

MAYOR'S HOTLINES
St. Luke's master plan comments
4/7/15 – 4/12/15

4/7/15

Kathy Vawter
525 S. Pond St.
Boise, ID 83705
345-8629

I just wanted to make a comment about St. Luke's closing off the street. I would be against that; I think they need to leave that open. She's against St. Luke's closing that street off, she thinks it should remain open.

Council/ PDS

4/7/15

Don May
4759 S. Chex Way
Boise, ID 83709
890-0270

don@donaldmay.com

I am calling because I am a landlord and I have two investment properties in downtown Boise. One of them is 3108 W. Stewart Ave. and the other one is 926 N. 32nd St. I believe that it is absolutely critical that Boise do whatever it can to keep the St. Luke's Boise Medical Center in downtown Boise. It's very important that residents in the City of Boise have access to premiere medical care. It certainly helps landlords such as myself maintain the value of the property when we purchased it. The residents who live there really deserve to have premiere care available to them. I hope that the Mayor and City Council can do everything that they can to accommodate St. Luke's; it appears that St. Luke's is bending over backwards to try to accommodate the City and its desire to have bicycle and pedestrian friendly which I am a supporter as well. We need to have access to go health care. The mission statement of the City of Boise is the most livable city, so it's got to have premiere health care readily available. I don't see how the City of Boise can go after that mission and not pursue health care that is so readily and easily available to them right now.

Council/ PDS

4/8/15

Anonymous

I am a resident of Boise and I have been since 1970 and I've seen the city grow and I comment the city government for helping the city prosper and grow. I would like to express my very strong support for the St. Luke's proposal to improve and expand its hospital facility and I hope you will recognize the value and benefits to the city and approve it.

Council/PDS

4/10/15

Stevenson Youngerman
3120 Crane Creek Rd.
Boise, ID
345-6334

I wish to give my support to the St. Luke's downtown plan and add that I think the comments about closing Jefferson and the affect on the East End are ludicrous.

Council/PDS

4/12/15

Dexter McBride

1025 W. ElGore Dr.

Boise, ID 83702

Dextter.mcbride@me.com

I am calling in reference to St. Luke's attempting to annex yet more of downtown. I want to go on record as being against this. I believe that it will be a negative impact on traffic flow, it will be a negative impact to those residents who live in that area of town. I am AGAINST St. Luke's getting any bigger than it already is and frankly their threats of leaving downtown if they don't get their way are ridiculous, and good riddance.

Council/PDS

Mayor's Hotlines
St. Luke's Expansion
3/31/15 – 4/2/15

3/31/15

Minnie Patten

342-8281

minpatten@hotmail.com

I am calling in regard to St. Luke's request for expanding and development. I am strongly in favor of this; I urge you to support it. So many things are moving west into Meridian. There are such a large number of people on this side of town that need the expert services that St. Luke's can provide. I ask again your support for this.

City Council

3/31/15

Mona Tifis

12854 W. New Intah Courts

Boise, ID 83713

938-0969

atmissmonarn@gmail.com

The St. Luke's Children's Hospital should be built in Meridian and not downtown Boise. This makes way more sense to me that due to the growing area of Boise, and most of it is out towards Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, South Boise, and due to the fact that it is very difficult to get downtown, the Children's Hospital should be in Meridian. It's right off the freeway, it's more convenient, they have land, they have space for parking, building, etc. I have talked to many, many people who have the same opinion and I will encourage them to voice their opinions as well.

City Council

3/31/15

Richard Webb

2205 N. 34th St.

Boise, ID 83703

340-3266

Rickw379@gmail.com

This is regarding St. Luke's proposal to close off parts of Jefferson St. to accommodate their hospital expansion. I think the idea is ridiculous; it only serves St. Luke's needs, not the local transportation needs. St. Luke's has already closed off parts of Bannock St. for its own use; where's this going to stop? Over the next few decades will St. Luke's occupy half of Boise downtown? They will if you let them. St. Luke's is nothing short of a health care bully. It is becoming so large they can't understand the word "no". Just look at the way they're fighting the recent court decision regarding the law suit with St. Al's. Please do the great citizens of Boise a favor and deny this street closure proposal.

City Council

4/1/15

Chris Meyer

3443 S. Millspur Way

Boise, ID 83716

I'm calling to urge support for St. Luke's expansion and modernization program. I live in Boise in Harris Ranch.

City Council

4/1/15

Helen Gladich
7300 W. Cascade Dr.
Boise, ID 83704

Please don't move the cancer center to Meridian. We need this here in Boise. Boise bigger than Meridian and I can't imagine such a shock. So, leave the cancer center here in Boise because Meridian has its own outreach. Don't even consider that; there are so many of us that need the cancer center right here where it is.

City Council

4/1/15

Roland Crosby
12458 N. Upper Ridge Place
Hidden Springs, 83714

I support the expansion of the St. Luke's downtown hospital campus. As the population grows in Boise and the whole treasure valley, we are going to need additional medical facilities and I think St. Luke's expansion is well thought out, a good plan, and needs to be enacted.

City Council

4/1/15

Verl L. Kersey
956 N. Camelot Dr.
Boise, ID 83704
377-1181

I'm calling in support of the St. Luke's downtown plan. Frankly I think it's atrocious that a law suit was ever brought against St. Luke's. It's one of the absurdities in our community. I wanted to thank the Boise Council for their support.

City Council

4/1/15

Joyce Gomez
514 S. 12th St. Apt. 217
Boise, ID 83702
353-3222

I just to say, "yes please" to St. Luke's plan downtown. I think we need that. We, as seniors in this area, depend on St. Luke's, and if some parts of it have to go to Meridian, we're out of luck because we don't have cars.

City Council

4/1/15

Patricia and David Lachiondo
794-5674
168 S. Villa Pl.
Boise, ID 83712

We're calling in support of St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

4/1/15

Carl Bosine
5275 W. Franklin Rd.
Meridian, ID 83642

571-0453

I'm calling to let you know that I'm against any further streets being closed for St. Luke's hospital. Enough is enough. I don't want the street closed; I want it to remain open so people can get downtown. St. Luke's can build a tramway or a walkway or do something else, but no more caving in to them.

City Council

4/1/15

Philip Gordon

623 W. Hayes

Boise, ID

pgordon@gordonlawoffices.com

880-7200

I'm calling in response to the new attempt to overreaching to create an empire and to value themselves above all others. It appears to me that they are run some completely out-of-control megalomaniacs who believe that St. Luke's is more important than any other constituency and that everybody should bow down to them. I'm extremely offended by their postcard in which they say that major citizens will be migrated over time to Meridian. This is, "I'm going to take my football and go home if you don't play by my rules." They are altogether too powerful and they need to be stopped. One way to stop them is to say "no" to their expansion and their overreaching plan and disregard for the rights of citizens in the east and trying to take over the core of downtown Boise. There's too much power already concentrated in too few hands in the health care industry, which we were told by Judge Winnell, who was upheld by the Ninth Circuit. We don't need these people dictating to us who can go where in our city.

City Council

4/1/15

Frank Martinez

1932 N. 18th St.

Boise, ID 83702

303-748-8581

I am looking at this ad from St. Luke's in today's paper, today being Wednesday, but I was totally offended by their threatening tone and the fact that they are trying to blackmail the city. I would hope that the City Council and the Mayor will continue in their effort to save our street and keep St. Luke's from expanding.

City Council

Kirt Keo

343-1750

East End of Boise

I have reviewed the St. Luke's expansion plan and I have great concern over the closing of Jefferson and the impact it will have on the neighborhood traffic. If Jefferson were not to be closed according to the map, I think this would be much more palatable, but shutting off Jefferson will cause major problems and this plan has already been denied by the Planning & Zoning Commission and it is my understanding that the ACHD Commission have said off record that they are not in favor of this plan either.

City Council

4/2/15

David Countryman

3101 Ridgeway

Boise, ID

336-0806

I'm calling in response St. Luke's flyer encouraging me to vote "yes" on St. Luke's downtown plan. I would implore you to **vote "no"**. This kind of blackmail they're doing to get their way for their industrial medicine has enraged me. I want you to do what's best for the City of Boise, not for St. Luke's.

City Council

St. Luke's Master Plan Expansion
Mayor's Hotlines
4/2/15 – 4/6/15

4/2/15

Anonymous

I'm calling to give my comments against the St. Luke's expansion. The medical business is no longer a profession, it's too greedy, and St. Luke's has far too much money. They're not concerned with flow of traffic, pedestrians or cyclists, their sole focus is how to spend all the profits they're raking in without having to pay taxes. So, they can take their cancer center, their children's hospital, and their heart facility to Eagle or Meridian or Melba for all we care. But, do not threaten us that it will affect our economy and health care. In addition, if people would wise up and take care of their own health and avoid the greedy medical business, we'd all benefit, and wouldn't it be fun to see drug manufacturers go into bankruptcy. St. Luke's is already building another clinic on the corner of Overland and Orchard. Isn't there another one within 3 blocks? Too much money, they have too much money, they don't need to expand...no.

City Council

4/3/15

Ron Walker

2012 N. 18th

Boise, ID 83702

850-1187

I'm calling concerning the St. Luke's downtown plan. I believe the east end needs a second exit from there; there are a lot of people back in there and they've taken care of that area. The street leading out of there should not be closed by St. Luke's. I enjoy St. Luke's, I think they're a great hospital, but I think that's a bad idea. Also, in doing that, if they were going to cut down the Sequoia tree, I think that's a terrible idea; for a city named the City of Trees, I think they have a tree that could live for a thousand years, and it's only maybe 120 years old at this point. I think that would be a travesty.

City Council

4/3/15

Geri Van Houten

433-0363

670 Clearwater Ln. #102

Boise, ID

I'm in favor of what St. Luke's wants to do. I think it's good for the people and especially good for the Seniors who live downtown, and there are many of us. I am very interested in this and I hope that it will pass.

City Council

4/3/15

Mrs. Larry Wright

345-9438

We would like to say "yes" to St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

4/3/15

Marie L. Schick

922-6166

514 S. 12th St. Apt 303

Boise, ID 83702

I am voting "yes" for St. Luke's downtown plan to expand the hospital.

City Council

4/3/15

Darrell Bean

385-9011

I'm calling about expressing my opposition to St. Luke's proposal to take another street. I wonder what the next street they're going to want is going to be. I'm glad the City Council has opposed that; I hope they continue to.

City Council

4/4/15

Anonymous

I'm calling regarding the moving of the hearing for St. Luke's proposed expansion, suddenly being changed from April 7th to April 14th, and now with no public comment. I think this doesn't sound right and smells really bad; it smells to me like corruption, like there's a real problem with influence and money. The fact that St. Luke's wants to take Jefferson St. away from the citizens of Boise is not being widely accepted and St. Luke's doesn't want to hear that. I strongly urge the Mayor's office to reconsider and influence the City Council to meet as planned on April 7th or to allow public comment on April 14th. This is going to blow up and not look good for the City. There's clearly influence here; clearly St. Luke's does not want to spend the money to add the extra floor to bridge Jefferson and they can well afford to do that and do what's right for the master plan for the City of Boise. This is completely wrong and completely greedy on their part. I'm really, really worried that the City Council is allowing these foul tactics to proceed and St. Luke's is getting away with this. I'm going to keep calling and I'm not happy about it, and maybe after about 10 calls, I'll leave my contact information.

City Council

4/6/15

Linda Muffley

376-1848

6446 W. Fairfield Ave.

Boise, ID 83709

I'm calling on behalf of myself and my husband Steven. We are calling to support the expansion of St. Luke's hospital in downtown Boise. We'd like to see that happen as soon as possible, if that works out.

City Council

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4/6/15 – 4/7/15

4/6/15

Jennifer Swek
859-0821
8310 W. Wyndham Ln.
Boise, ID 83704

I'm calling to say "yes" on the St. Luke's downtown plan.

4/6/15

Mary Ann Hedrich
4897 Wild Rye Dr.
Boise, ID 83703
336-0179 or cell: 721-1296
mahedrich@msn.com

I'm calling about the St. Luke's downtown plan, and I have to say that I have had two very negative experiences; one with me as a patient at St. Luke's and another for my son-in-law, one of which was an ER visit. I don't know if you want more information; I would be glad to give it to you. It was a very bad experience and almost death. I believe that St. Luke's is expanding for the sake of expansion; I don't think that they're bringing any improvements in health to Boise. I see nothing but increased costs; I think we know that as hospitals get larger and acquire more practices and what not, costs do not go down, they go up. I would be happy to give anyone the details of the two experiences that I personally have had with St. Luke's. I am really opposed to any expansion of St. Luke's hospital, downtown or anywhere else for that matter.

4/6/15

Peter Vanville
2116 N. 15th St.
890-5994

I received the postcard about the St. Luke's expansion plan in the mail, which encouraged me to voice support for their plan, which I really didn't have a particular viewpoint one way or the other about the plan itself. But, in reading the card, it encourages me to voice my support for the plan, while simultaneously threatening that failure to get the plan passed, approved, or rammed through City Council, because it went down through Planning & Zoning board, that as a result of not getting their way, they're going to migrate their services away from Boise, which strikes me as a very disingenuous way of trying to get people to voice support for their plan. To top it off, St. Luke's has already bought out my physician's practice, and in the process of doing that, has tripled the price for medications that I receive by infusion three times a year at the minimum. That's no small price I'm getting; the original price was \$3,000 and now St. Luke's is billing it at \$12,000+ per infusion. It's hard to support somebody who's doing that, and as you know hospitals are largely responsible for price hikes in our medical costs. I have to say it's hard to support something like that; their expansion plan is probably altruistic, but I have this feeling that it is not.

4/6/15

Bonnie Sharf
1553 Lens Lane
Boise, ID 83712
384-9791

I've lived in the East End or off Shaw Mountain since 1984 and I'm very concerned that St. Luke's not close Jefferson. Every hospital that has expanded within a city area that I have visited, and I have visited many, especially in Chicago, the last one that I was at was Northwestern, all of them built a causeway across the streets they expanded into; from parking buildings or even other facilities where it was above the street level so you could directly go from area to area using a causeway, thus not changing traffic patterns in the East End that is already complicated as it is. So, I would love to attend the meeting, hoping to do so, but hoping that the plan can include a causeway and not close the street. I think it will not solve any problems; it will create its own.

4/6/15

Michelle Terbert
1807 E. Roanoke Dr.
Boise, ID 83712
861-6261

I'm calling about the St. Luke's downtown plan. I want to express my dissatisfaction with their plan to close off Jefferson. I live in Foothills East and I think it's going to be a huge detriment to the traffic in our neighborhood which is already challenging. I also strongly resent the threatening mail that was sent out to neighborhood folks telling us that they will move their operations to Meridian unless it's passed. I think it's wrong to threaten and to hold that over our heads, and I hope that has no impact on your decision making.

4/7/15

Ann Barton Schoenhart
Resident of Boise, Idaho since 1964
338 McGuffin Ln.
345-6149

I'm calling to express my concerns about St. Luke's trying to close Jefferson St. If they do that, the entire East End of Boise will be excluded from downtown, other than Warm Springs Ave. and the connector. I don't think this is a wise choice; I think St. Luke's has many options to consider. Please do not close Jefferson St.; it's historic to Boise, Idaho and not necessary.

From: [Charlie & Lee Honsinger](#)
To: [Maryanne Jordan](#); [Elaine Clegg](#); [Lauren McLean](#); [Scot Ludwig](#); [TJ Thomson](#); [Ben Quintana](#); [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: April 14 meeting on St. Lukes Plan
Date: Thursday, April 09, 2015 8:37:04 AM

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my concern about the April 14 workshop to address the St. Lukes Boise Medical Center Master Plan. According to City Council's Public Hearing Update on its website, the "City Council will hear and discuss potential revisions to St. Lukes application at its regular 6 pm meeting on April 14." My concern with this process is that the City Council will "hear" the potential revisions via St. Lukes' representatives explanation and promotion of the same, without an opportunity for the Council to hear the viewpoint of those who will be most impacted by the proposed revisions - St. Lukes' neighbors. Such a process appears to be one-sided and dismissive of the expertise and knowledge developed by many participants who have spent substantial time and effort reviewing and learning about the original plan and the most recent proposed revisions.

It would be my hope and expectation that the result of the Council's work session would be the initiation of an inclusive, more public planning process that encompasses the area impacted by St. Lukes' current application. Such a process will result in a plan that will likely be stronger with the input of all stakeholders, and will likely be more acceptable with their participation. I look forward to your adoption of such a process.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Honsinger
410 Riverview Drive
Boise, ID 83712

From: [Hope Evett](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: CPA 14-00004
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 10:33:34 AM

Dear Mr. Simmons,

My husband and I have lived at 810 East Bannock for twenty-eight years and are also patients of doctors at MIST and SLIM. We have lived in Boise for almost forty-three years and have seen this lovely community grow by leaps and bounds since we arrived in 1972 to rear our family and for my husband to teach at BSU.

We are especially fond of the East End, its sense of community and the importance of keeping the integrity of the historic district intact and viable.

I feel that the scale and magnitude of St. Luke's proposed plan is not what the Historic East End needs. Despite the fact we are patients within the Downtown St. Lukes, we are definitely not in favor of this particular expansion plan. If St. Luke's could revise this plan down a few "notches" that would include not adding to the already heavily travelled roads in this part of town, we'd be willing to consider something less drastic than this CPA 14-00004.

Thanks so much, Mr. Simmons.
Sincerely,
Hope and Stu Evett

From: [Tim Doyle](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: cpa14-00004
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 5:54:30 AM

As the owner of 615 Krall St., 616 Pierce St., and 411 Elm St., I have a commitment to the quality of life in the historic East End of Boise. I strongly support the expansion of the St.Lukes facility - including the traffic flow/street modifications.

It would be a shame if we treat this opportunity, as the City has with other major expansions, forcing a relocation, or a significantly diminished opportunity for a first class development.

