

The
Cranmer Park / Hilltop
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Regarding: The continued presence and potential expansion of Rose Medical Center in Denver

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the residents of the Cranmer Park / Hilltop Civic Association, we believe strongly in maintaining the character of our community. The Hilltop neighborhood is immediately adjacent to the Rose Medical Center, which has been well known as a Denver institution and a 9th Avenue landmark since its founding in 1949.

Rose provides critical and convenient medical care for our community and is a source of pride for our residents, who often refer to Rose as “our” hospital. The hospital is an economic catalyst for our residents with many receiving good paying jobs and the luxury of working in the same neighborhood where they live. Rose Medical Center has been a charitable neighbor, who has significantly reinvested in the neighborhood for generations.

The acquisition of the 8 acres of land that formerly housed the Veteran’s Affairs hospital would provide Rose Medical Center the space it desperately needs to grow its physical footprint while continuing to meet the neighborhood’s healthcare needs. Without the opportunity to grow, our neighborhood would be in jeopardy of losing another critical healthcare facility just as it has already lost UCHSC and the VA.

As active participants of the Denver East Area Plan, our neighborhood strongly supported the goal to bolster the healthcare and wellness sector as the foundation for economic growth in the East Area. We are committed to working with Rose Medical Center on long term plans for the VA hospital site at 9th Ave. and Clermont Street, as the East Area Plan outlines.

We understand there are unanswered questions but offer our support. We are in favor of a comprehensive process of community involvement when Rose Medical Center acquires the property. We urge you to take every possible step to support Rose’s bid for the acquisition of the portion of the former VA Hospital site so that Rose’s world-class providers will be able to continue to fulfill their commitment to providing a culture of excellence and treating each patient and visitor as family.

Respectfully submitted,

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