and after six months of physical therapy, improving somewhat daily, it was when my doctors concurred that having me go to, in my opinion, the Number 1 rated physical therapy unit, Palos Physical Therapy/Palos Fitness Center, I would not be walking with better balance and my gait would not be what it is today. I am currently back in therapy and Palos Fitness Center as it has all the programs I need to continue improving.

This Center when it is built 15 years ago, was mentioned and considered like a hospital as it became a haven for many individuals of all ages who needed the specialized programs that Center had to offer. Yes, there are other fitness centers around, but if you just want to go there for a daily workout, that is all they have to offer. While serving on your "Community Relations Commission" which was the "Disability Commission" for Orland Park, the members on that commission did many surveys and journeys exploring all areas of what fitness centers had to offer individuals in need of unique programs for terminal illnesses, life- long illnesses that required the quality of programs offered for a variety of M.S., Parkinson's, Heart etc., and an aqua pool for whatever group needs a certain temperature to swim and perform certain water activities that still today provide these disabled individuals with confidence, show compassion, caring and providing them with an opportunity to survive in life with what they were given and become confident that they can be at home and be somewhat self- sufficient and have a form of quality of life.

They come to the Center in wheelchairs, on walkers, canes and some need assistance as they cannot drive and utilize the Township transportation, PACE bus, Trace Ambulance Services etc. If this issue passes, just how are these individuals going to survive and where are they going to receive these specialized programs?

This Fitness Center needs to be incorporated in the "not yet approved application" for Loyola Medical Center/Palos Community Hospital's Women's Cancer Center, which if your staff goes into the "website" for Loyola Medical Center they fall under Trinity Health Services and Palos Community Hospital will be under their directions. Yes, they can say it will remain an entity, but Trinity Health Services is a religious corporation that purchases religious hospitals in and around the world. There is ample property behind the Fitness Center that can be used , if 16-001 passes only if the Palos Health and Fitness Center is left in its current location.

I am asking you as Mayor of Orland Park and the Trustees listed on the bottom of my letter, that "Yes" there is something you can do and that is write and send an "Opposition Letter" to the Illinois Health Review Board and support the people of Orland Park who desperately need this Center to remain open and not be destroyed, as in reality, it is and was designed like a hospital to help and heal the sick. No one is against providing additional health services to the communities in and around the area, but the way it is sometimes done to accomplish certain requests here in Orland Park is what the residents are objecting too. Maybe today or tomorrow you or someone in your family or friend may need what Palos Fitness Center has to offer and you will be pleased at yourself that you took a stand on this issue and fought to keep it open. With the taxes we all pay in Orland Park, the Village of Orland Park could purchase Palos Health and Fitness Center, and rename it — Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin's Center.

The specialized programs have to remain and as the medical issues concerning the expansion, the market for these hospitals is saturated with cancer centers, heart centers, medical offices that have hitech equipment, and all you have to do is ride down LaGrange Road in any direction and count how many buildings there are that have and already offer what Loyola Medical Center/Palos Community Hospital has proposed to build.

In closing, please reconsider and send an "Opposition Letter" and support the residents who support all of you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cc: Village Manager Paul Grimes

Trustees Kathleen Fenton, Patricia Gira and Michael Carroll

February 29, 2016

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Village Manager Paul Grimes

Village of Orland Park

Village Hall

14700 Ravinia Avenue

Orland Park, IL 60462-3167

Dear Mr. Grimes (Paul),

I think I know you well enough to ask a "big favor" of you to please submit a personal letter/"OPPOSITION LETTER" reference the Palos Health and Fitness Center/Physical Therapy Department issue to the following: ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD, 2ND FLOOR, 525 WEST JEFFERSON STREET, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62761, ATTENTION: COURTNEY R. AVERY, ADMINISTRATOR.

As the most terrific Village Manager Orland Park has had in a long time, you have performed an outstanding job on various issues the Orland Park residents have faced since you came "on board" and I wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I sent to Mayor McLaughlin explaining the need to keep this Center open. Yes, it does belong to Palos Community Hospital, but there are ways for it to remain what it was originally built for over 15 years ago. Also enclosed is a letter sent to Trustees Fenton, Gira and Carroll.

