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Javon Bea on Rockton's Application to Reduce Services

I am 74 years old and have lived in Rockford most of my life other than when I went to college and the Army. I grew up on the Southeast side, graduated from Guilford. But I have lived on the far Westside and near School and Avon. My first wife was from the far Westside and my 2d wife too. Innumerable times either I or my relatives have needed the services of the then Rockford Memorial Hospital.

My Aunt Genevieve who lived nearby was hospitalized with breathing issues by Dr. Ray. My Dad was once hospitalized there for a week when he became immune to treatment by antibiotics. In the 1980's Dr.McDonald at the clinic next door hospitalized me with kidney stones for a few days.

I listened to people from Javon Bea explain why they need to reduce services on Rockton Ave. and move them to their other hospital on Riverside. The finance guy explained how they're losing money on the Westside. The Head Nurse complained that the "pandemic" had caused nursing shortages that required consolidating staff to Riverside.

What these explanations seem to be missing are the people on the Westside are now going to be missing the services that Rockford Memorial had provided all of their lives. The Westside constitutes half of the city.

Another aspect is that the closure of Javon Bea (formerly Rockford Memorial) is causing outrageous) pressure on Swedish American and OSF Hospitals leading to burnout of the medical staff all over the city.

Thank you for your attention,
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