

November 17, 2016

Ms. Jana Fussell  
Certificate of Need Coordinator  
Public Health Division  
Oregon Health Authority  
800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 465  
Portland OR 97232



**RE: Certificate of Need Application by Universal Health Services  
to operate a 100-bed Psychiatric Hospital in Wilsonville, Oregon**

Dear Ms. Fussell:

I am writing to address the application by Universal Health Services (UHS) to operate a 100-bed psychiatric hospital in the City of Wilsonville. The City supports the proposed UHS project to build and operate a behavioral health hospital in our community. We believe there is significant need for such a facility to serve our growing area and the entire south-side metropolitan area.

During the land-use approval process by UHS for siting the proposed facility, the City found UHS to be very responsive to City suggestions and issues of concern. Specific examples of the high-level of cooperation and engagement include UHS's willingness to address building/site design and layout issues to make the facility more attractive with additional glazing (windows), to better accommodate pedestrian and ADA access, to place parking in the rear of the building, to protect significant trees, and to take steps to reduce peak-hour traffic.

Both the City's Development Review Board and City Council held public hearings respectively in February and March 2016 for which there was no testimony in objection. Both the Development Review Board and City Council approved unanimously the land-use application.

Finally, I would note that the City of Wilsonville has a long-standing relationship with the mental-health community of Oregon, having hosted the Dammasch State Hospital that operated from 1961 to 1995. The new Villebois urban-village community now being developed at the grounds of the former Dammasch State Hospital accommodates several mental-health housing facilities seamlessly into the neighborhood.

The community of Wilsonville is proud of our heritage to welcome a public from diverse backgrounds and to accommodate those institutions seeking to improve the health and well-being of our citizenry.

Sincerely,

  
Tim Knapp, Mayor

cc: Wilsonville City Council; Development Review Board;  
Bryan Cosgrove, City Manager; Chris Neamtzu, Planning Director