Thank you,

Tim Doyle

From: [M & R Ripple](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: CPA14-00004/St. Luke's Health System/St. Luke's Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:55:45 AM

I think that St. Luke's plan to modernize the Boise medical center to meet the region's needs for medical care currently and into the future by planning now is a wise course to take.

The City of Boise should encourage St. Luke's to plan for future growth by allowing and encouraging St. Luke's to build upwards--taller buildings that use less land. The downtown campus is already beginning to be a landmark and it should not have height restrictions so that it fits into a suburban landscape. Let St. Luke's be a towering icon in East Boise.

St. Luke's needs a huge parking garage because patients and doctors will drive to get there. That is a fact of American life--we use our cars when we want to go some place quickly and easily. We will not go there if parking is an issue or a hassle.

However, I don't think that closing Jefferson Street to all traffic is the answer. Jefferson Street is the main way for bicyclists to get from the East End to Downtown Boise. Jefferson Street provides the fastest, most direct and safest route, and bicycling is not only good for the environment, but good for general health. Let Jefferson Street be open to cyclists and pedestrians, either by building over this street or providing a tunnel that is sufficiently wide (at least one car lane wide) for cyclists and pedestrians.

Martha and Richard Ripple
1515 Warm Springs Ave
Boise 83712

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: CPA14-00004 St. Luke's Health System/ St. Luke's Downtown Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:15:16 PM

From: Pam Brewer [mailto:pammiebrew@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:55 AM
To: MayorBieter; Council
Subject: CPA14-00004 St. Luke's Health System/ St. Luke's Downtown Master Plan

Mayor and Council;

I am writing to encourage the City of Boise to approve the St. Luke's Downtown Master Plan. The City and it's citizens have the opportunity to add tremendous value to our fair city in many ways:

- Economic
- Attract highly skilled individuals
- Accessable health care
- Provide for the best health care available
- Smart and sensible growth
- Provide for further economic opportunities in the North and East side of downtown

St. Luke's is a valuable community partner. They provide medical service to many who cannot pay and support numerous community events. We are fotrunate to have them be so engaged int our community.

St. Luke's has been thoughtful in their development of this plan. Many studies have been done. They have engaged their neighbors with community open houses and direct outreach. The ped/bike lane plan is a game changer for the neighborhood. It would promote much more pedestrian and bike use in East and North Boise. Yes, one may have to ride their bike around the campus, but neighborhoods will still remain quaint.

Mayor Bieter wants Boise to be one of the most *LIVEABLE* cities in the United States, having St. Luke's as part of our community certainly helps make it so.

Sincerely,

Pam Brewer
3085 S Ladera
Boise, ID 83705

[509.979.2277](#)

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Expressing dissatisfaction with route of St. Luke's expansion
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:47:58 AM

From: Norman Weinstein [mailto:nweinstein25@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 10:03 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Expressing dissatisfaction with route of St. Luke's expansion

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the proposed St. Luke's expansion plan. After studying their plans, I believe that St. Luke's has failed to address the connectivity and traffic flow consequences of their plan. To add insult to injury, I find the hospital's new tactic in advertising of using a manipulative threat - "If the Boise City Council votes against our plan, major services will be migrated over time to Meridian . . ." - insultingly arrogant and mean-spirited. If St. Luke's were as good a neighbor as they claim to be to their nearby neighborhood and to their city, they would not use this kind of threat to get their way at any cost. I strongly recommend that you reject their insensitive expansion plan and allow them to make good on their claim of being a good neighbor to Boise citizens.

Sincerely,

Norman Weinstein
2240 S. Elderberry Pl.
Boise, Idaho 83706
PH: 208-433-1294

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Healthcare in Ada County
Date: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 3:27:09 PM

From: S Lew [mailto:hatesbeets83705@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 2:16 PM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: Healthcare in Ada County

I know the Boise city council is not hearing "public testimony" on closing Jefferson St. at this time, so this is just food for thought on the matter of expansion, and not about a road closure:

The population center of this valley is now in the Meridian area and southeastern Canyon county, so why is Mayor Bieter so gung-ho on insisting that St. Luke's get their way (which seems to be "their way, or the highway", IMHO) regarding expansion? Does it not make more sense for Meridian St. Luke's to be expanded, and not the Boise campus? The Children's Hospital should be in Meridian. Meridian is where the majority of children live in this valley. In fact, for the majority of Boiseans, it's just as convenient to jump on the freeway and go to Meridian, as it is to try and get to downtown Boise.

Is it not possible that St. Luke's does not want to expand their Meridian campus because they might not get/or then "need" to build a Nampa hospital? With the cost of healthcare skyrocketing, does it not make sense to do what is better for the greater good, vs. doctors/administrators living in the Boise foothills, not wanting to commute to Meridian for work?

St. Luke's downtown is not going to close if you don't approve their plan-- it will just move its expansion westward-- which, by all rights, is what *should* happen. This should not be a matter of "Meridian vs. Boise" for business. It should be all about what is best for the healthcare consumer.

Just for the record, I do live in Boise. Southeast Boise. I really do not care if I need to drive to Meridian on the rare occasion I need to go to a hospital. It seems a lot of the Boise doctors send you out there anyway. Trying to get downtown from Broadway Ave. is already a nightmare around the Warm Springs Ave/Main St./Idaho St. intersections. Adding to the congestion is just going to make it unbearable. Please vote responsibly on this issue.

Sincerely,

Susan Lew

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: I am against the proposed St Luke's expansion
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:23:32 AM

From: Jan Boyno [mailto:jboyno@healthwise.org]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:07 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: I am against the proposed St Luke's expansion

Please vote no, thank you.

Jan Boyno
909 E Saratoga Drive
Boise, ID 83706

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Improve St. Luke's Downtown!
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:07:04 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Hyders [<mailto:the.hyders@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 11:00 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Improve St. Luke's Downtown!

Dear Mayor and Boise City Council Members,

I appeal to you to vote for the necessary improvements to St. Luke's downtown medical center.

St. Luke's has played a critical roll in my life and that of my family these past 11 years. Their children's hospital has been essential to us, and it's near proximity to our home an immense blessing!

Please keep St. Luke's excellent care and convenience in Boise!

I love that our city has quality healthcare as one of its central attributes and- as has already begun to be the case- I would find the dispersement of medical services out to Meridian to be most discouraging. Part of what makes Boise such an attractive, pleasant city is the accessibility and ready convenience of major community cornerstones, such as St. Luke's Hospital.

By moving the Children's Hospital out of Boise, you would be abandoning the younger families that have chosen to be part of keeping downtown Boise a vital, wholesome, and friendly place to live and visit.

Please wholeheartedly pursue the necessary upgrades that are necessary to retain St. Luke's excellent healthcare in our downtown.

Sincerely,
Sara Hyder

3283 W. Edson St.
Boise 83705

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: In Favor of St. Luke's Downtown Campus Development Project
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:43:58 AM
Attachments: [Campus Development Support Letter.docx](#)

From: Monica Hoffer [mailto:monicaandnolan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:33 AM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: In Favor of St. Luke's Downtown Campus Development Project

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council Members,

Attached is my letter in support of the St. Luke's Campus Development Project.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Monica Hoffer

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: In Support of St. Luke's Master Plan
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:18:31 AM

From: Emily Koleno [mailto:emilykoleno@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 8:06 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: In Support of St. Luke's Master Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter & Council,

I am writing to urge you to approve St. Luke's Master Plan. Approval is imperative for the long-term success of our city. I am flabbergasted that this topic has caused such debate when it is an obvious, positive next step for the only hospital in the heart of Boise.

My husband and I moved to Boise in 2012 after seriously considering Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Bend as alternatives. We moved to Boise for its livability, entrepreneurial spirit, great weather, family-friendliness and many important amenities, including great healthcare. We love living in Boise and had our first baby at St. Luke's downtown campus three months ago.

Exceptional healthcare is a cornerstone in any vibrant city and St. Luke's is providing that care in downtown Boise. St. Luke's will soon not be able to meet the needs of our community if we deny the expansion they NEED. The Master Plan has been thoughtfully prepared. It carefully addresses and SOLVES the issues raised by the hospital's neighbors regarding pedestrian and bicycle traffic on Jefferson Street. Closing the proposed portion of Jefferson to vehicles is a reasonable request and a critical component of the Plan's feasibility.

Please do not let a vocal minority harm the welfare of the majority. Please approve the St. Luke's Master Plan.

Best regards,

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Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Idaho, Young Agents Committee Chair
Boise Young Professionals, Community Engagement Team Chair
Boise Women Lean In Circle Founder

(The associations above are included only to demonstrate my involvement in the community. The views expressed are my own.)

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Letter in support of St. Luke's downtown campus plan
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:09:06 AM

From: Jesse Miller [mailto:jesse03@cableone.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:05 PM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: Letter in support of St. Luke's downtown campus plan

Dear Mayor Bieter and Boise City Council members:

Let me lay my cards on the table: I am a 32-year employee of St. Luke's, and for the past 16 or so of those years, I have been part of the Public Relations team. And three months ago I joined the Community Relations team, under the direction of the venerable Theresa McLeod. (Do I have good timing, or what? Talk about trial by fire!)

It probably comes as no surprise that I am writing this letter in support of St. Luke's Boise campus development plan—but not as a mouthpiece for St. Luke's leaders. Rather, I am writing as a North Ender who cares deeply about the livability of the fair city in which I have resided for the past 52 years AND having top-quality healthcare near my home and family. If you approve St. Luke's plan, I, selfishly perhaps, can have both.

Why should you approve the plan? Let me give you three great reasons, which happen to be the reasons why I personally support the plan:

1. The plan promotes good health – by providing fantastic hospital facilities and enhancing safety for cyclists and pedestrians. (I have a 5-mile round-trip commute to work, and 95% of the time make my way by bike or on foot.)
2. The plan calls for intersection and street improvements in the Fort Boise/St. Luke's area – something that's been a long time coming. (I used to work in the little house at the intersection of Fort, 1st, and State, way back in the day when it was a 4-way stop and it seemed like a car crash occurred every day; while crashes may be further and farther between these days, the intersection is still a mess.)
3. Over the past three decades, I have had the privilege of working closely with, and getting to know, St. Luke's executive leaders. Gil Gilbertson, Ed Dahlberg, Gary Fletcher, Dr. David Pate, Chris Roth, Kathy Moore. What do all of these people have in common, besides serving at the highest levels of the organization? They have integrity. (No, I'm not using past tense with Gil, because I'm quite certain he's maintaining his integrity in Heaven.) And this means they have earned my trust.

When St. Luke's leaders say they have no viable alternative to asking for a street closure, I believe them—and I'm no Pollyanna. When they say the plan is best for our patients, I believe them. And when they say the plan will enhance the connectivity experience for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians alike, I believe them.

My hope is that you will believe them, too.

Sincerely,

Holly Miller
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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of support
Date: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 12:58:18 PM

From: Mindy Plumlee [mailto:mindy@rmhcidaho.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 12:47 PM
To: MayorBieter
Cc: CityCouncil
Subject: Letter of support

Mayor Bieter & Council Members,

I wanted to send a note to share my support and that of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho for the St. Luke's Medical Center campus plan, particularly the Children's Pavilion project. In addition to being a neighbor of St. Luke's (we are located at the corner of 1st & Main St, directly to the West of the proposed boundary), we work closely with St. Luke's and Saint Alphonsus. We provide housing for families who have pediatric patients receiving inpatient or outpatient services who travel to Boise from throughout Idaho, Oregon and beyond. The necessity of additional space for children's specialty services is a trend we have seen first-hand and work with St. Luke's Children's Hospital for nearly 90% of the families that utilize the Idaho Ronald McDonald House. Our primary focus is on family centered care, and the benefit that offers the patient and the family. Having many services & physicians together at one location that is attached to the hospital changes the way care can be delivered to these patients and changes the experience for the entire family.

We are not part of either hospital system, but an independent Idaho non-profit, supported by the community. Our mission is focused on the families with ill and injured children we serve, and being a part of the safety net for families when they have critically sick kids. Staff, volunteers and guests of the House all utilize different transportation options around us, including walking, biking, autos and public transportation. We appreciate the willingness of the City Council to work to find the best solution that allows the space St. Luke's Children's Hospital needs to expand its services to meet the demand.

Please feel free to follow up with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mindy Plumlee

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Mindy Plumlee
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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: NO! To St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 8:25:11 AM

From: Nicole Lenzi [mailto:niclenzi@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:38 PM
To: MayorBieter
Cc: CityCouncil
Subject: Fwd: NO! To St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council,

I am asking you to **vote NO to St. Luke's expansion request** and closure of Jefferson and 1st street.

I grew up in NE Boise off Warm Springs and know and love the area well. I attended Adams Elem, East Jr High (old location) and graduated from Boise HS. My father is buried at Pioneer Cemetery and my husband and I have a plot there as well, as does a sister. That area is very near and dear to my heart. I have lived in NE end, North End, and SE end. In the past few years we have seen more car traffic coming along Broadway, Warm Springs, State St, reserve, McKinley, E Jefferson. I work at the VA and I can tell you that car traffic gets backed up already at Broadway/Warm Springs and E.Jefferson/Broadway intersections. Trying to get to and from work is already bad, and I can only imagine what the morning and evening commute will be like if more cars are shunted off 1st and E.Jefferson and onto other streets. Please think how this will impact those of us that drive to work around there or live in that area. There has been a huge increase in traffic with St. Luke's parking garage in the am and pm. Cars have to wait quite a while to turn left from Broadway into St. Luke's parking garage in the morning. After 5pm it is even worse as there are long lines of Luke's employees trying to turn right onto Broadway so that they can turn right onto Front and get onto the connector. Traffic naturally backs up. This expansion will cause even more cars and congestion in an already congested area. The streets in this area are not designed for that volume.

I am not OK with giving away a public street and major artery from NE END to downtown. This is not OK, and needs to be stopped. Please vote no. This would be my response if it was St. Al's, TVH, Micron, CWI or any business that wanted to obtain those streets.

I think we need to ask what is in the best interest for Boise as a whole. Voting No is the right choice. Why might you ask?

1. St. Luke's has land in Meridian and they should expand there. Sure they want to get a stronger foothold in NE Boise, but we do not need to sacrifice the bluepoint of the city so St. Luke's can obtain a public street when they have other options.

- In Meridian they can build a parking garage for staff and then construct another tower or two to add onto the main hospital with sky bridges. They would have lots space for more specialties. There is more housing being constructed in Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell area and having a larger hospital would address that need. Eagle road is a 4 lane road that is straight

and designed to carry high volume traffic.

2. If they insist on Boise expansion, then they need to do it without eating up E. Jefferson or 1st street. Why are they not building upward off the children's hospital and ED. Likewise, they could look at expanding the Idaho Professional Building and the space around it, expanding Building #90 and then have a sky bridge linking the buildings to the main campus. They could make the current public parking garage (by the Anderson plaza building) into an office building and then create a larger public parking garage in front of the hospital. They could have a sky bridge link buildings.

4. St. Luke's has lots of buildings up Jefferson and 2nd street. If this is approved, where does it stop? Will they ask next to close 2nd street to expand their campus in 15 years? They own spots on W. Washington, front, and state street. Will they then in the future ask the taxpayers to donate more public streets so they can expand? This needs to be stopped NOW! They already received Bannock. If the campus does not fit St. Luke's health System's needs then they need to redesign what they currently have without taking up public streets. If they are not able to do that, then it probably does not make sense for the expansion to occur in Boise, and it should happen in Meridian. Please do not give them our public streets and negatively affect the car and bike traffic and quality of life in that area forever.

Please say No!!!! The city of Boise gave them Bannock St. years ago. Once the street is gone, it is gone forever and the city blueprint and traffic pattern are forever changed. As a taxpayer I do not want to sacrifice NE Boise when St. Luke's has other options. Again, Please say NO to the expansion.

Sincerely,

Nicole Amideo

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: No on St. Lukes Expansion
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46:54 AM

From: John O'Hagan [mailto:johnohaganauthor@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 6:41 AM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: MayorBieter
Subject: No on St. Lukes Expansion

As a "neighbor" of St. Lukes I am adamantly opposed to the expansion plan as now proposed. In particular I am opposed to any closure of Jefferson St. If Jefferson St. is closed to facilitate St. Lukes plans you will be imposing a ten story high, three block wide, permanent barrier at one of the major interfaces to our down town core.

Why should a private, multi-million dollar corporation get to take a public right of way from the citizens of Boise? Closing Jefferson Street is not the only option available to St. Lukes grandiose plan. It is just the easiest and cheapest. Let St. Lukes use its own money to expand, not mine.

It is time for our City Government to listen to the citizens of Boise, and not to the Developers, and that is what St. Lukes is with this plan, a major developer of our urban spaces. This is not empty vacant land! This is a major east-west, two lane thorough-fare which they want to make a bike path!

I am particularly offended by the tactics this "neighborly" corporation is employing with half page ads daily, i.e. "if you don't approve this we'll take our hospital and move it to Meridian." Neighbors do not use intimidation to get cooperation.

Personally, I think it would be just fine if St. Lukes would "migrate" to Meridian. Then the peace and quite of my neighborhood would not be disturbed by their clattering, thumping, helicopters at all hours of the day and night.

NO CLOSURE OF JEFFERSON ST!! NO MORE INTRUSION BY ST. LUKES

John J. O'Hagan
Author of: Lands Never Trodden - The Franciscans and The California Missions- Caxton Press

and When the Basques Ruled California - Caxton Press .

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: No to St. Luke's
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:38:31 PM

From: Zoya Polakow [mailto:rntravlz@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:14 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: No to St. Luke's

Dear Folks:

I adamantly oppose St. Luke's RMC plans to expand their downtown campus. At a time when healthcare is still out of the reach of those in need, should the city support this profit hungry venture? Additionally, it is already difficult to skirt around the current St. Luke's campus. Why should the citizens of Boise be further marginalized in their downtown access?

St. Luke's mailer should also raise the city's eyebrows! The flyer reads like typical propaganda: threats and self applauding with absolutely no mention of lowered health care costs as a result of their intentions. But then again any prudent individual need not look far to see that Idahoans pay more for their healthcare as a direct result of healthcare monopolies such as St. Luke's.

