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## Fwd: OBJECTION to Tennova on Middlebrook Pike

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Subject: OBJECTION to Tennova on Middlebrook Pike  
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Gentlemen:

I strenuously object to the approval of the application filed by Tennova for use on review of the property which they have optioned for purchase.

First, I do not believe there is demonstrated NEED for a hospital in this location.

Second, it is placed within an historic residential neighborhood in Knoxville and will impinge on neighboring property owners and on the whole of West Hills.

Third, I believe that their inadequate traffic study, lack of a geologic study, lack of an environmental impact study all preclude the MPC from making an informed decision about the true impact that the placement of this huge, 24 hours-a-day facility in this location would have.

Fourth, traffic will seriously increase along Middlebrook Pike and interfere with residents' and others' use of this thoroughway.

Fifth, increased commercialization of Middlebrook Pike is almost certain to occur, and we do NOT need another Kingston Pike in this area.

Sixth, noise from ambulances, traffic and helicopters will have a significant ADVERSE effect on the livability of the area which has attracted upper middle class citizens.

Seventh, there is NO advantage to Tennova from locating close to Dowell Springs; there are medical buildings adjacent to their current facility that can supply office space. Pharmacies are located in close proximity to the current Physicians Regional Hospital on Oak Hill Avenue. It is highly doubtful that any inpatient would WALK ACROSS THE STREET to go to the proton treatment facility - those patients would have to be placed in an ambulance and transported, whether across town or across the street. This location might be advantageous to a few orthopedists who have an office in Dowell Springs, but their closer access is hardly an imposing need.

Eight, Tennova admitted in a presentation that they had NOT researched any other site in Knoxville. Don't we deserve their more studied approach to re-locating?

Ninth, it has been presented in testimony that there will be numerous, probably hundreds, of patients who currently have ready access to the facility on Oak Hill Ave who will LOSE their access to a new facility in this location.

Tenth, Tennova has NOT provided any conclusive tenant that precludes their building on the "preserved green border." In testimony, their representatives have alluded to providing such "iron clad" guarantees, but they clearly have not done so.

I hope that you will carefully deliberate the wisdom of granting this waiver on property which could have a much better use favorable to the neighborhood. Please VOTE AGAINST ALLOWING THIS USE ON REVIEW.

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