

Covenant HEALTH

May 12, 2010

Re: Item Number 47, Steven C. Walling, Trustee

Dear Planning Commissioners:

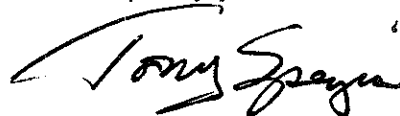
Covenant Health has contracted to buy approximately 30 acres from Parker Properties at South of Sherrill Blvd, North of Parkwest, West of Park 40. We have requested OB Zoning for this property. OB is, as I understand, the appropriate Zone for a hospital and medical offices under the Knox County Zoning Ordinance.

The acquisition and development of this property is crucial for the future of Parkwest Hospital and we would therefore request approval of the OB Zone. This is the only potential expansion property for Parkwest as 3 sides of our hospital are bounded by Highway 40 and fully developed properties.

On behalf of Covenant and its 8500 employees, I can assure the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the citizens of Knox County that Covenant Health will ultimately develop this property in a way that it has at its other medical campuses in Knox, Anderson, Loudon and Sevier Counties. Our previous expansion at Parkwest has been received very favorably by the community and has resulted in job expansion and growth at Parkwest and now we need to expand further. In the 10 years I have been the CEO of Covenant Health we have spent over \$750 million in improving and expanding the facilities we own and operate in East Tennessee and which serve the healthcare needs of the communities.

If you have any questions you have about our request, which is critically important to the orderly development of Parkwest, we will be pleased to respond.

Very truly yours,



Anthony L. Spezia
President/CEO