

HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICE REVIEW BOARD

January 12, 2021

HEARING

SUBJECT: 20-042 Mercy Care Center, Chicago

Members of the Board,

My name is Ronald Campbell. I am the Chairman of the NAACP HEALTH COMMITTEE, Southside Branch. I am here today to oppose the building of the Ambulatory Health Clinic by Mercy Hospital. This clinic which is proposed is a offering of Trinity Health Systems for approval to close Mercy Hospital. The community needs a hospital. A hospital that provides emergency care, in-patient hospitalizations and continued diagnostic services. Inner city hospital closures eliminate both stable sources of employment and irreplaceable symbols of community investment. Hospital closures disproportionately reduce hospital resources available to residents in Afro American communities and extend further the legacy of racial disadvantage in distribution of health care resources. Ambulatory Healthcare centers in conjunction with hospitals is acceptable. Ambulatory Health Centers are not a substitute for hospitals.

Thank you.