

Project No. 17-057

City of St. Charles

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Mayor

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

RE: *Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, St. Charles Project 17-057*

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please consider this letter my support and that of the residents of the St. Charles community for Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, L.P.'s ("VASC") Certificate of Need application (Project 17-05) to relocate to a new building with modern, state-of-the-art design and an improved clinical environment for patients and staff.

Under Illinois Certificate of Need laws, this relocation is treated as a discontinuation of the existing facility and establishment of a new facility, though it will not add any new services or surgical capacity to the service area. Thus, VASC does not anticipate opposition to the project from area health care providers.

As with any older building, repairs and maintenance are necessary. The City's Building and Code Office and Fire Prevention Office have provided me with notice that leaking fire sprinkler lines and a malfunctioning fire alarm system have resulted in recurring false alarms. Additionally, roofing repairs were permitted in 2012.

For thirty years, VASC has provided outpatient surgical procedures in St. Charles. To ensure that patient care is not interrupted for the massive and expensive required repairs, VASC plans to relocate to a new building with less total square footage and a more efficient and modern design. VASC's new building will be located only one-quarter mile from the existing facility, making it convenient for patients and staff. It will be compliant with current codes and best practices.

VASC has served the residents of the St. Charles community since 1987, and I support its efforts to offer a modern facility that is consistent with current codes. The residents of St. Charles deserve no less, and I encourage you to approve VASC's applications.

Respectfully,



Raymond P. Rogina
Mayor of St. Charles