The issue on the Center is very "close to my heart".

Thank you Paul.

Regards, & Mobeck

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February 29, 2016

Trustee Kathleen M. Fenton

Village of Orland Park

Village Hall

14700 Ravinia Avenue

Orland Park, IL 60462-3167

Dear Trustee Fenton: (Kathy

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Regards,

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February 29, 2016

Trustee Patricia A. Gira

Village of Orland Park

Village Hall

14700 Ravinia Avenue

Orland Park, IL 60462-3167

Dear Trustee Gira: (fat)

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Thank you Pat.

Regards, We lawe History

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February 29, 2016

Trustee Michael Carroll

Village of Orland Park

Village Hall

14700 Ravinia Avenue

Orland Park, IL 60462-3167

Dear Trustee Carroll: (lunka)

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Thank you Mike.

Regards,
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March 1, 2016

Dr. Terrance Moisan

CEO

Palos Community Hospital

12251 South 80th Avenue

Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Dr. Moisan:

I am rather surprised that you are pleased with yourself over what Palos Community Hospital/Loyola Medical Center/Trinity Health Services is proposing to do in Orland Park.

Having worked for the Village of Orland Park Police Department, I personally along with other employees, always had the highest respect for you and somewhere along the line you changed and instead of continuing to work for the Village of Orland Park and support those who are opposing the closing of the Palos Health and Fitness Center, you have made many enemies.

As mentioned in the letter attached to Mr. Brosnan, I have enclosed a letter sent to Mayor McLaughlin, which I have marked with some suggested options for your proposal.

Take time to read this letter. To many of us, you have become a disappointment in your new position, and thank you for taking my doctor away from me and placing him in "Second Position" under your command. He never even said "Good-bye" to his long-time patients.

Sincerely,

Melanie Mobeck

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March 1, 2016

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Mr. Timothy J. Brosnan

Vice President, Planning and Community Relations

Palos Community Hospital

12251 South 80th Avenue

Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Mr. Brosnan:

Thank you for replying to my letter. My attendance at the "Open Meeting" on 2/18/2016 was made quite public which I did not anticipate.

Your reply letter to me dated 2/11/2016 just was a repeat of what was stated at the above mentioned meeting. Frankly, there should have not been any Loyola Medical Center personnel there, nursing staff, stating how great they were and whomever else is employed by Loyola/Trinity Health Services. As for what you are trying to offer to the area, there are already established hospitals, clinics etc., who have all those proposed hi-tech equipment and there are hundreds of special office buildings for heart, stroke, M.S., Parkinson's, etc. individuals in and around the surrounding areas. Instead of being known as the "Golf Center", we will have to change it to "The Hospital Center", or "Bank Center." (I have attached a copy of a letter written to Mayor McLaughlin which I suggest you take the time to read as there are a few options suggested in there).

This area does not need another Cancer Center but we need to keep the Palos Health and Fitness Center open and incorporate the building into the proposal. Your hospital choose the wrong place, and suburb to build an expansion that is not needed here.

Whichever way it ends, I hope all of you involved can look at yourselves in the mirror every day and feel proud that you destroyed the individuals who depend on the Center to have some quality of life.

Sincerely,

Cc: Dr. Terrance Moisan, CEO, Palos Community Hospital

Dear Mr. Slowik,

As a resident and subscriber to the Southtown for numerous years, I want to thank you for your article reference the Palos Health and Fitness Center's situation in Orland Park. Oh yes, thank you also for my picture in the paper.

This is an extremely vital issue for over 4,900 members of this center. Having worked for the Village of Orland Park Police Department for 32 years, and having served on the Mayor's Community Relations Commission, which is the town's "Disability Commission" for many years, we did a lot of research and explored all areas of how many fitness centers, businesses etc., were in violation of the State and Federal Guidelines for the established "Disability Act." It was amazing that only 10% of our findings where our journeys took us, were following the "Disability Act."

