

To whom it may concern,

I've been a neighbor of the LMH for thirteen years. When I arrived into this close-knit single-family neighborhood the hospital was already failing. They see an average of twenty-three patients a day. Many of which are opiate abusers they treat and release into our neighborhood with regard to our safety. I attribute this decline in patients to their low quality care and our close proximity to what many describe as the finest hospitals in Massachusetts if not in the U.S. Being five miles from Boston and approximately two miles from Lahey/ Winchester hospital many of our community members prefer to travel a short distance for top quality health care outside our city rather than walk to the LMH.

In addition to their failure to provide a need for a surgical care unit at the LMH the increase in traffic will further burden our once quiet streets. Our neighborhoods have recently seen a shift in traffic patterns thanks to the wayz app., which has led to an increase in accidents in our residential neighborhood and imminent danger to our children at bus stops. Allowing a surgical daycare in a quiet residential area of single family homes will only further add to this commuting disaster our traffic commission seemingly can't control. I cannot begin to fathom the effect this would have as I already find leaving my street difficult and lethal in the am.

At present the majority of patients this hospital treats appears to be drug addicts. Although the police and ambulance transport the majority of these patients to the E.R. these individuals are treated and released into our small community. I've found needles where my kids play and used bedpans smashed on the side of the road. When asked about future plans regarding security the hospital has admitted they have no plans in providing

this basic need. Our local police are already overburdened which means more high individuals attacking cars, stripping naked, and passing out in our neighborhood. My children deserve more than what's proposed.

The hospital has failed to provide need for a new structure in our neighborhood other than cost effectiveness. Quite frankly as a builder I find these astronomical numbers to be outlandish. I mean yes it is often more cost effective to rebuild rather than remodel however intrusive structures in a residential neighborhood of homes must be considered by our cities officials. Allowing the LMH to change the existing footprint would further reduce already minimal amounts of parking spaces. At present LMH employees refuse to park in their mandatory space at the Malden Hospital. Many block driveways. This further begs the question if they remove spaces where will these people park? A question hospital administrators fail to answer.

Allowing an ambulatory unit to be built in a residential neighborhood without providing any proof of need would be a huge error on the part of the DPH and the city of Medford. For many years our citizens have time and again proven they prefer to take their medical needs into Boston. The increased traffic, diminished safety of our neighbors, increase in crime, decrease in parking and adding to an already maxed out property in a residential single family neighborhood further proves the LMH's intentions are not in accordance with our neighbors best interests. The reality is there is no need for an ambulatory unit five miles from Boston's finest hospitals especial in the middle of a neighborhood.

Thank You For Your Time,

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