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Re: Comments in Support of Project 261237-E: NYC Health + Hospitals / Maimonides Medical Center and Maimonides Midwood Community Hospital

Dear Mr. Kraut and members of the Public Health and Health Planning Council:

We proudly represent the communities in Brooklyn, and we are writing to express our strong support for the proposed merger between Maimonides Medical Center and the New York City Health and Hospitals System, which was recently approved by the PHHPC Committee on Establishment and Project Review on August 27, 2026.

Maimonides Medical Center has consistently provided high-quality, specialized, culturally competent care to the diverse communities of Southwest Brooklyn. However, persistent challenges with financial stability, technological obsolescence and strained revenue cycle management have made it hard for the current institution to meet community health needs without possibly compromising standards of care. It is essential that the facility receives the necessary support to upgrade its infrastructure, expand capacity, and modernize its health information systems. The proposed merger creates an opportunity to address these challenges and invest to strengthen Maimonides. As a result, this will have a lasting impact on the residents in Southwest Brooklyn by:

- Reducing wait times for appointments, procedures and emergency department care
- Improved staffing capacity for scheduled and emergent inpatient
- Expanded operational capacity through EMR upgrades
- Improved public and community health by ensuring that residents receive care that is close to home

Our community relies heavily on the dedication and resilience of Maimonides Medical Center's clinical professionals, registered nurses and support staff. This large historic state investment

focuses on the transformation and long-term preservation of Maimonides as an essential healthcare institution for Brooklyn.

We strongly urge you to approve this project and save and transform Maimonides Medical Center as we know it today. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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