The Palos Health and Fitness Center for the last 15 years has provided specialized programs for numerous terminal illnesses, physical therapy, an aqua pool for swimming and classes for disabled individuals, who are not only seniors, but come in all ages. If it wasn't for that Center and Physical Therapy Department, I would not be walking today as in November of 2009, I slipped on a piece of "bubble wrap" and broke my neck and back in three (3) places.

The entire truth, no more shady lies have to come out soon to save this Center. And "YES", the Mayor can do something about this issue.

Melanie Mobeck

James R. Prendergast 12601 S. Meade Avenue Palos Heights, Illinois 60463

February 28, 2016

Illinois Department of Public Health Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator 525 West Jefferson – 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62161

Re: Opposition to Palos Hospital SCMOB (#16-001)

Opposition to the demolition of the Medically-Integrated Palos Health and Fitness (wellness) Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

I, James Prendergast, am totally opposed to the demolition of the Palos Health and Fitness (wellness) Center in Orland Park, Illinois.

I am one of the 4,900 members of the PHFC who benefits from the use of this wellness facility. I have Cervical Dystonia, a neurological movement disorder that involves my muscles and produces spasms which cause me great pain and hinders my movement. I was basically home bound until I became a member of the PHFC and started following a holistic program developed by a suffering survivor of Dystonia.

One key aspect of this program is the use of a WARM WATER THERAPY POOL. I was blessed to find the ONLY warm water therapy pool with a 6 ft deep end in the Southwest suburbs in close proximity to my home. This is great, since I cannot travel for long distances in a car due to the severity of my spasms. I come to the PHFC therapy pool six (6) days a week. Without the use of the pool, my life will drastically change.

What does that mean? Every aspect of my life is affected by this disorder. Daily living is a battle for me. I struggle to walk, talk, eat, sit, sleep, shave, shower, brushing my teeth, and reading, can be excruciating. All the daily tasks that you take for granted are a struggle for me.

When the pool closes down for two weeks each year to be cleaned, I suffer a huge set back. What will happen once it is closed permanently? I have lived a life on Botox and pills. That is not a life. I never experienced relief of any of my symptoms. In fact, they made things worse. I experienced immunity issues with the Botox and dependency issues with the pills. If I lose the use of the warm water therapy pool, that avenue of treatment might be required again..

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Now, I do not attribute me standing here today solely to the use of the pool. I give all glory and praise to Jesus Christ. He is the reason why I can stand straight and function better than in the past. But He is choosing to help me through the use of prayer, exercise, daily deep tissue massages given by my mother, and daily warm water therapy sessions at PHFC.

I will end with two quotes:

FIRST QUOTE: HENRY FORD said,

"We try everything in a little way first -We will rip out anything once we discover a better way, **BUT** we have to **KNOW ABSOLUTELY** that the New way is going to be better than the Old **BEFORE** we do anything."

DEMOLISHING Palos Health and Fitness (wellness) Center is <u>drastic</u>, just for a parking lot? How can a parking lot be better than a Health and Wellness Fitness Center?

SECOND QUOTE: ABRAHAM LINCOLN said,

"If you want to test a man's character give him power."

I am Roman Catholic. Pope Francis has declared this year, 2016, "The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy"...

You, as a board, have the power to be merciful to me and my community of friends at Palos Health and Fitness (wellness) Center who depend upon this facility for survival.

Time is of the essence to prevent the Palos SCMOB from tearing down paradise (Palos Health & Fitness Center) and put up a parking lot (parking garage).

We cannot wait for someone to come along and take two or three year to create what we already have today with this state of the art wellness facility. WE NEED TO MAINTAIN OUR HEALTH AND CONTINUE USING THIS MEDICALLY-INTEGRATED FACILITY (PHFC) TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE.

MY LIFE MATTERS. THEIR LIVES (PHFC members) MATTER, TOO.

Thank you for taking the time to read about my concerns.

