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## Roseland to Be a Medical District – Services and Amenities spell better health for people and community

While the Far South Side of Chicago has many unique assets, including the region's only National Monument, attractive Nature Preserves, one of the city's destination golf courses and one of the state's premiere high schools, it has lacked adequate medical facilities.

All that is about to change, however, with the recent approval and funding of the Roseland Medical District. The new Medical District is centered around the existing Roseland Community Hospital at 45 West 111<sup>th</sup> Street and is slated to bring health and medical research facilities, academic centers, and emerging high-tech companies to the area.

About half of the 580,000 square feet to be built on the 9.5-acre property will be medical facilities, the district also will contain 80,000 square feet of fitness and learning venues, 110,000 square feet of community services, and 100,000 square feet for parking and mixed uses. The plan incorporates drop-off and pickup zones, a public plaza with outdoor seating, and a park/plaza connector eastward to Palmer Park.

Established by state law in 2011, and similar to two other medical districts in Illinois, one on Chicago's West Side and the other in Springfield, the district is bounded by Stewart Avenue on the west and Michigan Avenue on the east, and 110<sup>th</sup> and 112<sup>th</sup> streets on the north and south.

"The Medical District will address a wide range of needs in our community, from health care to employment, with an anticipated 500 new jobs, and provide a major boost to the revival of the Far South Side," said Ninth Ward Alderman Anthony Beale. "My colleagues in the City Council and I are very excited to see it moving ahead and we look forward to the many significant benefits it will bring our residents and existing businesses."

CNI President David Doig foresees many benefits for residents and businesses in Roseland and throughout the Far South Side. "The investments in healthcare that will be made over the next decade, and the better health outcomes that will follow, will have a ripple effect, bringing about improvements in amenities and retail and in

the overall quality of life,” he said. “We are pleased to have been part of this process and look forward to the coming transformation.”

### **Broad Participation**

In addition to Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives (CNI), the Roseland Medical District Commission included the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, Alderperson Beale, 34<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson Carrie M. Austin, the Greater Roseland Chamber of Commerce, the Far South Side CDC, Smith/Gill Architects led by Richard Wilson and leading planning and real estate firms.

Other groups and individuals were involved in focus groups and workshops. They included the Roseland Hospital Board, Far South Coalition, Invest South/West, Lawndale Christian Health Corporation, Chicago CRED, the Chicago Transit Authority Red Line Planning Team, Cook County Land Bank Authority, National Park Service, the Historic Pullman Foundation, Illinois State Representatives Justin Slaughter and Robert Rita, and State Senator Emil Jones, III.

The medical industry was represented by Roseland Hospital, Advocate Health Care, Northwestern Medicine, the University of Chicago, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago Family Health, TCA Health, Christian Community Health Center, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois, March of Dimes, and Planned Parenthood, among others.

During the next three years, plans call for Roseland Hospital to build a two-story addition over its existing emergency room that will contain ICU facilities and a new surgical center and to renovate its OB/GYN family birth, inpatient acute care and behavioral health areas. During that same time, the Commission will focus on attracting new outpatient care facilities.