Respectfully,
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Sent from my iPhone

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: No to the absurd St. Luke's expansion in the East End!
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:09:36 AM

From: Lois Lenzi [mailto:lois.lenzi@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 6:50 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: No to the absurd St. Luke's expansion in the East End!

First they quietly closed Bannock so people could have a plaza to walk to the other buildings and to the large parking lot south of Main Street. Now they want to close another east west street!

The growth is out west of town in Meridian and beyond. The traffic flow around St Luke's is awful and will be impossible if any more buildings are constructed. McKinley is the feeder street from the

Foothills and East End. Reserve and Fort are now stalled because St.Lukes took over the Elks and the employees now walk to the main hospitals at all times of day. Idaho and Main street's flow is stopped immediately when employees walk to the large 4 story parking garage south of Main street. I now have to avoid Broadway from 3 PM to 6Pm because of the St.Lukes employees exiting out of the parking lot complex into Broadway to turn onto the Connector or head south to Park Center. Over the years I have watched St. Luke's quietly buy homes on State and Idaho and Jefferson.

I feel that they have something else in the long term planning but what I object to is lost the old charm and a loss of a property tax base to a "non profit" medical complex.

The NICU unit is not running at full capacity and there is a second floor that might still be vacant because Trey McEntire was offered it a few years ago. St.Luke's Meridian has a cancer center in Meridian. And St.Lukes needs a satellite complex out in Meridian and they will not affect the Boise economy.They have bought so many pieces of property and scattered their offices on Idaho and State Street and the latest was the Broadway store fronts that now sit idle...The city lost that tax base.

I say "enough is enough" Tell them no and move to Meridian. Please reject this expansion and "upgrade".

I have lived here in the East End since 1955-1966 and moved back in 1976 and plan to be buried at Pioneer Cemetery.

Lois Montgomery Lenzi
203 Jantoni Drive
Boise, ID 83712

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Please Fight St. Luke's Plan
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:06:29 PM

From: Willford King [mailto:dorowillf@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:22 PM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: MayorBieter
Subject: Please Fight St. Luke's Plan

I don't live in the East End, but I have lived in Boise since 1953. St. Luke's is pretending that only East Enders are opposed.

St. Luke's is located at a nexus, so to speak. The beginning of the East End, the top end of the Broadway neighborhood, and the access point for North Enders to go South. The hospital has already gotten away with choking access and destroying homes. ACHD was even nice enough to bend the north end of Broadway to accomodate them!

Back a few years, when both hospitals were located near downtown (with a lower-case D!), St. Al's had the good sense to relocate out on Curtis where there was space, at the site of a drive-in theater. St. Luke's should now go to more spacious surroundings, whether partially or completely.

How is it possible that business owners actually believe they have the right to swallow up the public streets? The city has already allowed too many businesses or other entities to do that. Look at the horrible example of Boise State University.

Thanks for your consideration.

Willford King
716 Linden St.

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: Please Oppose St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:43:36 AM

From: pmjordan [mailto:pmjord@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:13 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Please Oppose St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Mayer Bieter,

I am writing to express my concern with proposed closure of Jefferson Street as outlined in the St Luke's Master Plan dated Dec 17, 2014 and referred to in a high-pressure postcard from St. Luke's I received in late March.

I am opposed to this closure for the following reasons:

- It would undermine decades of successful community collaborative efforts to make the Boise downtown core area a connected, walkable, bike-able, thriving public space area easy to access for all users.
- It would consolidated an alarming amount of real estate in the hands of an organization exempt from property taxes, allowing the hospital to expand its power and profit at the expense of taxpayers.
- It would create more congestion in an already congested traffic area, decreasing public safety.

If expansion of services is a truly necessary community need and benefit, such expansion belongs in areas with land already available - such as the Meridian area - instead of destroying existing businesses, homes, and streets to make room for it in the middle of Boise's downtown.

I respectfully ask that you protect the integrity of our neighborhoods and protect taxpayers' interests. Please vote in opposition of St. Luke's downtown expansion plan if it includes the closing of Jefferson Street.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Peggy M. Jordan
801 Rossi Street
Boise, ID 83706

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Please support the St. Luke's Expansion
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 8:25:26 AM

From: Cathy Knipe [mailto:cjknipe@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:16 PM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: Please support the St. Luke's Expansion

Dear Mayor Bieter and Boise City Council Members:

I am a constituent living in Boise's east end, near Municipal Park. I support the expansion because:

- I appreciate and value raising my children with nearby, **top-rate medical care less than a mile away**. I do not wish to see further expansion and greater medical care services driven to Meridian;
- As a cyclist, I greatly desire the implementation of **buffered biking/walkways** through the highly utilized Fort Street corridor;
- My children, who attend North Junior High and ultimately Boise High, will have **a safer route of passage** to these schools if the streets near St. Luke's are redesigned with traffic-calming circles and bike/pedestrian routes;
- A St. Luke's Boise expansion will mean **greater economic good for our downtown businesses**, not just because of the additional medical staff, but because of more visiting patients and their families from other cities;
- The issues raised by those who oppose the closure of Jefferson are being blown out of proportion; there will still be the same accessibility to downtown Boise as before, it may just take 5 minutes more. Quite a good trade-off for knowing we have world-class medical care in our backyard should we need it. Leaving Jefferson Street open will continue to only benefit those few who find convenience in using it.

I am *excited* to see well-designed changes coming to Boise, ones that help it to continue growing into one of the most easily livable cities in the nation. **I believe the St. Luke's expansion is aligned with this goal.**

Thank you for your time,

Catherine Knipe
1174 E Lewis St.
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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: please vote "no"
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:05:44 AM

From: Elizabeth Jeffrey [mailto:izziejeff@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:29 AM
To: citycouncilofboise@cityofboise.org; MayorBieter
Subject: please vote "no"

To: Boise City Mayor and Council,

I am unable to attend the two scheduled hearings on the development of the St. Lukes master plan but, as a neighbor and a lover of Boise, I feel it's important to express my concerns.

My husband and I attended the first two public meetings that St. Lukes organized about a year ago. I was disappointed then by several of the aspects of their plans (and their lack of interest in listening to or making any compromises to the needs of the neighbors) and expressed my concerns verbally and in a letter at that time. In the year since then I have not seen these concerns addressed in any way.

I continue to have 3 major concerns;

1. Jefferson has been, and continues to be, our major approach into town – whether on foot, bike, or in the car. We use it to avoid the congestion problems at the Warm Springs intersection or cutting through on the pedestrian-tight paths through St. Luke's campus. I find it nearly impossible to believe there is not a workaround that St. Lukes could have considered to maintain this piece of Boise's roadway infrastructure.
2. Crossing Broadway to build a major new wing for their hospital is distressing as it brings in increased traffic and a large "dead tower" to shadow our residential neighborhood while providing no significant interaction or services to our neighborhood community. Additionally, as this development's newest wing to the SL campus, it will also become the obvious jumping off spot to build from in their next 30 year master plan and SL will then look to remove another several blocks of my East End neighbors for its wings and parking garages.
3. The increase in patients served at this campus will also increase the helicopter traffic into this facility. Although I have noticed some pilots now approach the helicopter pad over Ft. Boise Park rather than hovering over our homes, this is a welcome but random effort. I can't even imagine the potential devastation should one of these incoming or exiting helicopters crash into this heavily traveled and populated area.

St. Lukes' further encroachment into the center of historic Boise and further compromising of two of the most congested intersections suffered within the city brings limited benefits to the neighboring residents or to the citizens who must travel through these tight and constricted roadways. It would be a shame to further compress the needs of Boise's urban residents for the desires of this (admittedly) wonderful business that has better options for additional

growth at its Meridian campus.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue.

Elizabeth Jeffrey

411 E. Logan

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Please vote no on St Luke's Downtown expansion plan
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:27:53 AM

From: Scott Tagg [mailto:scott.tagg@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:23 AM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: Please vote no on St Luke's Downtown expansion plan

Mayor Bieter and members of the Boise City Council,

I urge you to vote no for the St Luke's Downtown plan if it requires the permanent closing of Jefferson Street. I am not anti-St Luke's, as both my daughter and sister were born there, my wife, daughter & I have utilized their emergency room over the years, and I was a Pet Therapy volunteer at St Luke's for several years. St. Luke's Boise is no longer a local hospital, but has become a Regional Medical Center, drawing patients in from an approximately 300 mile radius. And yet the citizens of Boise are being asked to bear an increasing burden if approved through increased traffic, and the permanent loss of connectivity between the East End to the west. Recently St Luke's has publically stated that if you vote against their expansion plan, major services WILL be migrated over time to Meridian. Even if major services are migrated, St Luke's will still remain as a hospital, Boise's hospital.

Several years ago while at a ACHD public meeting to discuss the changes in the downtown traffic grid and flow, a ACHD staffer referred to Jefferson Street as "THE bicycle highway" connecting the Botanical Garden, the Old Penn, Quarry View Park and the entire East End across downtown to the Whitewater Park and the Esther Simplot Park. Over the years the area where I live between the downtown core and the river has continued to change, grow and develop. This trend will continue once the city and privately owned properties in the vicinity of 27th Street and Whitewater Blvd. are developed, which will lead to further redevelopment in this corridor.

Again, I urge you to vote no on any St Luke's expansion plan that permanently closes Jefferson Street. By severing this "main artery", Boise will lose one more element that can never be restored and lessens our ability to strive towards becoming America's most livable city.

Sincerely,

Scott Tagg

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Say No! To St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Monday, April 13, 2015 8:50:46 AM

From: Dexter McBride [mailto:dexter.mcbride@me.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2015 3:49 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Say No! To St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Greetings.

I am writing this letter to voice my opposition to the proposed closing of Jefferson Street requested by St. Luke's Hospital.

If St. Luke's was providing free health care to all who come through their door. If St. Luke's wasn't buying up every other private practice around the valley in order to take on a facilities fee for services rendered and if St. Luke's wasn't trying to coerce an outcome to their liking by threatening to leave downtown (which would actually work just fine for me), then MAYBE I'd consider supporting it with a less skeptical view.

Alas, the fact is I believe this closing of Jefferson will negatively impact the established neighborhoods in that area of town and those who live there with the ONLY benefit being the continued cancer-like growth of the size of St. Luke's.

Thanks for reading.

Dexter McBride
1025 El Pelar Dr. (Nowhere near the St. Luke's Monstrosity)
Boise, ID 83702

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St Luke's Downtown Expansion
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:29:36 AM

From: Dan Krishnek [mailto:dkrishnek@pwrplusinc.com]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:26 AM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: St Luke's Downtown Expansion

Hello,

We urge your support of the closure of Jefferson Street for one block to allow for this major expansion for St Luke's.

This project represents a large boost to the local economy for many local businesses and people. Your support is appreciated for this project that will be a great facility for us all.

Dan Krishnek
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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Luke's Boise Campus Master Plan letter of support
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 5:19:04 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[Master Plan Support Mayor.pdf](#)

From: Pederson, Sarah [mailto:pedersos@slhs.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:52 PM
To: MayorBieter
Cc: Priest, Marshall F. MD, FACC; McCabe, Ginger; Bishop, David
Subject: St Luke's Boise Campus Master Plan letter of support

Mayor Bieter,

Please see the attached letter from Dr. Marshall Priest et al supporting the St. Luke's Boise Campus Master Plan.

Regards,

Sarah B Pederson

Administrative Assistant to:
Marshall F Priest, MD, Executive Medical Director, St Luke's Heart
David Bishop, Administrator, St Luke's Heart

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Lukes Development Plan
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 1:16:03 PM

From: Jake Thibodeau [mailto:jacobthibodeau@boisestate.edu]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:59 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Lukes Development Plan

Greetings,

I am writing today concerning St. Lukes plan to close Jefferson Street near Broadway. I disagree with this plan and would like the Mayor to veto this development plan.

I have received mail from St. Lukes and have read ads published in the Statesman urging me to contact the Mayor and City Council to approve the plan or else St Lukes will move their Cancer, Heart, and Children's services to Meridian.

Although I was born at St Lukes and both my kids were born there, I don't like to be bullied. St Lukes should be ashamed for coercing the city of Boise to surrender public property. Also, the threats are a little hollow, as I have seen a Cardiologist every year since I was in first grade, and for the past 8 years, I've been forced to travel out of town to Meridian for my checkups with my St Lukes Cardiologist. They are already migrating these services to Meridian!

Don't be bullied by St Lukes! Veto the land grab "development Plan"

Jake Thibodeau

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Luke's Downtown Plan, I say Yes to St Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:18:24 AM

From: Karen Marshall [mailto:kjmarsh546@cableone.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 8:58 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's Downtown Plan, I say Yes to St Luke's Downtown Plan

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St lukes expansion support
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:15:10 PM

From: MM Cornell [mailto:hydeparkpub@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:06 PM
To: tellus@achdidaho.org; MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: St lukes expansion support

I wanted to express my full support for the St Luke's expansion project. Having local health and medical services is critical and can be life saving. I also believe that it would be devastating to the local economy.

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: st lukes expansion
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:23:10 AM

From: Vicky Stroup [mailto:clyvic@cableone.net]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:49 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: st lukes expansion

we are home owners in boise (north-end). we would like to express our full approval of st lukes' planned expansion in boise. we have been patients at both st lukes and msti for years and find the boise facility much more convenient to visit than the meridian facility. we would like to see the boise facility expansion allowed.

*Barry and Vicky stroup
2403 n 23rd
boise*

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St Luke's expansion
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:17:42 AM

Happy Monday!

-----Original Message-----

From: Teamschrinsky [<mailto:Teamschrinsky@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 8:36 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's expansion

I want to express my opposition to the proposed St.Luke's expansion. It is wrong for the city to lose access to a main thoroughfare just so that one private entity can expand. Yes, St. Luke's serves a need, but this outrageous campaign of fear mongering is simply ridiculous. As a tax payer I would not be happy to see this approved.

I am sure a compromise that allows the expansion and a permanent thoroughfare can be achieved.

Cordially,
Alex James Schrinsky

Sent from my iPad

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Lukes Expansion
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:06:09 AM

From: Terah Douglass [mailto:terah.douglass@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 7:37 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Lukes Expansion

Dear Mayor,

We live in the East end and have been here for over 10 years. This neighborhood is one of the best kept secrets in the Northwest and is a great place for kids and families to grow and live. I understand the argument against the St Luke's Expansion and how it might impact this neighborhood. However, I am writing in support of the expansion. We live here because it is near a downtown that is constantly growing and changing. The City has done some great things to bring people into the downtown area and revitalize downtown. By not allowing the expansion of the hospital because of traffic concerns in the East end would be contrary to the great initiatives the City has already engaged in. It appears that people in this neighborhood don't like change if they don't see how it might benefit them. To me this project will help to increase property values, improve amenities near our homes and help to provide a world class medical facility in our neighborhood. Please help to approve this initiative.

Thanks

Ted Douglass

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Luke's Expansion
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:20:38 AM

From: John Meagher [mailto:jmeagher@spro.net]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:26 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's Expansion

Dear Mayor,

I have had the chance to read the Master Plan (revised Dec 2014) document online at the City's P & Z site and the recently released Supplemental Narrative dated 3/30/2015.

I have concluded that I can not support St Luke's effort in their proposed expansion. Their only Plan B put forth is the migration of services from Downtown to Meridian. The threat was not even lightly veiled. Our way or the highway, then so be it. Seldom is seen such an attitude of arrogance.

Since I'm not a heartless individual, I'll help them pack.

John Robert Meagher
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Boise, ID 83712

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Lukes Hospital expansion and Jefferson Street closure
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:06:16 PM

From: Marx, Steven MD [mailto:marxs@slhs.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:24 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Lukes Hospital expansion and Jefferson Street closure

Dear Mayor,

First, I have been following the hospital expansion plans with interest since I am both a physician at St. Lukes and an active cyclist.

I attended the ACHD open house that presented the traffic plans for cars, cyclists, and pedestrians. The plans seem well thought out and appear to improve the traffic flow around the hospital with increased safety for those not in cars.

Secondly, I am concerned about the ability of St Lukes to meet the needs of Boise as the city continues to grow. I have 3 colleagues who are trying to open clinics at the Boise campus to see Boise patients. Due to lack of space they are now looking at clinic space in Meridian which would necessitate Boise patients traveling to Meridian because there is no room for them. I shudder to think what the situation will be in 7 years.

Lastly, I am the chairman of radiology at St Lukes. Currently we transport critical stroke patients a long distance across the hospital from the ER to the angiography room to remove blood clots from their brains. I have heard people say that a few minutes extra travel time does not matter. For a stroke patient, perhaps a loved one or a friend, every minute of delayed treatment means 30,000 dead brain cells. The expansion would allow us to significantly cut transportation time by placing the angiography room directly next to the ER, right where Jefferson street is today.

Steve Marx

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Luke's hospital expansion Jefferson Street closure
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:48:07 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Rick [<mailto:rickw379@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 10:01 PM
To: citycouncil@cityofboise.org
Cc: MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's hospital expansion Jefferson Street closure

This letter is in regard to St Luke's proposal to close of parts of Jefferson street to accommodate their hospital expansion. I think the idea is ridiculous, it serves only St Luke's needs, and not local transportation.

St Luke's has already closed off part of Bannock street for its own use.

Where is this going to stop. Over the next few decades will St Luke's Occupy half of Boise's downtown, they will if you let them. St Luke's is nothing short of a health care bully. They have become so large they cannot understand the word no! Just look at the way they are fighting the recent Courts decision regarding the lawsuit with St Al's. and the state. Please do The great citizens of Boise a favor, and deny the street closure proposal.

Sincerely, Richard Webb

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Luke's proposal to close parts of Jefferson Street for expansion
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:47:52 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Rick [<mailto:rickw379@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 10:17 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's proposal to close parts of Jefferson Street for expansion

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Sincerely, Richard Webb
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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Lukes
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:10:27 AM

From: Earl Lasater [mailto:elasater.fss@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 4:08 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Lukes

Dear Mayor,

Thank you for your service to our community.

