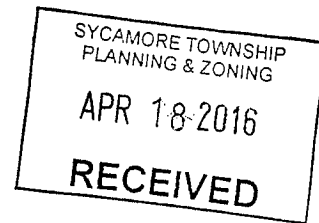




April 18, 2016

Sycamore Township Planning & Zoning
Attn: Greg Bickford
8540 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, OH 45236



Re: The Jewish Hospital – Mercy Health
Major PUD Modification
Sycamore Township, Ohio

Dear Greg,

Jewish Hospital was the first Jewish Hospital in the United States, established in 1850 to treat poor Jews in Cincinnati. Today, after 160 years, Jewish Hospital is still providing care to people of every race, ethnicity and religious belief. Mercy Health Partners acquired The Jewish Hospital – Mercy Health from The Health Alliance in March 2010. Since that time, Mercy Health has been developing a strategy for The Jewish Hospital's with the goal of improving the hospital such that the Jewish Hospital can remain a prominent fixture in the community.

Mercy Health Partners has been engaged in master planning efforts for The Jewish Hospital over the past several years. Early in the master planning process, we met with you and other representatives of Sycamore Township to gain an understanding of what concerns the Township had regarding the expansion or modification of the hospital. A variety of issues were discussed ranging from the economic viability of the hospital to the impact that the hospital has on the surrounding community. One of the most important items that were discussed was the hospital's past relationship with the surrounding community and Mercy Health's desire to improve that relationship. In an effort to open communication lines with the surrounding community, Mercy Health had conducted several community forums to gain their feedback regarding expansion opportunities for the hospital. With your assistance, Mercy Health, and our design team has taken many of the recommendations and views of the community into consideration and will continue to do so to help position The Jewish Hospital – Mercy Health to remain a prominent fixture in Cincinnati medicine for years to come.

Per your recommendation to us, we are requesting approval of a major modification to the PUD that was previously approved with the north tower addition and service building. Consistent with our previous presentations to the public, the proposed expansion will primarily consist of the construction of a new 1-story 17,000 SF GME and dining addition on the east side of the existing hospital. The existing Emergency Department, Ambulance Canopy and ED Walk In canopy will be demolished. The net add for this project will be 9,000 sf. This building has been architecturally designed to be consistent with Mercy's other building projects currently on-going in Anderson Township, Green Township, and Norwood. The building will be on average 27'10" tall. Included in the improvements will be limited modifications to the access drive to the east. The new building consists of a new dining, surgery and an auditorium. Auditorium will be used as a special event space during evenings and weekends to support research.



We appreciate the assistance you and Sycamore Township have given us and continue to give us. The Jewish Hospital - Mercy Health look forward to continuing to advance the mission within our community by providing "safe, effective, patient/resident-centered, timely and cost efficient care" to the people of Sycamore Township and Cincinnati.
Sincerely,

MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti Meszaros".

Patti Meszaros
Regional Manager, Facility Planning