

From

8-29-18

Dear DPH  
Determination of Med program,

I live on Governors Avenue  
in Medford, MA. I am  
writing in opposition to

The proposal by Melrose-Wakefield  
Health to build a day  
surgery center on the grounds  
of Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

The parties involved in  
this for-profit venture have  
been far from transparent  
with abutters, neighbors and the  
greater Medford community about  
their plans.

These ideas don't spring up  
overnight. Yet just in mid-August  
neighbors and community members  
had the chance to go to a  
meeting. There we heard a  
broad overview with not many  
particulars. There were a lot of  
"we are not sure at the time," "not

at this point" "we are not  
sure" - in response to  
The many inquiries from the  
audience.

The neighborhood here is  
residential, with quiet side  
streets, children riding  
bicycles and scooters on the  
sidewalks, families taking walks,  
many neighbors walking dogs.

We cannot take on the  
turmoil of construction, the  
increased automobile-activity  
on our streets.

But most importantly - if  
this group is not being  
communicative and forth coming  
with us now, they will never be  
so once they have their building  
and business here.

Please consider this when making  
your decision.

Sincerely - E. Ken  
Simmetts

September 4, 2018

Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
Determination of Need Program  
250 Washington St., 6th floor  
Boston, MA 02108

To: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Determination of Need Program  
Re: Medford Surgery Center, LCC Application

I mailed in a letter to you regarding this matter, but with a short-time frame and Monday's Labor Day holiday I was not absolutely sure you will have received it by today's deadline.

This letter today echoes my concerns about Medford Surgery Center, LLC's request for an approval on the Determination of Need to build at Day Surgery Center on the parking lot of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford, MA.

This development group requesting DPH approval did not reach out to or share information with the neighborhood at large until information of the plans "slipped out" and neighbors responded resoundingly with concerns.

This is a quiet residential neighborhood, home to many elders who have lived here a long-time as well as new families with babies and small school-age children. The introduction of this major construction project, the increased traffic and noise- both during construction, and then ongoing during the operation of the center will bring increased auto traffic, walking dangers, noise and congestion to this community.

The development group has proceeded in the most secretive and non-transparent way. There has been, and continues to be, a lack of information and transparency at all stages of this process. There has been little or no detailed information shared about the current project and possible future projects on site (for example, construction of parking garage, changes in use of existing hospital building, etc.).

I recommend that the Department of Health reject or delay approval of this project until these concerns are properly addressed. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement regarding the application of Medford Surgery Center, LLC.

Sincerely,

Eileen A. Ginnetty  
