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Citizens for an Accountable Megahospital Planning Process

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We believe that:

1. The megahospital steering committee has an influence and a responsibility that goes beyond direct health care. Hospitals are completely integrated into the community, perhaps more so than any other institution. Their leaders must not be allowed to ignore the sound urban planning principles that make a community whole.
2. With good planning, a hospital **near the heart of Windsor** can be as easy for Essex County citizens to access as one on the outskirts, and will serve them better. It can be built with plenty of parking and with the potential for future expansion. This is also an opportunity to create our regional public transportation system.
3. An urban hospital maximizes efficient access to a full array of medical professionals and services, both in Windsor and in Michigan.
4. An urban hospital is the most accessible option for the greatest number of people, arriving by ambulance, car, taxi, bus, bike or on foot.
5. A vibrant Windsor benefits all of Essex County. Cities and towns are learning that to retain and attract young professionals and investors who build local economies, streets must be well-planned, attractive, lively and walkable. They must be places where people meet every day, do business and enjoy their lives. Moving major institutions, businesses and people to the outskirts damages community engagement and business. Abandoned lots appear. Young people choose to work, live and raise a family somewhere else.
6. We are at a crossroads right now. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a major decision. Building right will revitalize our area and our medical services. Building wrong will create urban blight, destroy farmland and natural areas, damage our community and affect our long-term future. The community must choose.

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