We have been supporters of you at our company for as long as I have known about you.

Would you please support the proposed St Lukes Hospital expansion that has been approved by ACHD?

It will create many jobs and boost the economy significantly, plus it will increase the services that St Lukes Hospital is able to provide our community.

Thanks again and best to you,



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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Lukes
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:07:40 AM

From: Vicki Fisk [mailto:vickifisk@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 7:43 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Lukes

I can barely stand to read the St Lukes BS propaganda. So let me get this straight, if they can't close off Jefferson, they will close down and move most of their treatment center to Meridian? Really, ya'll gonna buy that? They have too much already invested in that facility to abandon it. They could build a tunnel under Jefferson or a sky bridge for the pedestrians. There are a lot of creative solutions to keeping traffic flowing on Jefferson and tweaking their master plan. I would love to see that strip mall across the street bought by St Lukes behind the Jacksons gas station and developed. It is in need of being leveled and used appropriately.

In this case, everyone should benefit from their expansion rather than being penalized.

Please do not allow Jefferson to be closed.

Thanks
Vicki Fisk

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St Luke's
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:45:54 AM

From: GARY FORSDICK [mailto:sgfos3@q.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:10 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's

As citizens of Boise, we urge you to work with St Luke's on their up coming enlargement plans. We must not loose this service they provide to the city of Boise and the area.

If they have to move to Meridian it will effect a lot of different things connected with the hospital and city. Boise will loose a lot of money. I do not think you want that to happen.

There are ways to make this happen and you should work to do that.

Kenneth & Shawna Forsdick

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St Lukes's plan
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 3:04:40 PM

From: Bonnie Krupp [mailto:bjkrupp33@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 3:04 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Lukes's plan

Dear Mayor,

I see a lot of problems with caving on their plan and it isn't just closing Jefferson.

This is a non-profit hospital and yet they act otherwise.

1. Remodeling and additions are never the most efficient and effective business model. Building new offers lower costs and a more efficient plant.
2. St. Lukes plans on spending \$5 million to realign streets. Money which could be spent providing lower cost or free health care to those who need it.
3. I met the traffic consultants on Saturday and yes they have done due diligence but their study is now 2 years old. Should it be updated?
4. As a resident of the east end historical district, my major question is when does St Lukes end their expansion downtown? They need to have it defined for them.
5. This \$300 million expansion is self aggrandizement on the part of administrators and developers and there must be better alternatives that the city planning department should address.
6. The administration likes to say they are good neighbors, but I beg to differ. We already experience constant helicopter noise as they swoop in so low over east end houses that you wonder how safe it is. Then we have the sirens from ambulances. But the major impact will be the dust, noise, and use of Warm Springs Avenue which they will use since the staging area will be further out. Why would the city have a historic district if they wish to treat it as a perpetual thoroughfare for traffic and trucks. We could use traffic control ideas and policing to slow the speeders on the streets.
7. It would make sense for St Lukes to plan for population growth where their impact is lessened; where they can have a large campus to develop rather than waste precious health care dollars on additions. There must be property available above Broadway which would have great freeway access and air traffic access.

Yours truly,

Bonnie Krupp

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Boise Development Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:45:24 AM

From: Russ Stoddard [mailto:RStoddard@oliverrussell.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:12 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Boise Development Plan

I do not support the closing of Jefferson street. Certainly there are other options.

I also do not like being made to feel that I'm held hostage to the implied threat of services moving to Meridian.

Thank you,

Russ

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Boise Development
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:45:46 AM

From: Patrick Cusick [mailto:patrick.cusick@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:13 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Boise Development

Dear Mayor Bieter, Boise City Council Members:

I do not support St Luke's Boise Development Master Plan.

Closing a portion of Jefferson Street is too intrusive to commuters, businesses, and residents. Due to its width and lower traffic volumes than adjacent streets, Jefferson St. is one of the safest cycling routes going from east to west in the downtown area. Closing a portion of it also blocks uninterrupted access to the Idaho Supreme Court and the Statehouse.

While I do support St. Luke's overall plan to continue its growth in the downtown corridor, I absolutely do not support its proposal to close a portion of any street - particularly a main thoroughfare such as Jefferson St. Perhaps St Luke's should consider building over Jefferson as it did over 1st St., between Bannock St. and Idaho St.

Thank you,

Patrick Cusick

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Boise Master Plan
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:23:05 AM

From: Michael D. Hobson [mailto:michael.d.hobson@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 3:36 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Boise Master Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I love Boise. I was born here and have spent my whole life here. It is a wonderful place to live.

I love St. Luke's. My father, each of my four siblings, my four children and I were all born there. My sister and I work there. The oncologists at MSTI saved my wife's life. St. Luke's is a part of Boise, and there's a strong part of Boise in St. Luke's.

I love riding my bicycle. I ride it every day from my home to work at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center. Infrastructure and connectivity are important to me. I've seen you pedal your cruiser through the Plaza (formerly Bannock Street) often.

The St. Luke's Boise Medical Center is aging which affects our ability to provide the best care for the people of Boise and surrounding areas. We need to modernize, progress and move forward.

As you know, the proposed St. Luke's Master Plan includes permanently closing a single block of Jefferson Street between Avenue B and 1st Street. This closure ensures St. Luke's can financially support expansion of the Boise campus while maintaining our commitment to provide the best quality health and sick care in the state.

The St. Luke's Master Plan includes significant steps to compensate citizens for their investment of a single block of Jefferson Street and showing their commitment to Blueprint Boise and their neighbors. As a cyclist and one who frequently walks the area around St. Luke's Boise, I will adapt to the closure just as I would any other and I know others can and will do the same.

I am one of a few front-line staff with the opportunity to directly interact with executive leaders from across St. Luke's Health System and I know them to be good and intelligent people trying to do the right thing for everyone in their stewardship. This important stewardship includes you, me and all the people St. Luke's has the privilege to serve.

Please continue to keep the larger, long term picture at the forefront when considering the St. Luke's Boise Master Plan. For St. Luke's to be able to modernize and expand and stay in Boise, I, as a taxpayer and proud and loyal citizen of Boise, am willing to invest a block of Jefferson Street.

Thank you for your leadership, time and careful consideration of this important issue.

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Boise Native
St. Luke's Employee of 8 Years
St. Luke's Born
St. Luke's Healthcare Consumer
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Occasional Bus Rider
Father of Four Adorable Cyclists
Husband of Prettiest Cyclist on a Bike You Ever Did See
Former East End Resident
Strong Proponent of Cycle and Pedestrian Connectivity in Boise

*::Love your family. **Invest** time, be kind and serve one another. Make no room for regrets. Tomorrow is not promised and today is short.*

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Down Town plan opposition
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:24:06 AM

From: randialbrechtsen . [mailto:randi.albrechtsen@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 1:29 PM
To: citycouncil@citofboise.org; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Down Town plan opposition

April 3, 2015

Dear Boise City Council,

My name is Randi Beth Albrechtsen and I am opposed to St. Luke's Downtown Plan.

I am an employee of St. Luke's and a property owner in the East End. My house is ¾ of a mile from the hospital campus.

I have two concerns. First the closure of Jefferson Street. Second the impact on the historic structures in our neighborhood, several which are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

I oppose Luke's plan to close a portion of Jefferson Street, cutting off its connections to Avenue B, the main thoroughfare linking Fort Street to Warm Springs and Broadway avenues. If St. Luke's planners have their way, those of us in the neighborhood will need to wind their way to State Street to the north or Idaho Street to the south to get to Avenue B.st of the downtown core.

Closing Jefferson will place an undue burden on the public, clearly losing the use of an important street. My concern as a neighbor is: How do I get to the center of government, the center of commerce, through that Jefferson corridor that we all use? To see something this massive, dropped into place and cutting off one of our major access points, has a significant impact that really isolates our neighborhood from the rest. I believe connectivity trumps design in this case.

The closure of Jefferson Street would forever and negatively influence the principles [of Blueprint Boise] and set a horrible precedent. Having already blocked off Bannock Street, I view the intent to block Jefferson Street as being a bad idea on the part of hospital authorities.

Although no one would argue against the importance of the services that St. Luke's provides or their need to maintain facilities of the highest caliber, the master planned expansion of the Boise campus as designed will impact historic structures including four houses eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, the plan calls for the relocation of some of those buildings to another location within the hospital campus. I look

forward to seeing a firm commitment on the part of St. Luke's that will ensure the preservation of all four along with the completion of the remainder of the renovated and expanded campus.

I believe the Children's Hospital, Cancer Care and Advanced Heart Care can be located to Meridian and still serve the needs of our greater community.

I recommend denial as this does not comply with substantial elements of the city of Boise's Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you,

Randi Beth Albrechtsen

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Campus Plan
Date: Thursday, April 09, 2015 11:29:41 AM

From: Aronson, Tom [mailto:aronson@slhs.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 10:19 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Campus Plan

Mayor Bieter,
As you know, I am a resident of Boise. Currently I live at 3887 West Deer Path Drive, but previously I spent years living in the North End.

I'll confess, I'm not certain that I clearly understand resistance to the project. It seems readily apparent to me that having a state of the art hospital in downtown Boise must outweigh the inconvenience of traffic being diverted a block to the north or to the south.

If some day my wife or I need cardiac intervention, I want quick and ready access to the best care possible. Surely those in the neighborhood who oppose the project must have similar sentiments. They have parents, children, and other loved ones. Why, then, are they so vehemently opposed to the project?

The only explanation that I can imagine is that some folks think that St. Luke's is bluffing; that the project can be accomplished without sacrificing the block long corridor. These folks must believe that they are needlessly being asked to give up something they value.

If all this is so, we are having the wrong discussions. If you trust St. Luke's leadership, their arguments are compelling.

If you don't, if you believe that you are being deceived or bullied, that you are not allowed at the table for the discussions, that you are powerless and living in the shadow of a large corporation, nothing St. Luke's can say will matter.

I am Director of Social Work and Spiritual Care at St. Luke's. I sit on our ethics committee. I have been honored to serve on United Way's Investment and Health Vision Councils.

You might recall that I participated in your Detox Task Force and as you know, currently I serve on the Professional Resource Committee for the Allumbaugh House.

All of these activities have occurred with the blessings of St. Luke's, and I mention them here only to indicate St. Luke's strong and continuing commitment to the community.

I have watched St. Luke's leadership change over the years. What has not changed is their profound and continuing commitment to our community and our mission. I came to Boise 12 years ago for an exceptional place to live and to work with an organization I could believe in.

I trust our leadership on this issue, not blindly, but rather after many hours of discussions with key stakeholders in this project. I only hope that you share some of my trust and have the vision to lead us into the future.

I have sent copies of this e-mail to all the council members. Thank you

I am retiring on May 1st. If you wish to contact me after that date, please use my personal e-mail: thomasaronson@yahoo.com

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Development Project
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:05:57 AM

From: Kristin Armstrong Savola [mailto:kstrong2@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 6:30 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Development Project

Hello Mayor Bieter, I hope you are well.

My name is Kristin Armstrong and I am writing to express my support for the St. Luke's Development Project.

I bring a unique perspective, as I have had the opportunity to be involved with this project not only as an employee of St. Luke's but also as a community member. I have listened to many perspectives in support of, and against, this project. Not until yesterday was I ready to voice my support. For the last several months, I have been attending informational meetings and speaking to community members about their support and concerns. Because of the great interest from our community and the feedback St. Luke's and the engineering team have received over the last several months, the plan has been dynamic, taking into account voices from representatives throughout our city and adopting meaningful recommendations. It has been a truly collaborative effort with St. Luke's, engineers, community members, and neighborhood associations.

I am writing as one who wears many hats in Boise – I am a mom, a cyclist, the owner of a house in the North End and an employee of St. Luke's. While many may refer to this as a "closure," I like to look at it as an "opportunity"—an opportunity to enhance community health. Currently, the intersection at Jefferson and Ave. B is a very exclusive opportunity. As it is today, this intersection works for cars and commuters on bike and foot. However, it does not support cyclists who like to stay on the main roads, families with kids on bikes, or healthcare expansion. With the connectivity solutions proposed, the plan truly supports inclusivity: the roads become safer for cyclists by incorporating painted bike lanes, for families by incorporating buffered bike lanes and a walking lane, and allows for healthcare development, all while continuing to support cars and offers a safe alternative route for those who wish to commute by bike or foot. The new plan is also creating opportunities for those who may have never used these streets before. The buffered bike path will allow for not only transportation to and from downtown for families, but will allow a safe place to recreate and be active—all in support of community health and connectivity.

Today, I ride and drive on Ave B; this is my personal route of choice. I can truly tell you that the road from Warm Springs to Fort Boise on Ave B is dangerous for cyclists, as there is no bike lane and cars are moving quickly. The improvements proposed excite me, as they will improve safety for all. Until recently, I had never ridden or driven on Jefferson between Ave B and 1st Street, as I prefer to stay away from parallel-parked cars as well as areas with many stop signs as these options create their own dangers.

You may know that I was invited to be on the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Because of my busy schedule, I have not been able to participate on the committee and hope that one day I will be able to contribute and be more active. Members of the committee have been invited to engage through open houses, and the Bannock Street Workshop on March 6. Unfortunately, committee members haven't engaged, and this is disappointing because they

do not have the clarity and facts needed to have an informed perspective. Their engagement would have allowed for questions and greater insight on St. Luke's plan and process.

Change is difficult. I have a hard time when a dirt road turns to pavement. This happened years ago on Cartwright Road (one of my favorite places to ride). I had a hard time when the Greenbelt out toward Harris Ranch took cyclists from going straight to veering slightly right and around back to the original portion of the Greenbelt. At the time, I failed to recognize that the route change was an improvement to the surface as well as the beauty of my ride. I had my blinders on and simply wanted to go from point A to point B faster. And to think ten years ago I used to ride up and down Eagle road, something I would not do today. The reality is, change is part of life and as our wonderful city of Boise continues to grow, so does the amount of change, and new opportunities come with it.

I love Boise and I want this to be the healthiest city in which to live. Does this plan support and improve what we already provide to our community? I think yes. Does it "close" a block or does it create an "opportunity" to enhance the health and well-being for many? I think the latter. The plan recognizes and supports patient-centered care while significantly improving connectivity that supports the healthy lifestyle so important to our community.

Please consider my thoughts when you vote on April 14th. Again, I come to you wearing many different hats, and regardless of which hat I'm wearing, I believe this is a great plan. Thank you!

Kristin Armstrong

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Expansion
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 8:53:13 AM

From: Lipple, Betty [mailto:lippleb@slhs.org]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 8:45 AM
To: MayorBieter; tellus@achdidaho.org
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Expansion

Good Morning: I would like to voice my support for the St. Luke's downtown expansion. As an employee of St. Luke's, I see the need for expansion every day. In order to provide the best care possible to our patients, families, and the community, St. Luke's needs to expand and modernize its down campus. I know that there has been concerns about closing a portion of Jefferson Street. St. Luke's has researched the plan carefully and have considered all involved. Again, I just want to give my firm support for the expansion and hope the you will too.

Thank you for your time

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To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:23:20 AM

From: Letisia Speelman [mailto:letisia.speelman@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:33 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear City Council Members and Mayor,

I am a recent hire of the St. Luke's Health System.
I have been a member of the Boise Community for over 15 years.
I would like to provide input into the St.Luke's Boise Downtown Plan.

As our community grows in numbers and ages, we need to receive the utmost level of medical care.

I have worked in social work, community work, and medical and related fields for the past five years.

As our population ages, we need a strong health system to support us.

With age, sometimes, health declines; timely medical attention is of the essence.

If St. Luke's current physical layout limits the ability to respond, in instances where minutes matter, I believe we should prioritize the wellness of our family members ahead of other priorities. Access to the downtown area and preserving the sense of community in the heart of downtown is also important. Age and illness touches each family and sometimes difficult choices need to be made.

Thank you for your consideration of this input.

Letisia Speelman
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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:20:29 AM

From: elaine thursie [mailto:ethursie@cableone.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 5:16 AM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

In my opinion, losing the specialized treatment available at St. Luke's would have a devastating impact that could not be rectified and would have a profoundly negative effect on the quality of life for Boise's residents. We need this invaluable organization to remain. I feel that the benefits of having this facility located in Boise far exceed any adjustments to the traffic flow on Jefferson.

Thank you.
Elaine Thursie

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 10:38:00 AM

From: Dave O'Day [mailto:daveoday@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 9:50 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Though I value having St. Luke's in downtown Boise (since I live in the North End), there are limits to how much they should be able to push the City around. Their threats to "migrate over time to Meridian" are particularly offensive. There remains plenty of property adjacent to their Boise campus to move into. Further, they do not need to physically occupy every street around them for expansion; they can certainly go under or over streets. It is important to maintain public use of our city streets.

I strongly urge that Boise's City Planners sit down with their counterparts at St. Luke's and develop mutually-acceptable solutions to their need for additional space in the immediate vicinity of their Boise Campus. I hope the City is not maintaining their approach that I experienced from the "Hysterical Preservation Commission" a few years ago where their approach was "I don't like that rock; bring me another rock and I'll tell you if I like that one or not either" that was so time-consuming and expensive for me in trying to replace an old garage on my lot in the North End. St. Luke's is a valuable resource for Boise, but not at unlimited cost.

Thank you,

Dave O'Day, P.E.

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:17:26 AM

From: DALE [mailto:dghiger@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:17 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Cc: Dale Higer
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Mayor and City Council Members,

We write in support of St. Luke's downtown plan. We have lived on Warm Springs since at least 1970 and believe the proposed plan will be a tremendous asset to all of Boise. We would hate to see services moved to Meridian. We think St. Luke's plan addresses concerns about the closure of Jefferson Street. We go through the intersection of Jefferson and Avenue B several times a week and we see little traffic, including bikers, that goes west on Jefferson. Most traffic is making a left or right turn onto Avenue B. St. Luke's plan addresses concerns of bikers by making a protected route over and down Bannock Street. This is a win-win situation. As a former chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, I know you will consider the needs of all of the citizens of Boise and not just those of the East End. We have been told that this plan will mean more traffic on Warm Springs. I doubt that, but if so, we can live with that impact. I want to see St. Luke's plan developed here in Boise. It is good for the medical services it will provide and the jobs it will create in Boise. Please approve this plan. Boise will be better for it!

