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Dear Plan Commissioners,

There has been some discussion about Northwestern Memorial Healthcare's proposed plans for development in Lake Forest. As with any significant change, questions and concerns arise. The League of Women Voters - Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area shares some of those concerns.

The League of Women Voters supports the Lake Forest comprehensive plan and believes that there should be a balance between orderly growth and transportation needs along with protection of the environment, conservation of natural resources, and preservation of our natural heritage.

Some of our specific issues:

(1) Loss of natural wetlands. Banking is not as effective.

(2) The footprint of building and parking will increase a potential for flooding. Will some of the surfaces be permeable?

(3) The plan is heavily dependent upon transportation improvements by IDOT. The proposed improvements are not in IDOT's 5 year plans. What will be done in the meantime to handle the increase in traffic?

(4) The new hospital should be visually compatible with the old hospital and other buildings. The proposed height is out of place in this setting.

(5) Will the vistas along 41 and 43 be preserved? Will there be berms to hide the structures?

Sincerely,

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