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Dear Nancy:

On behalf of the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents (SOAR), we thank you and Leyla Erkan for meeting with us to discuss RIC's plans for its new facility in Streeterville.

As noted in our conversation, SOAR is currently in the process of revising and updating the community's Planning Principles and Guidelines. While the requirements in the current version we shared with RIC will continue (e.g., mid block pedestrian cut-throughs, underground self-contained service/delivery bays, wide pedestrian friendly sidewalks), the upcoming revision will include principles mandating:

- Underground parking for all future development, including any and all valet service
- Green design, including but not limited to energy efficient buildings with green roofs
- Pedestrian level green space incorporated into setbacks
- Exterior streetscapes and landscapes which coordinate with the broader south Streeterville plan

We know that you are keenly aware of the community's concerns around the traffic and congestion generated in Streeterville by the medical campus institutions. RIC and the other campus institutions must collectively implement solutions to aggressively reduce institutional traffic and congestion in Streeterville. Future support for any institutional development on both the city and state level will, in part, depend on substantial reductions being achieved.

In designing its future facility, we strongly encourage RIC to coordinate with NMH in widening McClurg Court. As both the former VA and CBS sites are now vacant, there is unique opportunity to improve this narrow street to handle future vehicular traffic.

Per our conversation we understand that RIC is in the early stage of its planning process and that RIC hopes to open a new facility in 2017. We would appreciate it if RIC could, by summer; provide an estimated timeline for the design and development process, which we can share with the community. While we understand that timelines can change, this will provide the community with a starting point. As you can imagine, there is much interest and excitement around this parcel of land.

RIC is a highly respected institution in the community and we appreciate the time you spent with us last week and look forward to many productive working sessions on this development in the coming months and years.

Sincerely,

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