Dale and Ramona Higer, 1302 Warm Springs Ave.

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:47:26 AM

From: April Dastolfo [mailto:angelcat390@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:17 AM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Hello,

I wanted to take a moment to comment positively on the St. Luke's Downtown Plan. My daughter was born last October with multiple anomalies that required and still require attention from numerous specialists at St. Luke's Children's Hospital. It's been so great to be able to see everyone she needs to see and get all the procedures (including labwork and ultrasounds) she needs done in the same place. There are days where we'll be able to see 2 or 3 of them in the space of a few hours whereas if they were more spread out, we would not be able to do that.

She will almost be an adult by the year 2030 but I'm sure other families like mine in the next couple of decades will appreciate the convenience and quality of care that we have so far experienced by having everything we need downtown where all the doctors can have easy access to each other as well as to any necessary facilities; one time recently, one of our doctors walked by the office of another doctor we see, saw us in the waiting room, and stopped in to check on us. She ended up walking a message to a third doctor of ours down the hall who we were going to visit later. That wouldn't be so easy if services started migrating away from downtown. Anything that can continue to improve that quality of care for our children should be encouraged, and it sounds like the goal of the St. Luke's Downtown Plan is just that.

Thank you,
April Dastolfo

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46:39 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Randy Harris [<mailto:rkharris1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 7:55 AM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter and Members of the City Council:

I am writing today in support of the St. Luke's Downtown Plan. St. Luke's is an integral part of the health of the economy of the city of Boise. We need to be forward thinking in our promotion of our city, to allow it to continue to grow and be the linchpin of the Treasure Valley. Too many of the great businesses have relocated to the Eagle Road corridor, driving the population and wealth west. I believe that Boise can be a vibrant and livable city, while still maintaining its economic edge in Ada County. We need to keep this state of the art healthcare campus here, serving the city of Boise, in its current location. One need only to look to Rochester, MN, a town of less than 100,000, to see what a leading healthcare industry can do for a community. If Rochester's downtown can support the world-famous Mayo Clinic, the downtown of Boise can surely support this wonderful modernized facility.

Best regards,
Kathy Harris
rkharris1@gmail.com
Phone 208-344-4483

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46:31 AM

From: J. Walter Sinclair [mailto:JWSinclair@hollandhart.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:09 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council. As an active member of our business and civic community and user of medical services, I would like to urge the Boise City Council to vote in favor of St. Luke's upgrades to their downtown campus. Their intent to modernize their medical center in Boise is a huge benefit to our community, both in terms of economic impact and improved health care. I am sure they could move these improvements to other locations, in other towns, but that would not be a benefit to Boise or our citizens. St. Luke's has a large facility in Meridian, and I would hate to see that become their primary medical campus and force those of us using their facilities to have to travel to Meridian for our medical care. The improvements they are planning are forecasted to meet the region's medical needs for years to come. Let's support that vision and support our community.

Thank you.

Walt Sinclair



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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:45:59 AM

From: Konrad Kessler [mailto:kessler.konrad@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:02 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Bieter,

I am writing in support of St. Luke's Downtown Plan.

Writing from various perspectives, I feel that this plan is in the best interest of the community. I support the plan for the following reasons:

First, as a resident of and homeowner in the East End, I support the plan as I feel that this is more likely to improve our connectivity to the core of Boise than it is to hinder. I have reviewed the St. Luke's Master Plan fairly extensively and think that the traffic mitigation plans and multiple cycling options afforded by the plan will make it easier and safer to get downtown and elsewhere. I like where I live very much, in large part due to the ease of getting where I want to go, and I have no concern that I will be personally negatively impacted by the proposed changes.

Secondly, as an avid cyclist, I am excited about the proposed changes put forth in the St. Luke's Master Plan. The current situation is not bad, but the additional bicycle lanes proposed along Fort St. and Ave B certainly would be welcome additions to our current options. Also, I think this will make bicycle travel safer and more convenient for more Boise residents than just those of us in the East End. I have significant experience as a bicycle commuter, as a bicycle tourer, as a mountain biker, and as a casual recreational cyclist. From none of these perspectives do I have significant concerns about the plan.

Next, as an emergency medicine physician who works in the Emergency Department at St. Luke's downtown campus, I think the proposed improvements to the medical facilities are of great importance to the healthcare available in our city. I have firsthand knowledge of the needs of our community and feel that the plan will help meet those needs. I think the citizens of Boise deserve the best available care now and going forward into the future. These changes will help to make the excellent care currently available for a broad range of healthcare needs continue to be available and excellent into the foreseeable future. If St. Luke's is forced to move major services (such as cancer care, some of the critical care, and most of the pediatric services) to Meridian, this will be a significant loss to our community.

Additionally, as a parent of two boys, I am excited about the potential improvements. I am also concerned about what may happen if these changes are not allowed. My sons will most likely attend North Junior High and Boise High Schools. I would love to be able to encourage them to ride their bikes to school through much of the year. The proposed additions of bike lanes along Fort St. would make this trip easier and safer for them each day. Also, my older son has a seizure disorder and has been cared for by pediatric neurologists who work at the St. Luke's Children's Hospital. If St. Luke's is not allowed to expand/improve their current facilities, I would be very disappointed to have the Children's Hospital services moved down the road to Meridian.

In summary, I support the St. Luke's Downtown Plan because I think it would be beneficial to me, my family, and to our community on a number of levels.

Thanks for your consideration of my concerns and perspectives.

Sincerely,

Konrad Kessler, MD
Boise, ID 83712

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Lukes Downtown Plan
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:23:37 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Dwight Peterson [<mailto:dwigthp005@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:00 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Lukes Downtown Plan

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opinion in regards to the St. Luke's expansion plan. I feel that St. Luke's needs to have the approval from the city to move forward with this change. St. Luke's is committed to providing outstanding healthcare to our city and surrounding area. We are growing as a city, which means that we need more and more healthcare resources. We can continue to grow at this pace and hinder the expansion of organizations such as St. Luke's. St. Luke's stands as a huge pillar of strength to our state and needs to continue to be that way. The expansion will also mean more jobs for the residents of Boise and surrounding cities.

Please move forward with approving this expansion and not delay the growth and well being of Boise.

Thanks,
Dwight Peterson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:08:44 AM

From: Lori Casady [mailto:memacas1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 5:14 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

St. Luke's downtown is as much a part of the "city" as Boise High School!!! The proposal for modernization and upgrades is needed AND needed IN BOISE. We do not want one of our major employers to be driven to Meridian. The closing of Jefferson street is not, in my opinion, a problem, but the solution to one. Too many of our neighborhood streets have become "thoroughfares" for drivers in too much of a hurry. It is not favorable to pedestrians or cyclists, and creates a potential danger to everyone.

Keeping St. Luke's in downtown Boise is essential to this community. I believe they have shown a respect for the citizens they serve, and are to be commended for continuing to look for ways to provide cutting edge care while integrating the needs of the downtown area.

Lori Casady

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's expansion
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46:25 AM

From: Pat and Lyle [mailto:patlyle60@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:13 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's expansion

I just read the 1/2 page ad on page A3 of the Statesman about supporting the St. Luke's plan for downtown Boise. I don't live in Boise, but wonder why "If the Boise City Council votes against our development plan, major services will be migrated over time to Meridian, which will affect regional healthcare and the Boise Economy." **And how is this bad?????** Meridian is more centrally located to the Treasure Valley, and most of us who don't live in Boise would probably prefer not to have to drive downtown. I can see it could perhaps affect Boise economy but not the *regional* needs.

Thank you, Pat Myers

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Lukes expansion
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:33:34 PM

From: Bob Sabino [mailto:sabinore@cableone.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:27 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Lukes expansion

Council Members and Mayor, Show how smart you all are by finding a way to accommodate the St. Luke's downtown expansion. This is needed to accommodate the health needs of the entire surrounding area. I have had to travel to Meridian several times as well as the downtown location. When health dictates it is necessary to have service close. Two heart attacks were quickly cared for at St. Luke's downtown; a long ride to Meridian could have created more than an emergency. The east enders will only be inconvenienced by a block or two of travel; which is a low priority compared to life or death.

Show Boise residents that you can use your power to do the right thing, right. Find the way to grow for the most need. BOB!

“Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you.” cop humor

Bob Sabino

Mobile: 208-412-4294

Email: sabinore@cableone.net



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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's expansion
Date: Monday, April 13, 2015 8:43:03 AM

From: Charlene Ripke [mailto:ckripke@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 7:46 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's expansion

Dear Mayor Bieter,

As a over 55 year resident of Boise and a 32 year resident of the east end, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for St. Luke's plans to expand their Boise campus.

As someone who drives through the intersection of Reserve Street and Fort Street daily, I can attest to the great need for improved connectivity and the planned round –about at that intersection. Bicycle riders face continuing hazards as they pass through that congested area. The protected lanes planned for bicycles will be a huge improvement over the current open street riding on Jefferson.

That is just one point of many benefits for Boise with this expansion. Besides expanded and improved health services, the construction will provide many jobs and the expanded health services will also bring in more advanced skill employment opportunities. In addition, local businesses will benefit by providing services for those who come to Boise for care.

Please lend your support to this wonderful opportunity for Boise to benefit from the presence of top-notch medical services.

Sincerely,
Charlene Ripke
2080 Table Rock Rd.
Boise, ID 83712
ckripke@msn.com

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Expansion
Date: Monday, April 13, 2015 12:04:31 PM

From: Tom Ripke [mailto:tomripke@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 12:03 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Expansion

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I have lived in the East End of Boise for over 32 years. During that time I have seen St Luke's Hospital grow and expand into a Regional Medical Center providing great value to our community and particularly the downtown core, East End and North End. St. Luke's has steadily increased the number of high paying, profession jobs during that time period and has attracted many fine doctors and nurses to become residents of our fine City.

Now this lasting, innovative, vibrant medical facility is being challenged to cease it growth and contribution to our city so that a few (including myself) won't be inconvenienced by having to change our usual route to downtown and perhaps even increase our travel time by a few short minutes. **Well I am one who is quite willing to change my old habits so that our city will continue to have a state of the art hospital in our core area.** Hospitals are a key and vital part of every city, just like schools, fire stations, police protection and recreational facilities.

I strongly support St. Luke's expansion plan and urge you to provide the leadership that helps continue to provide increased value to our city core.

Sincerely,
Tom Ripke
2080 Table Rock Road

Boise, ID 83712

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Tom Ripke
tomripke@gmail.com

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Master Plan
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 5:19:45 PM

From: Gregg Ostrow [mailto:gostrow@cableone.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 4:44 PM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Master Plan

A few days ago I sent some comments regarding the St. Luke's Master Plan. I have heard that my comments are being twisted since I was the Facility Architect for St. Luke's for 10 years. I feel I need to send a clarification:

I am not a St. Luke's Employee
I do provide contract work for St. Luke's

My concern was with the objective review of the proposed expansion, not the subjective information being sent forth.

I have had a chance to sit down with a St. Luke's employee to discuss the project.

What I learned is that I am negligent of learning about the project, and that I cannot make a vote either way without knowing the facts.

So with this in mind, anyone who has twisted my earlier message as either a yes or no, I need to call my vote as "uninformed."

Thanks

Gregg Ostrow, AIA
208-866-3168

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 12:20:05 PM

From: Patrick Cusick [mailto:patrick.cusick@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 12:08 PM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Master Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter, Boise City Council Members:

I do not support St Luke's proposal to close Jefferson St. as part of its Boise Development Master Plan.

Closing a portion of Jefferson Street is too intrusive to commuters, businesses, and residents. Jefferson St. provides the only safe cycling route going from NE Boise towards the downtown area, and back. Closing access would force cyclists to use highly hazardous routes that do not provide bike lanes, or any protection for cyclists.

While I do support St. Luke's overall plan to continue its growth in the downtown corridor, I absolutely do not support its proposal to close a portion of any street - particularly a main thoroughfare such as Jefferson St. Perhaps St Luke's should consider building over its existing, ground-level parking, rather than changing a significant commuting thoroughfare.

Thank you,

Patrick J. Cusick
208 N Jantoni Dr.
Boise, ID 83702

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Lukes Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:47:44 AM

From: Barry Fries [mailto:bfries@cableone.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:08 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Lukes Plan

To the Honorable David H. Bieter, Mayor and Boise City Council Members:

I am writing in regards to St. Luke's downtown plan.

Per a mass mail piece from St. Lukes states: "... upgrades to the downtown campus also include careful consideration of the safety, connectivity, and flow of traffic for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians."

Well, hold them to it and add in aesthetics. A mountain of buildings will inimically dominate the east end of downtown. All sense of openness and "free flow" will be lost if St. Lukes fails to expand on the two sky bridges and keep Jefferson open. Integration is preferred to domination, and St. Lukes needs to learn to be a good neighbor. So please, stand firm and protect your vision for Boise.

And as a footnote, St. Lukes's flyer sounded arrogant and threatening ("If the Boise City Council votes against our development plan, major services will be migrated ... which will affect your local healthcare and the Boise economy.") I can overlook their attitude for a greater benefit, but I'll stick with St. Als, thank you.

Respectfully,

Barry Fries
Boise

The caveat with making something foolproof is underestimating fools.
~ "Dogbert"

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Lukes proposed downtown expansion
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:28:02 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: kirk keogh [<mailto:kirk@fiberpipe.net>]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:42 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter; hsimmons@cityofboise.org
Subject: St. Lukes proposed downtown expansion

i am writing to express my concern about the st. lukes proposed downtown expansion.

this plan was previously rejected by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and it is my understanding the Ada County Highway District Commissioners, off record, were not in favor of the plan.

the main objection best as i can determine will be modified (and increased traffic flows) that will result from closing a portion of east jefferson street. nothing new.

if the traffic issues that will likely result from the proposed plan can be mitigated, i.e., do not close jefferson, i believe i would look more favorably upon the plan.

i have a question for Chris Roth, Senior VP and Chief Operating Officer, St. Lukes Health System, and Kathy Moore Chief Executive Officer, St. Lukes West Region:

do you live in the east end, or, what part of town do you live in?

will you be affected by the the modified traffic patterns if the proposed expansion is approved?

assuming you live in the east end, what would your personal feelings be about this plan and the affect it will have on the neighborhood? would you be in favor of the plan?

please explain your logic and how you arrived at this decision.

kirk keogh
1015 east jefferson
boise id 8371
208.343.1750

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's road closure proposal
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:06:25 PM

From: Sarah Lunstrum [mailto:sarah.lunstrum@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:22 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's road closure proposal

I am writing this message to express my strong disagreement with the St. Luke's proposal to close Jefferson street. I feel this plan does not consider the best interests of citizens of Boise. I am hopeful that the Mayor's office will deny support of this plan.

With much respect,
Sarah Lunstrum

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: St. Lukes
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:05:48 AM

From: Ann Knapton [mailto:ann_knapton@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:32 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Lukes

I do NOT support St. Luke's Downtown Plan.

Thank you.

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: St. Luke's
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 8:24:58 AM

From: Tim Doyle [mailto:elyodrm@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 6:02 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's

As a property owner in the East End neighborhood I thank you for this opportunity to voice my strong support for the proposed expansion of St. Luke's - including the traffic flow/mitigation proposal.

I strongly feel that CPA14-00004 will be a project that benefits the immediate neighborhood and the City in general. It would be a shame to miss an opportunity for this type of first class development and the ancillary improvements to the general downtown area and the City of Boise.

Tim Doyle
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pierce st llc

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: Stop Closure of Jefferson St
Date: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 8:25:50 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Dana Lucas [<mailto:lucasdana@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 1:36 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Stop Closure of Jefferson St

Dear Dave,

As one of your neighbors in the East End, I want to add my voice to the public comments opposing this proposed closure of Jefferson St for the benefit of St Luke's.

Please help us preserve our neighborhood from SLRMC's rabid expansion into a residential area, preserve and rational access for the East End to the rest of Downtown via Jefferson St.

I am urging you to oppose SLRMC's expansion plan & street closures.

Thank you!

Yours,
Dana Lucas, RN
1202 E Jefferson St
Boise, ID 83712

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: Support for St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:31:20 PM

From: Nyle Barnes [mailto:nylebarnes@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:24 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Support for St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter and members of the Boise City Council,

I strongly support St. Luke's downtown Boise plan. As a resident of S.E. Boise and patient at St. Luke's downtown Boise campus, it would be a major loss to our city, not to speak of a major inconvenience for me, if St. Luke's planned facilities were relocated to its Meridian campus.

Don't let the city planners and traffic engineers to dictate on this one. In my view, having sophisticated medical services within our city is a lot more important than traffic flow.

Thanks for your attention to this urgent issue.

Regards. Nyle Barnes

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: Support for St. Luke's Health System Master Plan
Date: Thursday, April 09, 2015 4:40:49 PM
Attachments: [Sent from BSV0034.pdf](#)

From: Hoffer, Nolan [mailto:hoffern@slhs.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 4:11 PM
To: MayorBieter
Cc: Hoffer, Nolan
Subject: Support for St. Luke's Health System Master Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter,

Enclosed is my letter of support for the St. Luke's Health System Master Plan. I appreciate your consideration.

Best Regards,
Nolan L. Hoffer

Senior Director of St. Luke's Rehabilitation
600 N. Robbins Rd.
Boise. Idaho 83702
208-385-3246

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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: Support for St. Luke's plan
Date: Thursday, April 09, 2015 9:29:22 AM

From: Kami Faylor (ksfaylor) [mailto:ksfaylor@micron.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 9:06 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Support for St. Luke's plan

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I'm passionate about the City of Boise. I've lived in Boise for 15 years. Prior to that I visited family here every year of my life. My husband and I live in the Harris Ranch area where we are raising two very active children. We love the way that the city continues to grow and develop and we love how connected we are through the green belt and foothills.

