

## Aurora's Economic Development Partnership

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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

June 2, 2016

Ms. Kathy Olson Chairman Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board 525 W. Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #16-024, Fresenius Kidney Care East Aurora

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to support Fresenius Kidney Care's CON application for a dialysis center on Aurora's east side. This facility, which will serve a Federally Designated Medically Underserved Area, will provide a needed service to area residents thereby enhancing their quality of life.

It is our understanding that due to the economic status of some of the area residents, transportation to and from treatment three times weekly is an obstacle. The site Fresenius has chosen, 810 N. Farnsworth Avenue, will provide the area patients with shortened travel times and ample public transportation options. Aside from our concern for the resident's' healthcare needs, the Aurora City Council has approved a final plan for the revision for the project. Moreover, we anticipate that the facility would bring construction and healthcare jobs to this area as we continue to redevelop it for the benefit of the residents and the City as a whole.

The current Fresenius facility at Presence Mercy Medical Center has been a staple in Aurora for over 25 years and we are excited to support its ongoing commitment to the residents of Aurora by opening a second dialysis clinic to serve the multicultural residents of our east side.

Aurora is the second largest city in the State of Illinois with a very diverse population. We therefore strongly urge the Board to approve this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

President/CEO