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May 22, 2015

Kathy Bellflower
Executive Assistant to the President
The MetroHealth System
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Dear Ms. Bellflower:

I am in receipt of a copy of Dr. Boutros' letter to Mayor Summers dated May 20, 2015, regarding the MetroHealth System's potential interest in participating in healthcare in Lakewood. The letter raises some question as to whether MetroHealth is truly interested in making a proposal for the operation of a healthcare facility at the site of Lakewood Hospital. Notwithstanding whatever may have been reported, the letter of intent currently being reviewed by Lakewood City Council and the city administration is not signed by Lakewood and is in any event not binding on the city. Furthermore, whatever proposal MetroHealth may have made to the Lakewood Hospital Association in 2014 was not a matter for the full city council's review. City council is perfectly free to consider any proposals regarding the future of healthcare in Lakewood, and indeed we are obligated to do so as community stewards if such a proposal is presented.

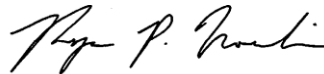
Therefore, I ask that you pass along this invite to Dr. Boutros, on behalf of Lakewood City Council, to join us at a future council committee meeting so that we may explore MetroHealth's interest in operating a healthcare facility in Lakewood. If Dr. Boutros and the MetroHealth System indeed have an interest in operating a facility in Lakewood, this would be the ideal time for city council and the residents to better understand any such proposal. We are operating with all deliberate speed in evaluating the nonbinding proposal advanced by the Lakewood Hospital Association and the Cleveland Clinic, and we must do so with respect to any other proposals as well.

I suggest the following dates and times for a meeting at Lakewood City Hall: Monday, June 1st at 6:00 p.m., or Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m. I would encourage Dr. Boutros to respond as thoroughly as possible to Mayor Summers' letter of May 18 in advance of that meeting, so we may have a better appreciation for what MetroHealth would consider for its proposal.

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Please ask Dr. Boutros to respond by close of business on May 27th with an indication as to whether the MetroHealth System is interested in meeting with City Council. If I do not hear a response by then, I will assume and pass along to my colleagues that the MetroHealth System is not interested in operating a healthcare facility on the site of Lakewood Hospital. I look forward to hearing from Dr. Boutros soon and, I hope, meeting him in person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan P. Nowlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ryan" being more prominent.

Ryan P. Nowlin
Vice President of Council