I'm writing today to express my SUPPORT for the St. Luke's expansion plan. In order for our city to remain attractive to young families like mine, we have to have a top notch Hospital at the heart of our great city. If the expansion plan is not allowed to close that very small section of Jefferson, we run the risk of that expansion happening in Meridian instead. That means the city loses jobs, construction opportunities, investment opportunities, and most important to my family, reasonable access the Children's Hospital and all of its pediatric subspecialties.

I could care less if all the best shopping in the world builds out in Meridian, but when it comes to the Children's Hospital, I take notice. The concerns being voiced by the vocal minority do not represent me or my neighbors. We want St. Luke's to continue to grow and be best in class. Denying their very thoughtful plans to accommodate the complaints of 11 cyclists and some nostalgic ideas of "old Boise" is not what the people of Boise want or need to keep this city vibrant and moving forward.

Please approve the St. Luke's plan and encourage the City Council to as well.

Sincerely,
Kami Faylor

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Support St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:43:37 AM

From: Lisa [mailto:smilin2day@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:12 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Support St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Hello Boise Mayor and City Council,

Please support St. Luke's Downtown Plan.

Thank you for your service and consideration,

Lisa Duarte

1523 S Vermont Ave
Boise, Idaho 83706
208-874-3102

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Vote FOR St Luke"s development plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46:44 AM

From: Katy Bissell [mailto:antbock@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 7:43 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Vote FOR St Luke's development plan

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,
I am writing to urge you to approve the St Luke's Downtown Plan.
Boise cannot afford to have our healthcare move to Meridian. Those of us in Southeast
Boise depend upon you to keep St Luke's here in downtown Boise. Vote FOR the St. Luke's
Development plan.
Thank you,
Katy Bissell
3244 E Boulder Heights Dr
Boise ID 83712

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Vote FOR the St. Luke's Downtown Development Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46:09 AM

From: Bissell, Kevin [mailto:kbissell@to-engineers.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:31 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Vote FOR the St. Luke's Downtown Development Plan

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to urge you to approve the St Luke's Downtown Plan. I have lived in southeast Boise off Warm Springs Avenue since 1968 and depend on St. Luke's Boise location. Several members of my family have been patients at the St. Luke's cardiac care unit as well as MSTI. Keeping these local services is critical to the lifestyle we enjoy in Boise. Having those services move to Meridian will be a burden for many of our aging citizens. It may seem like having a full-service hospital nearby isn't necessary to a younger person, but in twenty years, many of those who protest expansion of the hospital will be regretting that decision as they or their loved ones are transported half an hour to Meridian for life saving procedures.

I urge you to vote FOR the St. Luke's Development plan.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Bissell
3244 E Boulder Heights Dr.
Boise ID 83712

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Alysha Prisbrey](#); [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: We support St. Luke's Boise Development PlanWe support St. Luke's Boise Development Plan
Date: Monday, April 13, 2015 8:52:11 AM

From: Jeff Anderson [mailto:604anderson@cableone.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2015 3:33 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: We support St. Luke's Boise Development PlanWe support St. Luke's Boise Development Plan

The Honorable Dave Bieter
Mayor of Boise

Dear Mayor Bieter:

A world-class city requires a world-class health care provider willing to support the downtown core.

Boise is a world-class city. Please support the St. Luke's Boise Development Plan.

Sincerely,

Jeff & Theresa Anderson
2819 S. Portside Avenue
Boise, ID
83706
208-343-8536

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: We support St. Luke's Boise Development Plan
Date: Monday, April 13, 2015 8:52:20 AM

From: Jeff Anderson [mailto:604anderson@cableone.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2015 3:24 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: We support St. Luke's Boise Development Plan

The Honorable Dave Beiter
Mayor of Boise

Dear Mayor Beiter:

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Boise **is** a world-class city. Please support the St. Luke's Boise Development Plan.

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2819 S. Portside Avenue
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From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: Yay St. Luke"s Downtown Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 2:28:51 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Galen Barnes [<mailto:galen.barnes@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 2:27 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Yay St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear MayorB

Please count me as one in favor of St. Luke's Downtown Plan. We, persons of the SE Boise persuasion, use MISTI every month or sometimes more often. Having many of the major St. Luke's services closeby makes health related days easier. Thank you for "listening".

Galen Barnes

From: [MayorBieter](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: FW: YES to St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:18:41 AM

From: Barbara Motooka [mailto:barbara.motooka@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 4:59 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: YES to St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I believe adding St. Luke's new development plans for cancer, heart & Idaho's ONLY Childrens hospital will draw additional new employers and residents to Boise, moving us to one of the best cities in the country for health services. I vote YES for St. Luke's development plans for their downtown facilities.

Barbara Motooka
Cityside Lofts resident
Boise, ID

From: [kirk.keogh](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#); [MayorBieter](#); [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: Fwd: St. Lukes proposed downtown expansion
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 10:36:28 AM

Idaho Statesman, April 7, 2015:

'In a full-court public-education blitz, St. Luke's says it must close Jefferson for hospital expansion

The hospital offers pedestrian- and bike-friendly improvements to offset the loss of the East End's favorite bike connection to Downtown.'

Am i missing something? No mention was made of the closure of East Jefferson and the modified traffic flows.

'the main objection best as i can determine will be modified (and increased) traffic flows that will result from closing a portion of east jefferson street.'

Again, what am i missing? Does St. Luke's have a magic wand: traffic be gone?

thank you for your time.

kirk keogh

Begin forwarded message:

From: kirk keogh <kirk@fiberpipe.net>
Date: April 2, 2015 10:50:28 AM MDT
To: citycouncil@cityofboise.org, mayor@cityofboise.org, hsimmons@cityofboise.org
Subject: St. Lukes proposed downtown expansion

i am writing to express my concern about the st. lukes proposed downtown expansion.

this plan was previously rejected by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and it is my understanding the Ada County Highway District Commissioners, off record, were not in favor of the plan.

the main objection best as i can determine will be modified (and increased) traffic flows that will result from closing a portion of east jefferson street. nothing new.

if the traffic issues that will likely result from the proposed plan can be mitigated, i.e., do not close jefferson, i believe i would look more favorably upon the plan.

i have a question for Chris Roth, Senior VP and Chief Operating Officer, St. Lukes Health System, and Kathy Moore Chief Executive Officer, St. Lukes West Region:

do you live in the east end, or, what part of town do you live in? will you be affected by the the modified traffic patterns if the proposed expansion is approved?

assuming you live in the east end, what would your personal feelings be about this plan and the affect it will have on the neighborhood? would you be in favor of the plan?

please explain your logic and how you arrived at this decision.

kirk keogh

1015 east jefferson

boise id 8371

208.343.1750

From: [Sandy Musser](#)
To: [Amanda Brown](#); [Craig Croner](#); [David Bieter](#); [Deanna Gutierrez](#); [Dennis Doan](#); [Doug Holloway](#); [Garry Beaty](#); [Hal Simmons](#); [Jade Riley](#); [Kevin Booe](#); [Neal Oldemeyer](#); [Rebecca Hupp](#); [Shawn Miller](#); [Terri Schorzman](#); [Tracy Hall Johnson](#); [Lynda Lowry](#); [Mike Journee](#); [Rob Luce](#); [William Bones](#)
Subject: Hotlines for the week of Marh 30 - April 3, 2015
Date: Thursday, April 09, 2015 9:42:45 AM
Attachments: [Mar 30-Apr 3 2015 sm.pdf](#)

Attached for your review.

From: [Kelli Chavez](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#); [MayorBieter](#)
Cc: [Hal Simmons](#); [Maryanne Jordan](#); [Elaine Clegg](#); [Lauren McLean](#); [Ben Quintana](#); [David Eberle](#); [TJ Thomson](#)
Subject: Jefferson potential closure
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:45:16 PM

I have already submitted my comments but felt compelled to send another email after the recent bombardment of mail I have received from St. Luke's, and the recent television and radio ads. I am appalled at the amount of money they are spending on this, when the alternatives to closing Jefferson were "too costly".

I feel strongly that St. Luke's is attempting to use scare tactics, bullying and coercion of groups they now support and of their employee's into supporting this master plan. St. Luke's is actually holding meetings (testimony training" to coach their employees what to say during testimony.

St. Luke's is even attempting to scare the public into believing that they would actually move the hospital out of downtown which would result in loss of investment in the community, migration of employees out toward Meridian which would result in loss of income to our downtown economy. That is simply not the case, as we all know another hospital would be happy to take over their space.

They are a non-profit hospital who makes hundreds of millions every year. They can use this money to find an alternative to closing a very important street in our community. The closure which we all know would be detrimental to the area; not only for commuters and bicycles but also the traffic issue that already exists and would only become MUCH, MUCH worse.

I feel the best plan would be to build a sky bridge over Jefferson if they feel they have to expand in that direction.

I hope you the city council will not let St. Luke's bully or scare you into voting for something that will be detrimental to downtown; the closure of Jefferson.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Kelli Chavez

From: [Amanda Brown](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: Luke"s Emails
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 11:28:04 AM
Attachments: [St. Luke"s 04.06.2015.pdf](#)

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: more St. Luke"s comments
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:26:31 AM
Attachments: [An urban medical campus but keep Jefferson open.msg](#)
[St. Luke"s downtown expansion.msg](#)

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: more St. Luke"s Comments
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 1:15:57 PM
Attachments: [St. Luke"s Downtown Plan.msg](#)
[St Luke"s Downtown Plan.msg](#)

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: more St. Luke's
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:19:42 AM
Attachments: [Ron Peterson St. Luke's Downtown Plan NO!.msg](#)
[Oppose Jefferson Street closure.msg](#)
[I oppose closure of Jefferson Street.msg](#)
[Keep St. Lukes in Boise - approve the expansion.msg](#)
[no to St. Luke's Downtown Plan.msg](#)
[Don't close Jefferson Street.msg](#)
[St. Luke's Project.msg](#)

From: [Nicole Lenzi](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#)
Cc: [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: NO! To St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:11:41 PM

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council,

I am writing to you requesting that you **vote NO to St. Luke's expansion request** and closure of Jefferson and 1st street.

I grew up in NE Boise off Warm Springs. I attended Adams Elem, East Jr High (old location) and graduated from Boise HS. I have lived in NE end, North End, and SE end. In the past few years we have seen more car traffic coming along Broadway, Warm Springs, State St, reserve, McKinley, E Jefferson. I currently work at the VA and I can tell you that car traffic is backed up heading North on Broadway, and that trying to get to fort is a nightmare compared to years past. I use reserve to get to the VA because of the back up and delay on Fort and State. I can only imagine what that morning and evening commute will be like if more cars are shunted off 1st and E. Jefferson and onto other streets. Please think how this will impact those of us that drive to work around there. There has been a huge increase in traffic with St. Luke's parking garage having people to turn into the garage off Broadway from 7:45 to 8:30am, and exit onto Broadway at 5:30pm and try to turn right onto Front to get on the connector, and traffic backs up. Another thing to consider with an expansion, is that will mean more traffic, and cars to employ more people. These are narrow streets, they can only handle so many. I am not ok with giving away a public street so that a can give them valuable land, and an artery to downtown from NE end. This is not OK, and needs to be stopped. Please vote no. This would be my response if it was St. Al's, TVH, Micron, CWI etc.

I think we need to ask what is in the best interest for Boise as a whole. Voting No is the right choice. Why might you ask?

1. St. Luke's has land in Meridian and they should expand there. Sure they want to get a stronger foothold in NE boise. I understand, health care is a business, so it makes sense to try to tap those affluent areas, but we do not need to sacrifice the greater good of the city for St. Luke's to obtain a public street when they have other options.

In Meridian they can build a parking garage for staff and then construct another tower or two to add onto the main hospital with skybridges. They would have lots space for more specialities. There is more housing being constructed in Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell area and having a larger hospital would address that need.

2. If they insistent on boise expansion, then they need to do it without eating up e. jefferson or 1st street. Why are they not building upward off the children's hospital so that there is 2 towers not 1 without disrupting a major artery for biking and cars to downtown.

3. They could look at expanding the Idaho Professional Building and the space around it, expanding Building #90 and then have a skybridge linking the buildings to the main campus. They could

4. St. Luke's has lots of buildings up jeffereson and 2nd street. If this is approved,

where does it stop? Will they ask next to close 2nd street to expand their campus in 15 years? They own spots on W. Washington, front, and state street. Will they then in the future ask the taxpayers to donate more public streets so they can expand?

Please say No!!!! Just like Bannock, once the street is given up it is gone forever and the blueprint, traffic pattern are forever changed. As a taxpayer, and Idaho educated 40-something year old professional, I do not want to sacrifice NE Boise when St. Luke's has other options. Again, Please say NO to the expansion.

From: [Sarah Correll](#)
To: [MayorBieter](#); [Council](#)
Subject: Oppose St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:44:11 PM

To Boise City Council and Mayor Bieter,

I am opposed to the St. Luke's Downtown Boise development plan that would close another downtown street and create an even larger hospital in downtown Boise. I live in Boise's West End (24th/W Jefferson St.) and I want our downtown to continue to grow in a planned, healthy manner.

Health care and its institutions must be kept in check, not handed the keys to creating our town. St. Luke's owns plenty of land all around Boise and Meridian which could house the new expansion(s). I received the St. Luke's pamphlet in the mail which mentioned that major services could be "migrated over time to Meridian" - that sounds like a good plan to me. St. Alphonsus is very close and I can drive to Meridian when needed.

Sincerely,

Sarah Correll, DVM

From: [Gemma Gaudette](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#); [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: RE: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 4:16:45 PM

Dear Mayor Bieter & City Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity for the public to comment regarding the proposed expansion in downtown Boise by St. Luke's Health System.

I live in the East End, about a mile and a half down the road from St. Luke's. Almost every day of the week, I use the streets surrounding the hospital. There is much debate about whether or not St. Luke's should be allowed to close one block of Jefferson Street.

Would it be inconvenient to close that one block? Yes, for many people it would be.

Would it be potentially life saving for hundreds, possibly thousands of more people? Yes, it would be. That is why I believe St. Luke's should be allowed to expand and close that one block of Jefferson Street.

As I'm sure you are well aware, the main reason for the closure is to make sure ALL emergency services at St. Luke's are on one level. The average person might not see the importance in that. Let me tell you why it's important: if you or your loved one is in the ER, many times, minutes, dare I say, seconds could matter between life and death. When an ER isn't on one level the most critical of patients have to wait for an elevator to take them to ER services. To this lay person that seems ridiculous.

A minute or two wait for an elevator doesn't seem like a big deal, unless you're trying to save someone's life, or if that life being saved is yours or a loved one.

Trust me, I know from experience. I've had to sit by helplessly as my father suffered a stroke, and minutes mattered before lasting damage set in. We were lucky enough to have an ER in my hometown that didn't need to rely on an elevator to transport my dad.

When my mom was dying we had to take her back and forth to the hospital, and she was in such precarious health that transporting her long distances through a hospital would have been inhumane.

I will never forget rushing my then 11 month old baby to St. Luke's Children's Emergency Room in downtown Boise hoping and praying he'd be okay. Long story short, after a week long stay at St. Luke's Children's Hospital with a staff dedicated to figuring out what was wrong with my child, he was able to be diagnosed, put on medication, and he's now a healthy, happy first grader.

Everyday I drive by St Luke's and everyday I say a little prayer of thanks that we are blessed to have the caliber of medical services we have right at our finger tips in downtown Boise. I don't want to see one more thing moved out to Meridian, especially quality medical care.

It might not be the convenient or easy answer to allow St. Luke's to close a portion of Jefferson Street. In fact, if you decide to do that I'm positive you as a governing body will have backlash.

Many times making the right decision isn't easy or convenient.

Please make the right decision and allow St. Luke's to close a part of Jefferson Street.

I can guarantee you if one of the people opposing the closure has a medical emergency and minutes matter, they won't care if they can't bicycle or drive down Jefferson Street, but they will care if it means the difference between life or death.

Sincerely,

Gemma Gaudette

From: [Molly Priest](#)
To: [MayorBieter](#); [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: Saint Luke's should be allowed to upgrade and expand
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:13:01 PM

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council,

Please let St. Luke's expand. My family and I have been patients at St. Luke's and were given impeccable care each time. My son had a brain trauma when he was two. He was hit by a steel bladed helicopter speed ceiling fan on the left side of his head above his ear (essentially like a machete to the head) and was lucky that St. Luke's Children's Hospital exists and that Dr. Cherny, a pediatric neurologist, lives here and works there. He saved my son's life. He was brilliant and communicative and humble. I can't imagine what we would have done had Dr. Cherny not been employed at St. Luke's. It was also critical that St. Luke's is downtown. We live in the North End and the 6 minutes it took for us to get my son to the hospital made a difference. My son has had a 100% recovery. No brain damage. He is a thriving seven year old. I am grateful for the quality of care given to him everyday.

I hope that the awesome city I have grown up in, left and returned to, has the vision to support St. Luke's medical community and its downtown location. I understand the disruption and adjustment the East End residents will have to endure. Change is always hard. However, for the community on the whole, St. Luke's is indispensable and should be allowed to upgrade and expand to be able to continue and enhance the incredible care they provide for the city of Boise.

Many thanks,
Molly Priest

From: HSIMMONS@cityofboise.org
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: Scan from a Xerox WorkCentre
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 2:14:57 PM
Attachments: [img-406141955-0001.pdf](#)

Please open the attached document. It was scanned and sent to you using a Xerox WorkCentre.

Sent by: hsimmons [HSIMMONS@cityofboise.org]
Number of Images: 2
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From: [Sheila Grisham](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Cc: [Maryanne Jordan](#); [Elaine Clegg](#); [Lauren McLean](#); [David Eberle](#); [TJ Thomson](#); [Ben Quintana](#)
Subject: St Luke's Expansion Plan
Date: Sunday, April 12, 2015 11:06:52 PM

Dear Hal,

I am writing to thank you all for taking a step back with St Luke's Master Plan. I am hoping that by doing this there will be some good dialog that will help everyone get what they want or need. I understand that this is more time consuming but I hope that more good comes from it.

