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Chair Selfon, Vice Chair Cross, Members of the PAB

I recognize in sending you the attached information I stand with an overwhelming majority of Naples residents who strongly support the approval to build a Heart and Stroke Institute at the NCH downtown campus. The MPOA Board unanimously supports this approval. Our members also support this plan as evidenced by the attached survey recently conducted, where 91.8% of respondents support the downtown location.

I appreciate there are some who are opposed to this, particularly those who live adjacent to the hospital. While I understand their concern, I assume when you purchase property near the hospital, the growth of this campus is inevitable in a place like Naples.

A City with the demographics of Naples needs world-class cardiovascular care in a location where the majority of residents can have rapid access. Building this capability for our City is no easy task. Physician, nurse, and staff recruitment requires certainty of plans and clarity of approval.

Every month of delay may cost lives. Consider this, we have a population that clearly needs this asset. They have acquired over \$100 million in donations of support, and it will be built on the current NCH campus. An unprecedented opportunity that any community in this country would cherish and support.

Your approval is essential. The residents of Naples are counting on your leadership to do the right thing.

Respectfully,

Cliff Holland

President MPOA

