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**Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761**

Re: Letter of Support for the Palos Behavioral Acute Care Hospital

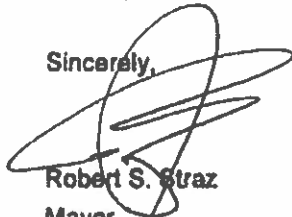
Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to convey my support for the establishment of the MIRA Neuro-Behavioral Health Center for Children & Adolescents in our community; a new, acute mental health facility dedicated to caring for adolescents and children. I support this project because I personally believe that there is a critical need in our community for a facility that would address the acute issues facing our children, adolescents and their families today.

I have 40 years of service with Sertoma Centre and am the current President of the Board of Directors. Sertoma Centre, Inc. is an accredited not-for-profit agency serving nearly 1,700 individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and those living with mental illness for Chicago and 45 south and southwest suburbs. In that capacity, it is my belief that the proposed project, The MIRA Neuro-Behavioral Health Center for Children & Adolescents, would be a very good facility not only for our community, but would benefit the entire south and southwest suburbs.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,



**Robert S. Straz
Mayor
City of Palos Heights**

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Patricia M Sheppard

Notary Public's Signature

My Commission Expires: 2-10-21