

Hillcrest Community Civic Association



RESOLUTION
OF THE
Hillcrest Community Civic Association
IN SUPPORT OF THE
NATIONAL CAPITAL MEDICAL CENTER
November 5, 2005

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and members of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) are committed to the health and well-being of the residents of Hillcrest and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, health is defined in a broad sense as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of HCCA recognizes that good health is a prerequisite to a quality life and we are committed to participating in efforts that promote good health, including access to regular medical care; and

WHEREAS, Wards 7 & 8 in East Washington, the home of 140,000 residents, has some of the worst health statistics in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, there was once four hospitals operating in East Washington - Capitol Hill, Hadley are closed to acute care and DC General is closed completely - and only Greater Southeast Hospital remains; and

WHEREAS, the uneven distribution of hospitals in the District of Columbia places the lives of residents of East Washington at risk in situations where immediate access to medical care is a life or death situation and poses a serious threat to the health and well-being of all DC residents in the event of a major disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia have a duty to ensure that healthcare is delivered to all citizens in a fair and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, in November 2003, the Council of the District of Columbia unanimously passed the "National Capital Medical Center Negotiation Emergency Act of 2003" finding that the District's existing healthcare system is inadequate in part because of the uneven distribution of hospitals throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Anthony Williams and Howard University have proposed the construction of the National Capital Medical Center on Reservation 13, the site of the former DC General Hospital, to include an emergency department with Level One Trauma capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the National Capital Medical Center on Reservation 13, as a modern, comprehensive, state of the art tertiary medical center, with Level One Trauma in alliance with community physicians and clinics has the potential to enhance the delivery of healthcare services to the benefit of a significant portion of the District's population; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Medical Center represents the most comprehensive initiative to date to address the health care disparity facing the people of East Washington; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Medical Center would be an important and necessary complement to a planned healthcare system in East Washington Communities; and

WHEREAS, there is a mounting effort on the part of special interest groups to deny to the residents of East Washington communities this important and necessary complement to a planned health care system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association fully supports the construction of a new full-service hospital, including approximately 200 beds and an emergency department with Level One Trauma on Reservation 13; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that HCCA urges the Council of the District of Columbia to fully support the National Capital Medical Center and appropriate the necessary funds to ensure its construction.

This Resolution was PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th day of November 2005 at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association.

Motion: Virgil C. McDonald
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Second: Franklin G. Senger
Pastor Franklin G. Senger

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Attest: Karen Williams
Karen Williams, Recording Secretary