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Dear Neighbor,

Great news! Today the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board (HFSRB) has approved our Certificate of Need applications to build a new state-of-the-art replacement hospital and once that is operational, discontinue our existing hospital. This was the final major step to gaining state regulatory approval, and we hope to break ground later this year at the former US Steel site. We expect construction to take multiple years and plan to open the new hospital in 2029.

The current Advocate Trinity Hospital will continue serving patients until the new hospital is built and has opened, ensuring a seamless transition of care. Once the new hospital opens, the current hospital will be closed and Advocate will demolish the site and create green space while working with local elected officials, the City of Chicago and the community to determine the best use for the property.

And, as we've said from the beginning, we plan to keep every one of our current teammates working on the South Side AND we are committed to hiring 1,000 new teammates over the next three years to support our \$1 Billion investment to help South Side residents live longer, healthier lives through new services, programs and expanded access to care. It will take all of us working together to improve the health and wellness of our community.

We'll share more details in the coming weeks as we solidify plans to hold a groundbreaking event for the new hospital and hope you will join us to celebrate this momentous occasion!

As we embark on this exciting next chapter – opening our brand-new hospital and activating this new model of care to bring services closer to home - I want to express my sincere gratitude for your partnership, insights and ideas. All that we have created we have done TOGETHER, and I could not be more grateful for this community and what is to come.

Warmly, Michelle

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