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Dear Mr. Constantino,

Northside Action for Justice (NA4J) is a membership driven organization of Uptown, Edgewater and Rogers Park residents who work together on issues of affordable housing, human services, public education and public health. We are writing to you in support of all questions raised by the Campaign to Stop Luxury Development at Weiss in their letter of April 7, 2022, which NA4J co-signed.

We also wish to focus on two points in particular. To quickly review the background of the current situation, Pipeline, a hedge fund company, had previously bought Weiss Hospital. Pipeline promptly sold off land that had been a Weiss Hospital parking lot to Lincoln Properties, a real estate company that plans to build an incompatible high density luxury apartment building virtually "on top" of the Hospital.

This action clearly did not bode well for the future of Weiss, in this era of community hospital closings. Now Pipeline is selling the hospital to Resilience. It is encouraging for the effort to preserve and improve Weiss Hospital that Pipeline wishes to relinquish ownership of Weiss. However, we are troubled by the refusal, thus far, of the prospective buyer to even consider our suggestion that Resilience use the money that Pipeline alleges they will donate to Weiss Hospital improvements to make a good faith effort to buy back the land that was sold to real estate interests.

Clearly, if Resilience is truly committed to the long term flourishing of this community hospital, it ought to desire to have that land for future expansion. And the willingness to surrender the land to a use that really is incompatible with Weiss's role raises for us the question: should there be future expansion, on what land would that take place?

(As you know, the Campaign has already raised the question of why there now seems to be less money available for improvement than originally committed by Pipeline).

So our reason for bringing up this concern to the IHFSRB is that we believe it should

be a warning flag that suggests the need for extra scrutiny of Resilience and the commitment it claims to have to the future of the hospital. We also want to suggest that the crisis of affordable housing in part caused by gentrification that drives out low and moderate income renters and increases racial segregation is related to the problem of endangered community hospitals and inadequate community health systems.

We also want to focus on the fact that Resilience's main investor is an individual -- Rathnaker Reddy Patlola -- about whom we know little other than that his main area of concern seems to be involved with the fossil fuels energy industry. What is his long term commitment to Weiss Hospital as a community based health care institution?

We want to express our appreciation for your scrutiny of this transaction and for your willingness to listen to community voices.

Sincerely,

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