I understand that there will not be any public testimony and that I will not be able to speak at this "Square Table" meeting but as an East End home owner I have some concerns and questions that I am hoping will be answered, if not this Tuesday, then hopefully in future discussions with St Luke's and City Council.

My first concern and question is about the traffic. If Jefferson is closed, how will St Luke's, City Council, and ACHD address the traffic problems that will occur with one less road to handle traffic, two more parking garages, and the estimated 13,000 trips a day that will be added to our already congested roads?

I am also concerned about pedestrians and bicyclists in this area, with that much more traffic they will be at more risk. I understand that St Luke's wants to build a cycle track and I think that is great, but once you get to the end of St Luke's property the cycle track will end and dump pedestrians and cyclists onto either State Street or Fort, neither of which are roads that are safe for pedestrians or cyclists.

If St Luke's is allowed to do this expansion, I am assuming that their trauma center will then be downtown, which brings me to my next concern, helicopter traffic. It is my understanding that when the helicopter pad was first put in that most of the helicopter traffic would go to St Luke's Meridian but, if they make downtown their Trauma Center I assume that will change too.

Why can't St Luke's divide their specialty centers among their hospitals? Why can't the Children's Hospital be in Meridian where the majority of families are moving? Why can't MSTI stay downtown since it is already here? I don't understand why it ALL has to be downtown when the majority of growth is in West Boise, Meridian, and Eagle.

If St Luke's is allowed to go forward with their Master Plan they will be taking over a large part of downtown, when is enough enough? What if they come to you in 5 years and say they need more, either more land, bigger buildings, or even more roads closed, what will happen then?

The Blueprint for Boise is a wonderful thing written by many that love Boise. It is a huge part of what makes Boise such a great place to live, work, and play. Why should St Luke's be allowed to ignore that plan and what will happen when other developers want to do similar things? They can just say, "Well St Luke's was granted permission, why can't we?"

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Sheila Grisham

From: [Becky King](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#)
Cc: [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: St Lukes Expansion
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:50:01 PM

We are totally in support of the proposed St Lukes expansion at the downtown location. We believe that quality health care is an important part of a vibrant and healthy community. The city of Boise is blessed to have such a highly recognized and regarded hospital in the downtown corridor. We feel it would be a shame if St Lukes was forced to move out of Boise to expand their facilities to provide state of the art care.

We've reviewed the proposed plan and feel it adds to the city.

Please vote in favor of the proposal!

Howard and Becky King
Boise

Sent from my iPad Bec

From: [James](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#); [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: St Luke"s
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 4:36:07 PM

Hello,

I am not in support of closing Jefferson St for this expansion. Why can the hospital not leave the street open and build a bridge that connects the buildings on either side of the street, much like the design shows over Avenue B. Also, they could remove street parking, make the road more narrow and install bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides and not lose as much space. If necessary, they could build up or down (under ground) another floor to accommodate for the area they would not get to use on Jefferson St.

The add in the Boise Weekly the week of Apr 1-7 clearly sends a message that the hospital will either get this plan approved or move west to Meridian for these additional services. I do find it hard to believe that there are no other options other than the plan that they have set forth already; the suggestion I mention above does not sound unreasonable and would satisfy both sides.

The roundabout concept for the intersection is a very good one as that corner is dangerous currently.

I cannot attend the meetings but hope my voice is heard and my suggestion is shared as an idea, a compromise, to the situation in order to reach a solution that all parties can be happy with.

Thank you,

James Wojcik

From: [Francis Hess](#)
To: [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: St. Luke Development
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:48:44 PM

At the request of St. Lukes I am writing in support of the development. I do not want to loose services and employment to the City of Meridian. I am a Boise Business person and community services volunteer. Please support this development or inform me why you are not in support of the proposed development. Thank you. Francis Hess

Francis Hess
propertybyhess@aol.com

From: [Quentin Knipe](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#); [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s - I support the plan
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:55:58 PM

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I live at 1174 Lewis St., near Municipal Park in the East End. I cannot recall the last time I used the section of Jefferson that St. Luke's wants to close. I do frequently ride my bike between the East End and the North End and in doing so I am always disappointed that there isn't a safer way to bike through that area. It looks to me like the proposed bike improvements will help that situation. I very much like having St. Luke's close to my home. I would be sorely disappointed to have to go to Meridian for medical services (or anything else). I am sure there are some people who use Jefferson on a regular basis and closing a portion of Jefferson will add a minute to their commutes, but that seems like a small price to pay for all the good that can come out of this. In short, I support the plan and hope that you will as well.

Thanks,

Quentin Knipe

From: [Snyder, Scott MD](#)
To: [MayorBieter](#); [Maryanne Jordan](#); [Elaine Clegg](#); [Lauren McLean](#); [Ben Quintana](#); [David Eberle](#); [TJ Thomson](#); [Derick O'Neill](#); [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: St. Luke's Boise Campus Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 3:30:22 PM
Attachments: [SLN letter to Mayor and City Council.pdf](#)

My apologies if this email is duplicative, but it was not apparent from my email tracking that it had been properly delivered so I am resending. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Scott A. Snyder, MD

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From: [John & Kathy Hodges](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Council](#); [Mayor Bieter](#)
Subject: St. Luke's Boise Facility Master Plan is flawed
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:13:54 PM

As a resident of Boise (Foothills East), I would like to state **my emphatic opposition to St. Luke's proposed closure of Jefferson Street**. Jefferson is one of a very few routes in and out of the East End. Its closure would funnel traffic onto adjacent streets which are already overloaded at peak times, and block access for emergency vehicles.

The grid of downtown streets as it now exists takes people—in cars, on bicycles and on foot—where they need to go. The human scale of streets, buildings and small blocks in our downtown reflects Boise's distinctive, friendly character. Relatively recent changes (re-opening Broad Street in Bodo, and changing some one-way streets to two-way) have been positive developments that promoted better traffic flow. They establish a good momentum. Let's keep our streets connected.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Hodges

2049 Danmore Drive

Boise ID 83712

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s comments
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 1:49:24 PM
Attachments: [St. Luke"s Downtown Plan.msg](#)
[Yes on St. Luke"s Expansion.msg](#)

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s comments
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 10:19:57 AM
Attachments: [St. Luke"s expansion.msg](#)
[St. Luke"s Downtown Expansion.msg](#)

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s comments
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:18:55 AM
Attachments: [closing Jefferson.msg](#)
[closure of Jefferson St.msg](#)
[PZ Opposes Jefferson Street Closure.msg](#)

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s comments
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:18:02 AM
Attachments: [Re St. Luke"s Downtown Plan.msg](#)
[St Luke"s Proposal.msg](#)

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s comments
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 8:25:46 AM
Attachments: [NO! To St. Luke"s Downtown Plan.msg](#)
[St. Luke"s - I support the plan.msg](#)
[St Lukes Expansion.msg](#)
[Fwd St. Luke"s Plan.msg](#)

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#); [Alysha Prisbrey](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s comments
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:07:20 AM
Attachments: [St. Lukes" Proposed Expansion.msg](#)
[St. Lukes development plans.msg](#)

From: [Chloe Ross](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s Comments
Date: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:25:32 PM
Attachments: [Jefferson Street Donation to St lukes.msg](#)
[St. Luke"s Master Plan.msg](#)
[St. Luke"s Future Plan.msg](#)

From: [Lisa Hatch](#)
To: [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s Downtown Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 7:44:51 PM

Mayor Bieter,

I'm writing to encourage you to say Yes to St. Luke's Downtown Plan. They are a valuable asset to our Boise community and do much good. I believe they have a well thought out plan that will enhance our downtown and continue to offer their valuable services in Boise.

Thank you,

Lisa Hatch

From: [MichelleMeyers](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#); [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s Downtown Plan
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:52:48 PM

Dear Mayor Bieter and Council Members,

I am all for the St. Luke's downtown plan! I live in East Boise and use the St. Luke's downtown campus for my MSTI appointments. It is a very convenient location for me and the thought of driving to Meridian is not appealing to me. Also, I am happy to learn that St. Luke's will be modernizing it's facility and planning for continued growth. I think this is important when considering how much Harris Ranch is expanding. It will be nice for those living in the East End now and for those that come to have a modern hospital in close proximity. In looking at the plan, I think St. Luke's has carefully considered the impact of its expansion on the downtown area. It has thoughtfully planned out traffic flow for both cars and bikes. As I frequently bike to my appointments, I was glad to see there will be improvements, especially considering safety, made to the bike paths in that area.

Thank you for considering my comments,
Michelle Meyers

From: [Amy Lunstrum](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#); [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:32:25 PM

Dear Mayor Bieter and Boise City Council,

Thank you for all you do to make Boise a wonderful place to live for my family and I.

I am writing to express that I am not in favor of St. Luke's Downtown Plan and their attempt to close Jefferson Street to car and bicycle traffic for the following reasons:

--Routing traffic to Fort street is not a good alternative. The Fort Street/Reserve Street intersection is already very congested and difficult to navigate; after commuting on that route for several years on bicycle, I have had several very close calls with cars entering or exiting Reserve street. Without a light, this is a potentially deadly intersection for bicycles and already too congested with car traffic.

--Routing bicycle traffic through the existing St. Luke's plaza created when they closed Bannock street is not a good option unless dedicated bicycle lanes are put in and pedestrian access to bike lanes is limited to designated areas.

--Closing Jefferson will increase congestion at the Warm Springs/Broadway intersection as well, which is already a very busy intersection for car traffic, particularly during morning and afternoon commuting hours.

St. Luke's appears to be making threats (i.e. moving cancer center, heart facilities and Children's Hospital to Meridian) in order to attempt to coerce the public into agreement with their plan. While I would rather St. Luke's kept services closer to Boise, I would rather drive to Meridian for these services for the several times in my life I might need them than deal with the traffic congestion and commuting difficulties every day posed by the closure of Jefferson Street.

St. Luke's may wish to consider the option of a breezeway or building over the road, if they need to, as they have done on other parts of their campus.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,
Amy

From: [Paul Kelly](#)
To: [Derick O'Neill](#); [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: St. Luke's expansion is a bad idea, belongs on the outskirts of town
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 1:48:35 PM

Dear Boise Planning Officers:

Boise's rectangular street grid westward and eastward is distorted and funneled south due to the foothills and is eventually cut off by the river. City street grid distortion peaks at the Fort Street, Warm Springs, and Broadway intersections. It must have been a sincere design headache for our forefathers laying out roads accommodating our geography; but, they did a nice job with their challenge. Travel through this narrow street grid funnel worked and surrounding neighborhoods flourished over time becoming desirable historic features of our community. This spirit prompts many refreshing renovations to our historic properties and helps keep the neighborhood vibrant. People are attracted to Boise for this very reason; an easy, uncomplicated commute, through interesting, attractive, non-industrial hometown streets.

The proposed St. Luke's expansion plan destroys the charming historic nature of the surrounding neighborhood. Figuratively speaking, it's like dropping a bomb into an established City neighborhood working against and destroying the concept Boise citizens have struggled to preserve. Their proposed industrial sized footprint belongs somewhere on the outskirts of town in an area open to development enabling accommodation to its size and the inevitable increase in traffic generated.

Traffic is already at congested levels in the adjacent intersections to the hospital. Any new traffic from their proposed growth, not to mention the closure of streets, will guarantee a level of frustration and gridlock inconsistent with peaceful residential living. That's against the hallmark of Boise's reputation.

Forgetting historic preservation or neighborhoods for a moment, for those who live in other areas of the City, for example, imagine having a lane closed on the connector for construction. Then imagine the impact on your travel, your traffic, your quality of life, when you are informed the lane is permanently closed and will never open again.

The ST. Luke's hospital is a great organization and has done wonderful things for the community health services; however, their proposed expansion plan is in the wrong geographic location. Do not approve this expansion proposal.

Truly,

Paul Kelly

557 N Morningside Way

Boise, Id 83712

From: [Thornton, Nathan L. MD](#)
To: [Mayor Bieter](#); [Maryanne Jordan](#); [Elaine Clegg](#); [Lauren McLean](#); [Ben Quintana](#); [David Eberle](#); [TJ Thomson](#); [Derick O'Neill](#); [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: St. Luke's master plan
Date: Friday, April 10, 2015 11:35:19 AM

Good morning.

My name is Nathan Thornton. I'm a neonatologist with St. Luke's Neonatology and live at 733 E. Bannock Street. Working at St. Luke's as well as being a resident of the east end, I believe I'm more than qualified to speak on the controversy of closing down Jefferson Street between Ave. B and N. 1st St. that the St. Luke's Master Plan would require.

Professionally I moved from Austin, TX in December of 2013. I was a neonatologist at Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin, TX, and I can tell you firsthand the incredible difficulties if pediatric subspecialty services and maternal/delivery services ultimately were split between Meridian and Boise. One I would point out would be the separation of mother and infant if transfer to a higher level neonatal intensive care unit were urgently needed. Infants were not delivered at Dell Children's Medical Center but had to be transported there, often urgently, after their delivery. This understandably was not ideal to new mothers.

Socially, I love the access the east end provides me. I walk to work every day and either walk/ride my bike to downtown often ---- downtown access is very important to me. I do not feel the closing of Jefferson Street between Ave B. and N. 1st St. would limit that access. In fact, I would welcome the improved bike paths the St. Luke's Master Plan would provide. Those improved bike paths, at least in my opinion, more than offset the closing down of Jefferson in that short block which now typically seems seldom used by auto traffic and more by bikes.

Thank you kindly for taking the time to read my email.

Nathan Thornton, MD

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From: macwslaugh@icehouse.net
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: St. Luke's Master Plan
Date: Monday, April 06, 2015 6:31:45 PM
Importance: High

RE the proposed St. Luke's Master Plan for eastern Boise.

We are long-time (19 years) residents of northeast Boise. We have enjoyed excellent care at St. Luke's, St. Alphonsus, and the Elk's Rehab Hospital. We truly appreciate the excellent medical services available here in Boise and the larger region.

Nevertheless, we must object to the specific part of the St. Luke's Master Plan which envisions blocking off Jefferson Street and creating an even more-massive medical complex. The loss of Jefferson Street access from northeast Boise is particularly troubling to local residents who utilize Jefferson daily to access downtown Boise. The proposed options of swinging northeast to State and Fort streets, or directly south to the Main Street/Warm Springs/Broadway intersection, would inevitable result in increased concentration of west-bound traffic, necessitating more circuitous routes to many destinations -- and frustration to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians alike..

Put simply, we are in strong opposition to any part of St. Luke's plan which would result in blockage of the current east-west traffic on Jefferson.

Thanks for your attention.

Charles W. and Mary A. Slaughter
1112 East Hays Street
Boise ID

From: [Diane Broom](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#); [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: St. Luke"s
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:36:40 PM

Dear Leaders,

I received a glossy promotional piece from St. Luke's RMC encouraging me to contact you with my views about their proposed expansion. I am happy to do so. I am opposed to the center's plan. I do not think it necessary, and I do not care if their services migrate to the Meridian site. Neither St. Luke's nor BSU own the City of Boise. Closing streets and impeding traffic, pedestrian, and cycling access to Boise's east end is not in the public interest.

Thank you for allowing me to make a statement.

Best regards,

Diane Broom (bench resident).

From: [Anne Hausrath](#)
To: [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: St. Lukes: Keep Jefferson St. open
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 3:28:33 PM

Mr. Simmons: We are very concerned about St. Luke's proposal which would close Jefferson St. We bicycle that section of street frequently and believe that closing the street would definitely reduce connectivity and walkability, features which we believe Boise should be working to preserve and increase when possible.

We very much appreciate St. Lukes as a downtown hospital and urge Boise City to work with them on this issue to try to get to a win-win solution. Sincerely, Anne and Alan Hausrath

PS we received a postcard from St. Lukes implying that they would move many hospital functions to Meridian should this application be denied. We did NOT appreciate what appeared to us to be a bullying technique on the part of the hospital

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Anne Stites Hausrath
ahausrath@gmail.com
208-345-9631

From: [Jensen, Ginger](#)
To: [MayorBieter](#)
Cc: [Maryanne Jordan](#); [Elaine Clegg](#); [Lauren McLean](#); [Ben Quintana](#); [David Eberle](#); [TJ Thomson](#); [Derick O'Neill](#); [Hal Simmons](#)
Subject: Why I support the St Luke's expansion plan
Date: Thursday, April 09, 2015 10:26:10 AM

Dear council and Boise City planning members:

I am a native Idahoan. I have lived in Southwest Idaho, North Idaho, and most recently Southeast Idaho. I started as a RN at St. Luke's in 1992 following graduation from BSU. I worked at this facility in a variety of roles from bedside RN in Labor and delivery and the NICU, and provided staff and community education. I left St. Luke's in 2000 and honestly have been trying to find my way back ever since. I believe that St. Luke's has and always will be community based in their vision. Always striving to improve the lives of those in our community and state. As a health care professional, this is my passion, my heart, and why I do what I do. These are the morals and ideals that have brought me back to serve at this hospital again. Since leaving, I have advanced my education and am bringing my varied experiences and new role to serve this community as a mid-level practitioner. My personal goal is to better the lives and the outcomes of our smallest patients and their families.

With the new Health Care Reform Act. The focus of healthcare is on prevention and promotion of healthy lifestyles, and pay for quality. Unlike the old model of reactive healthcare and pay for services rendered (good or bad). Having worked for a variety of large health care corporations, there is a definite difference in how this hospital serves its clients. While it is a business, the need of the patient and community is always a top consideration. This in contrast to corporate hospital systems in which the bottom line and an attitude of "do more with less" is the norm. Impossible edicts are sent from administration, and they are so far removed from the patient interface that they don't realize how their decisions result in disgruntled employees, lack of necessary resources, and ultimately poor care and outcomes. I believe that these systems will struggle to keep stride with the changing health care landscape. I have always appreciated the community involvement and support of St. Luke's in preventative health care and healthcare promotion to our region. I am honored to be able to "come home" and serve at the only Children's hospital in the state. A resource I frequently used and relied upon while working in the more remote areas of our state.