Sincerely, James Frendergest James Prendergast

Enclosure: Paul O'Grady, Orland Township Supervisor's letter to Illinois Attorney General, Lisa Madigan

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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Lisa Madigan Office of the Attorney General 100 West Randolph Street Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Attorney General Madigan:

I am writing to request that you explore whether Palos Community Hospital's plan to close and demolish the Palos Health and Fitness Center, a critical healthcare resource for local residents, subverts the hospital's obligation as a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable enterprise to prioritize local community interests and needs.

Palos Community Hospital, both in its efforts to first build the center and in its subsequent fillings with your office and the Internal Revenue Service, has championed its commitment to providing comprehensive wellness services in order to demonstrate its community benefit and justify its tax-exempt status. Closure of the Palos Health and Fitness Center, located at 15430 West Ave. in Orland Park, would directly contradict the hospital's stated mission and be detrimental to the public interest it claims to serve,

In 1998, when the hospital sought approval to construct the fitness center, a spokeswoman articulated the need for the facility as follows: "We believe this is essential for the health of the community. The marriage of fitness and medicine is essential to keeping people well. This is the future of health care."

Indeed, given the population growth in the southwest suburbs, and in particular the booming senior population, those words ring even truer today. In its Illinois Charitable Organization Annual Report filed with your office for 2010 (the latest report available online), the hospital continued to promote the community benefit of its holistic approach: "The health of the communities that Palos Community Hospital serves is a very important piece of the Palos Community Hospital's mission statement. To date, our focus has been on providing the care needed within our community at a high level of quality. As such we have implemented and/or maintained programs that we feel help to improve the wellness of the people we serve."

The hospital further described, in that same report, its "three basic goals":

"To Improve residents' health status, increase their life spans, and elevate their overall quality of life. A healthy community is not only one where its residents suffer little from physical and mental illness, but also one where its residents enjoy a higher quality of life.

To reduce the health disparities among residents. By gathering demographic information along with health status and behavior data, it will be possible to identify population segments that are most at-risk for various diseases and injuries. Intervention plans aimed at targeting these individuals may then be developed to combat some of the socio-economic factors which have historically had a negative impact on residents' health.

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"To increase accessibility to preventive services for all community residents. More accessible preventive services will prove beneficial in accomplishing the first goal (improving health status, increasing life spans, and elevating the quality of life), as well as lowering the costs associated with caring for late-stage diseases resulting from a lack of preventive care."

The hospital repeated these same statements to the IRS in its 990 filing for 2013.

Services provided by the Palos Health and Fitness Center are fundamental to those objectives. Many of our residents, having taken advantage of the options there, have improved their physical strength and flexibility while enhancing their overall quality of life. I cannot overstate the benefits to our community of having these opportunities easily accessible in the heart of the southwest suburbs.

Orland Township seniors, especially, rely each day on the Palos Health and Fitness Center's water therapy programs, cardiac fitness classes and numerous other senior-oriented services to support their health, wellness and longevity. Individuals with multiple scienosis and other chronic and debilitating conditions utilize the center's programs, classes and services to stay active and help manage their symptoms. Public opposition to the proposed closure is widespread and intense because, despite the claims of Palos Community Hospital officials, there are not equivalent alternative options available in the community.

Local elected officials have noted the Palos Health and Fitness Center is a state of the art facility in superb condition, fulfilling an important need in this community, not a building in deteriorating condition requiring a major investment. We recognize the hospital is planning "redevelopment and expansion" of its Orland Park campus, but we have urged the hospital to work creatively with its architect and contractor on a revised design to preserve the center – perhaps by building around or above it. We also maintain that the hospital, as a non-profit corporation operating in accordance with the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Facilities, has a higher obligation to work cooperatively with the local community.

Palos Community Hospital officials are not persuaded by the importance of this fitness center to all of the people who depend on it. They have refused to work with local residents and officials on an alternative plan that would continue to serve the public need and honor the hospital's commitment to maintain this community benefit.

On behalf of Orland Township residents, I would be grateful for your inquiry into this matter. If I may answer any questions, please contact me at (708) 403-4222. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Paul O'Grady

Township Supervisor