



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am pleased to provide my support for OSF HealthCare's proposed utilization and modernization of the former Cub Foods store located at 1800 N. Knoxville Ave. in Peoria. As you well know, the building has been vacant for over eight years which has had a negative impact on the East Bluff neighborhood.

OSF HealthCare is planning to relocate Heartland Community Health Clinic, University Of Illinois College Of Medicine clinics, and other multi-specialty clinics to the former Cub Foods location.

I share the belief of OSF HealthCare that this will greatly improve access to health care services for the people who live in this area and will enhance the neighborhood with a more modern and appealing building. The community has voiced its concerns about the impact of the vacant building for many years. This new opportunity to receive health care services at this location will make their voices heard. The endeavor will be a much needed step in the right direction to revitalize the neighborhood, and reinforce the concept of providing health care where people are. The new services will also provide job opportunities and economic development for that area.

As Mayor of the City of Peoria I look forward to this needed enhancement. OSF HealthCare is a dedicated community citizen and we applaud your support.

Sincerely,

Jim Ardis

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