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

Re: Project No. 19-004, Smith Village

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed letters of support from John P. Daley, Cook County Commissioner and John D. Baird, MBA, MHA, Chief Executive Officer, MetroSouth Medical Center, for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John P. Kniery
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John P. Daley
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Cook County Board of Commissioners**

March 22, 2019

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

RE: Granting Certificate of Need to Smith Village

Dear Ms. Avery and Members of the Board:

I am pleased to support Smith Village's plan to commit to a comprehensive renovation of its skilled care nursing wing so this 95-year-old senior living community can anticipate and meet the needs and expectations of contemporary older adults.

Smith Village's plan to update and expand its skilled nursing care wing will make it possible for residents and short-term stay rehab patients to experience a true continuum of care. Currently, there is a significant gap between staying in Smith Village's skilled care wing, built in 1990, and experiencing the splendid amenities available with the beautiful independent living and assisted living apartments and common areas which Smith Village constructed for \$68 million in 2008.

I regard this additional financial commitment of \$24 million as thoughtful investment in the future of the ever-increasing older population in Cook County. Smith Village has shared with me that only its skilled nursing care occupancy is decreasing because it no longer can compete with newer skilled care facilities. To be a viable resource for families in our neighborhoods, Smith Village must adapt and I believe renovating this single wing will make a critical difference in this facility's future. This senior living home, which has nobly served older adults since 1924, deserves to have the finest accommodations.

As a Cook County Commissioner in the 11th District, I wholeheartedly endorse Smith Village's newest plan to significantly improve its skilled nursing care wing. I encourage you to grant a Certificate of Need to support Smith Village's commitment to improving its skilled nursing care wing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John P. Daley", is written over a horizontal line.

John P. Daley
Cook County Commissioner, 11th District



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March 21, 2019

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

**RE: Smith Village in Chicago
2320 West 113th Place
Chicago IL 60643**

Dear Ms. Avery,

This letter is to express our support of the application for a Certificate of Need for the renovation project at the Smith Village in Chicago.

MetroSouth Medical Center has utilized this facility for approximately eighteen patients just in the last 12 months for our patients' continuity of care and we look forward to working with Smith Village in the future. Their upgrades will offer many modern amenities that today's older adults expect when they consider planning the next phase of their care.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Professionally yours,

**John D. Baird, MBA, MHA
Chief Executive Officer**

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