

To: Department of Health

Re: Ambulatory Service Center- Medford Surgery Center LLC-Lawrence Memorial Hospital Campus

Good day,

As an abutter of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital for 20 years and a Medford resident, who has used the current facility for over 40 years I ask that you delay/postpone the approval of the Ambulatory Service Center for the time being.

Medford Surgery Center LLC, MelroseWakefield Healthcare, Shields ACS, Hallmark Health, Tufts University Health Center and Lawrence Memorial Hospital have not been transparent with the community, especially the abutters.

I am all for state of the art health care services and moving forward however, there are many concerns that haven't been addressed by the petitioners to the governmental body of the City of Medford, Medford residents and more importantly the families who live in and around the proposed site.

1. Public notice of the proposal was secretive.
2. No one has shown us the proposed site or the proposed building.
3. How is the neighborhood going to be protected from the various pollutants or property impact during construction. Noise, dirt, construction equipment and their energy usage, traffic, vehicle fumes and the quality of our life during said construction.
4. Governors Ave currently has an abundance of foot and bicycle traffic that utilize the Middlesex Fells. How will these individuals be impacted and what is going to be done to ensure that these individuals can continue to enjoy this area?
5. Governors Ave is one of the most beautiful streets within the city. What are the petitioners going to propose to see that the landscape is not disrupted?
6. With regards to safety, what is the proposed plan to safeguard the community from potential disasters/ incidents should they occur? There will be hazardous materials on site, which could be a detriment.
7. What is the benefit to the community?
8. What is the strategic plan for the current building?
9. Are they aware of a brook (water) that flows under Governors Ave? Of so, what precautions are being made so that the properties around it aren't impacted?
10. What about our water table after the construction? Are they going to assure us that properties that don't currently have water won't have it during and after construction?

People will say, you knew there was a hospital when you moved her, and to them I say yes I did, and I was happy to have such a facility as my neighbor, however, I cannot in good conscious back the proposal to build another facility on grounds that currently has buildings that are under utilized or not utilized at all.

These are just a few of my personal concerns, and until the petitioners can provide these answers along with the answers to questions that my fellow Medford residents have I respectfully request that you not approve the proposal until the petitioners have addressed all the concerns of the residents of Medford.

Regards,

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