



September 8, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to submit a letter of support for Abbott Northwestern Hospital's campus development project. This campus development project includes the construction of a new Central Utility Plant, to be located at the corner of Chicago Avenue and 26<sup>th</sup> Street, and a new Transportation Hub to be located just south of 28<sup>th</sup> Street on Chicago Avenue. These foundational infrastructure upgrades will allow Abbott Northwestern to make space for re-imagined patient care facilities while still maintaining their commitment to the neighborhood to remain in their current geographic footprint.

Abbott Northwestern has been an important part of this community for more than 50 years. As one of Minneapolis' largest employers, Abbott Northwestern has provided stable, good-paying jobs and opportunities for many members of our community for many years, including Southside Community Health Services. Founded in 1971 by VISTA and Abbott Northwestern physician volunteers, Southside has been serving south Minneapolis with access to affordable primary medical and dental health services for the past 50 years. As one of the community partners, we at Southside have witnessed and benefitted from the hospital's commitment to community. This commitment can be seen in their long history of supporting other local non-profits with charitable contribution dollars, patronizing nearby businesses, and participating in community conversations about how to make improvements to the areas around Lake Street and Chicago Avenue.

Abbott Northwestern has made south Minneapolis their home for many years and they want to further invest in this community. In order to make the improvements to their hospital campus to provide high-quality care into the future, they first need to improve these essential components of their physical infrastructure. Their representatives have explained their needs, the plans and the reasoning for their decisions, and we support their desire to further improve the hospital by constructing a new Central Utility Plant and creating a new campus Transportation Hub.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the letter 'A' with a stylized flourish.

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