

Pipeline Health
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Mayor Ron Serpico
Village of Melrose Park
1000 25th Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160

April 22, 2019

Dear Mayor Serpico:

Last December, the Village of Melrose Park Council (Village) voted unanimously in favor of Resolution 102-18 that rescinded and revoked a redevelopment agreement between the Village and Westlake Hospital Inc. This agreement provided an estimated \$500,000 annually to cover capital expenses and invest in the Westlake Hospital.

While we disagree on the future of Westlake Hospital, it is clear for there to be any chance that the hospital's next owner will keep it open the Village must do its part financially. The agreement must be restored. The cancelation of this agreement, along with State Rep. Chris Welch's vote to eliminate Westlake's \$4 million in hospital assessment funding, has accelerated the hospital's operating losses to approximately \$25 million annually.

Today, Westlake Hospital has more than \$10 million in capital needs to continue operating safely. We are willing to work with you and the Village to update the agreement so that dollars go to the most urgent needs and are leveraged to improve the condition of Westlake Hospital.

To be clear, Pipeline Health does not seek the restoration of the agreement for its own financial benefit as we offered to transfer the hospital to the Village for free last week. The restoration of a redevelopment agreement is fundamentally and financially necessary if the Village wants to find a suitor that can keep Westlake Hospital open as an acute care facility

We look forward to working with you and the Village to find a path forward that restores the redevelopment agreement.

Sincerely,

Jim Edwards
CEO
Pipeline Health