

My name is Raza Imam and I've lived in North Kenwood for the past 19 years. I'm a healthtech professional and currently work for the region's largest health system.

As a Kenwood local and a healthcare professional, I can't overstate the importance and impact of Mercy Hospital to the community. In my experience, Mercy has built a reputation of compassion and care that will be nearly impossible to reproduce.

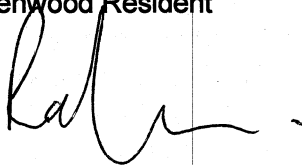
In my past two decades, I've taken family and friends to Mercy Hospital. My niece was born at Mercy. A family member spent his last days on this earth at Mercy. And my mother in law routinely asks to go to Mercy Hospital for medical care.

The nearest hospitals are Provident and University of Chicago Medical Center. While they both serve a great need, anyone that has been a patient at U of C Medical Center knows that no one would ever accuse it of displaying a sense of care or concern for the local community. In fact, my mother in law has been in ambulances and requested specifically to NOT be taken to University of Chicago Medical Center and to be taken to Mercy instead.

As a healthcare professional, I understand the enormous pressure our healthcare institutions are under to remain solvent - that said, Mercy shutting down would leave a palpable sense of loss across the entire community.

I think any and all offers to save Mercy should be taken seriously, including Insight Group. Any entity with a plan and a track record of saving hospitals should be given the opportunity to take the helm of Mercy and steer it back to solvency. The community can't afford to lose it.

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