In order to continue to meet the needs of the community and region we must be allowed to expand and grow. These are the ideals and reasons that I am in support of the growth of St. Luke's; Not because I am an employee, but because I believe St. Luke's has always supported the community in their health care needs. In considering this expansion, I ask that you realize that a health care system (in particular a not for profit system) that can fully support the needs of the community is vital to a healthy community. This includes the health of your families and mine.

Thank you for taking time to read my story and reasons I am in support of St. Luke's Boise Development Plan.

Sincerely,

Ginger Jensen MSN, NNP-BC

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From: [Gordon Carlson](#)
To: [MayorBieter](#)
Subject: Yes to St. Luke"s Downtown Plan
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 9:14:36 PM

We have relied on the excellent (Nearby, Downtown) services by caring staff at St. Luke's for many years. The Eagle Road location is already too congested. Please allow them to expand downtown, so that we can continue to rely on their services in a convenient location.

Thank you,

Gordon & Carla Carlson

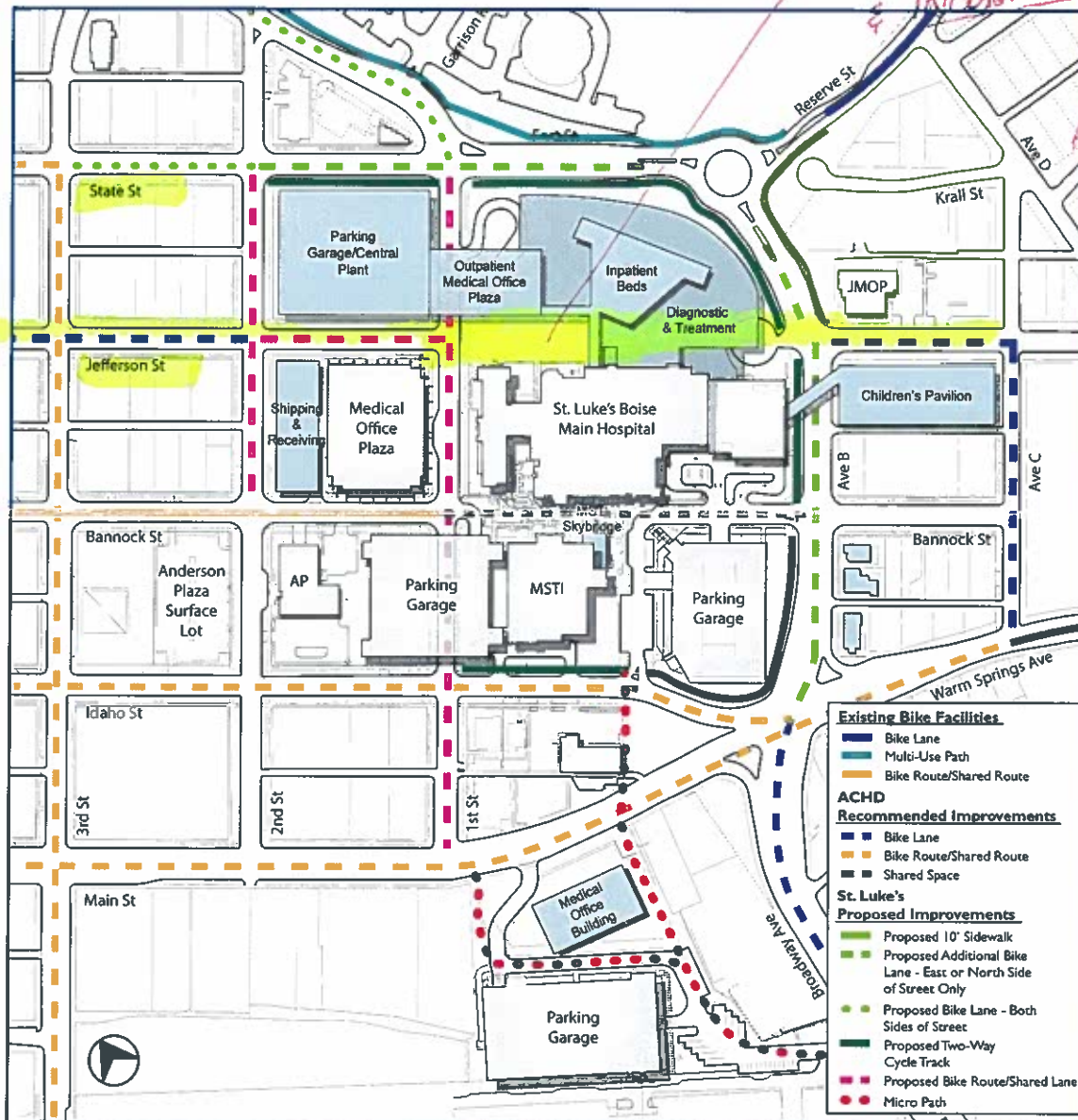
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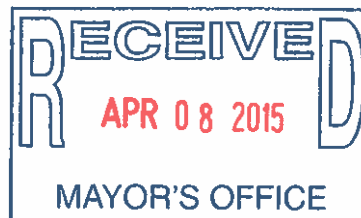


BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 2, 2015

The Honorable Mayor David Bieter
City Hall
150 N. Capitol Blvd.
Boise, Idaho 83702



Dear Mayor Bieter,

The relationship between Boise State University and St. Luke's Health System is one based on a shared vision to be leaders and partners in education, health innovation and discovery and to promote health and quality of life through teaching, research, and service.

This partnership greatly benefits Boise State students, faculty, programs and the greater Boise community. We share leadership and expertise through mentorships with faculty and we partner on research programs ranging from innovations for people with disabilities to cancer prevention. St. Luke's ensures that Boise State students have access to the latest technology in the field for their education, which is good not only for our students, but also for St. Luke's, which has hired hundreds of Boise State alumni.

It is without question that our relationship is mutually beneficial as both organizations continue to grow and to thrive, in part, thanks to the support and involvement of the other. Enhancements and growth at St. Luke's will directly impact Boise State University. With greater patient care capacity brings greater capacity for clinical instruction for our students and enhanced access to equipment and technology for our students. As St. Luke's grows, our programs are strengthened as is our ability to provide the best value in education and healthcare to our community, region, and state.

As one of the major property owners in downtown Boise, we appreciate well thought-out strategic planning and decision making to serve future populations. St. Luke's plans have been thoroughly vetted and carefully considered from every angle. We can imagine many benefits as a result of St. Luke's further development and expansion in downtown Boise and urge your approval.

Respectfully,

Bob Kustra
President

Tim Dunnagan
Dean, College of Health Sciences

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April 3, 2015



Dr. David Pate
President/CEO
St. Luke's Health System Board of Directors
190 E. Bannock Street
Boise, ID 83712-9987

The Honorable David Bieter
Mayor City of Boise
150 N. Capitol Blvd.
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Dr. Pate and Mayor Bieter:

I am writing in response to the advertisement from St. Luke's in today's Statesman promoting St. Luke's interests in altering downtown traffic patterns and city planning.

I find the ad quite offensive. It reads like a bully's blackmail – "Let us control downtown traffic and development or we'll make you drive to Meridian when you have a sick child or cancer." It is just ugly.

My family and I have long been patients of St. Luke's affiliated doctors, have been in-patients in the hospital, and have twice benefitted from excellent St. Luke's hospice care. The people who work for the hospital are good people who are an asset to our community. And, I do want the city to take into account the legitimate needs of the hospital in planning decisions.

But, I encourage the city to not be blackmailed into doing something for the benefit of the hospital when that benefit is not outweighed by the legitimate needs of others, like those who live and work in the neighborhoods near the hospital.

And, I encourage the hospital to rethink its policies insofar as those policies are reflected accurately by the advertisement. After seeing the ad, I spent some time on the St. Luke's website where I read the St. Luke's Health System Values: "*I Care* Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Excellence." The campaign as represented in today's ad in the Statesman is inconsistent with every one of those values and leaves me wondering whether our family should rethink where we get our health care. I will be watching – as noted, we have had excellent medical care at St. Luke's. I hope the excellent medical care will remain despite what may be a systemic problem with management.

I have trust in the city and St. Luke's to achieve a plan that balances all needs and that is reached by reason not by blackmail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Whipple". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Whipple".

Deborah Whipple
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March 31, 2015

Dear Mayor Bieter and Boise City Council:

This letter is to voice our support for St. Luke's Boise Campus Development Master Plan and the vacation of Jefferson Street.

As emergency medicine specialists, we have firsthand knowledge of the acute medical needs of our community, and we feel this is a sound plan for meeting those needs in the present and future. We have reviewed alternate proposals and have found them untenable and unsafe, all involving transporting critically ill patients across multiple floors and corridors of the hospital in order to perform the necessary diagnostic testing.

The downtown Boise campus of St. Luke's Health System has served our community for decades and has undergone numerous renovations to ensure that the residents of this region have had access to the best possible care. St. Luke's Boise Emergency Department was last updated in 2001. While technically modern, the design of our facility was specifically limited by the constraint of keeping Jefferson Street intact during that renovation. Since then, the number of patients we care for and their severity of illness have both increased significantly. At the same time, the expectations for rapid diagnostic testing and initiation of life-saving treatment have also increased. Our community and our region will benefit from an Emergency Department purpose-designed to meet these standards and expectations.

While important in itself, the Emergency Department is just one piece of a system of care that our neighbors rely on. From a well-designed ambulance entrance to seamless access to diagnostic testing to availability of operating rooms and critical care beds, the proposed plan ensures that our citizens will receive the best care possible when they are most vulnerable.

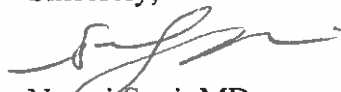
On a different note, as the referral center for this region, the St. Luke's Boise campus can expect to be involved in any major disaster or epidemic. The current facility was built before there were widespread concerns in Boise for bioterrorism, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, Ebola, and other disasters. While staff have undergone training to prepare for these situations, a facility built to be able to respond appropriately will make a tremendous positive impact for our city.

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Marlin Trainer, DO
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Tyson Warner, PA
Charles Washington, MD
Jason Wilhelmsen, MD
Steven Wyman, MD
Rourke Yeakley, MD

Our community deserves a newly designed, modern facility that will allow health care providers the space, equipment, and other resources needed to provide the best and safest patient care and ensure that resources are readily available for the next seriously ill patient, which could be any of us.

We urge you to approve St. Luke's Boise Campus Development Master Plan and place the health and safety of our community above all else.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neeraj Soni', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neeraj Soni, MD
President, Emergency Medicine of Idaho

**AMENDMENT TO LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM EXPANSION AND
PROPOSED VACATION OF ONE BLOCK OF JEFFERSON STREET**

As members of Emergency Medicine of Idaho and patient care providers in St. Luke's Health System Emergency Departments, our signatures below indicate our support:

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DOUG KARTEL

April 1, 2015

Mayor Dave Bieter
Boise City Council
PO Box 500
Boise, ID 83701-0500

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council Members,

As a healthcare consumer, Treasure Valley citizen and St. Luke's employee, I am writing to you in favor of the St. Luke's Downtown Campus Development Project.

As a healthcare consumer, I appreciate the high quality level of care that we are able to receive here in the Treasure Valley. Updating and expanding the downtown facilities with our most specialized services in one location will meet the needs of our community in the decades to come. The expansion will provide, in the most effective manner, for the medical needs of the expected population growth and of our aging population.

The St. Luke's plan has done an excellent job of containing urban sprawl—they are utilizing properties already owned by St. Luke's and are minimizing any "outward" expansion. As a Treasure Valley citizen, I appreciate this. I understand the concerns of the members of the East End neighborhood in closing one block of Jefferson, but I hope that they'll see that the plans seek to improve the functionality and safety of pedestrian, cyclist and car traffic flows.

Finally, as a St. Luke's employee, I'm proud of the work that we do. We provide excellent healthcare on a daily basis and truly seek the best for our patients and communities—in all areas. St. Luke's has spent a great deal of time and effort to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our communities with a minimal impact on the surrounding areas. I also believe that our strong presence adds to the vitality of the downtown area and the convenience encourages patients, visitors and employees to utilize those businesses.

Thank you for your consideration of this valuable project.

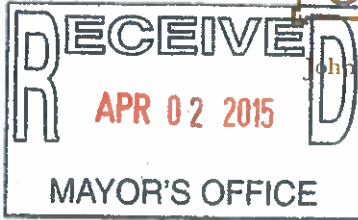
Sincerely,

Monica Hoffer

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W. E. UPJOHN



John S. Foster, Portland Sales Area

3/28/15

Betty Foster
723 Hillview Dr.
Boise, Idaho
83712

Dear Mayor Bieter,

We have been in the East End for 58 years. One of the reasons we chose this area was its nearness to St. Luke's hospital.

My husband has been in St. Luke's many times in the past 8 years and he passed away there March 20th, 15 of a ruptured abdominal aorta.

We discussed St. Luke's expansion plans a number of times in the past couple of months and we both agreed the benefits outweigh the concerns of EENA.

I'm a firm believer in strong neighborhood associations and was

An EENA board member in the 1990's.
However, I disagree with the current
EENA position on this matter.

The hospital will expand and
I would rather for the sake of
youngsters in our Warm Springs
Park Addition have the expanded
facility nearby rather than in
Meridian or some other city.

Thank you for your service to
our city and for your consideration
of this matter.

Sincerely,
Betty M. Foster

MAYOR'S HOTLINE
March 30 – April 3, 2015

3/30/15

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Supports St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

3/30/15

Janine Howard
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Supports St. Luke's downtown plan but feels their post card was threatening.

City Council

3/30/15

George Wade
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Boise, ID 83702

wadegorgea@gmail.com

Opposes St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

3/30/15

Eloise Edwards
853-2774

Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

3/30/15

Mary Kristine McKinsey
2077 S. White Pine Ln.
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Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

3/30/15

Carol Severa
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Boise, ID 83712

Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

3/30/15

Eva Frank
405 S. 4th
343-3041
Supports St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/30/15
Mary Wagenfeld
P.O. Box 1833
Boise, ID 83701
336-5400
Opposes St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/30/15
Rebecca Tomeck
571-7069
3260 S. Sutton Ave.
Boise, ID 83706
Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan but felt their mailing was very threatening.
City Council

3/30/15
Diane Evans
869-1081
2116 N. 28th
Boise, ID 83703
Opposed to St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/30/15
Will Browning
305 N. 17th St. Apt. 107
Boise, ID 83702
336-7974
Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/30/15
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City Council

3/30/15 Janet Reis
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Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/30/15
Dexter Smith
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Boise, ID 83702
283-3632
Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/30/15
Ralph Myers
11504 W. Hollendale Dr.
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573-2517
Kudos to Dennis Matlock, from Parks & Recreation Department.
Parks & Rec.

3/30/15
Hal & Betty Davis
10234 W. Burntwood Ct.
Boise, ID 83704
376-5978
Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/30/15
Sally Sherman
811 S. Day Dr.
Boise, ID 83705
338-1138
Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

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Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/30/15
Gary Lowan
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Supports St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/31/15
Cathleen Clifford

1818 N. 22nd St.
Boise, ID 83702
363-9542
Opposes St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/31/15
Bobbie Brewer
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Opposes St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/31/15
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Supports St. Luke's expansion, but has reservations about the traffic plan.
City Council

3/31/15
Debbie O'Brien
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Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

3/31/15
Don Wilson
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Opposes St. Luke's closing the street.
City Council

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City Council

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City Council

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Opposes the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

4/1/15

Chris Meyer
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Boise, ID 83716

Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

4/1/15

Helen Gladich
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Boise, ID 83704

Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

4/1/15

Roland Crosby
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Hidden Springs, 83714

Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

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Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

4/1/15

Joyce Gomez
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Supports the St. Luke's downtown plan.
City Council

4/1/15

Mary Cozby
American Cancer Society
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Would like to talk to the Mayor about Relay for Life event @ Boise State and let him know about the events coming up.

Mayor's Office

4/1/15

Patricia and David Lachiondo

794-5674

168 S. Villa Pl.

Boise, ID 83712

Supports St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

4/1/15

Carl Bosine

5275 W. Franklin Rd.

Meridian, ID 83642

571-0453

Opposes any further streets being closed around St. Luke's.

City Council

4/1/15

Philip Gordon

623 W. Hayes

Boise, ID

pgordon@gordonlawoffices.com

880-7200

Opposes St. Luke's downtown plan and offended by their postcard.

City Council

4/1/15

Frank Martinez

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Boise, ID 83702

303-748-8581

Opposes St. Luke's downtown plan and offended by the threatening postcard.

City Council

4/1/15

Rudy Shavanti

2425 E. East Ave.

Boise, ID 83713

250-6111

Questions about the planned development of Hyde Park

Mayor's Office left msg.

4/2/15

Kirt Keo

343-1750

East End of Boise

Opposed to Jefferson St. being closed.

City Council

4/2/15

David Countryman

3101 Ridgeway

Boise, ID

336-0806

Opposes St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

4/2/15

Anonymous

Opposes St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

4/3/15

Ron Walker

2012 N. 18th

Boise, ID 83702

850-1187

Opposes Jefferson St. being closed.

City Council

4/3/15

Geri Van Houten

433-0363

670 Clearwater Ln. #102

Boise, ID

Supports St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

4/3/15

Mrs. Larry Wright

345-9438

Supports St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

4/3/15

Marie L. Schick

922-6166

514 S. 12th St. Apt 303

Boise, ID 83702

Supports St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

4/3/15

Darrell Bean

385-9011

Opposes closing Jefferson St.

City Council

4/4/15

Anonymous

Opposes St. Luke's downtown plan and that the hearing has been changed to April 14 with no public comment. Thinks there is corruption going on.

City Council



April 2, 2015

Dear Mayor Bieter:

We write to you in support of St. Luke's Master Plan application for the St. Luke's Boise campus and urge you to adopt it into the City's Comprehensive Plan. We represent clinic and hospital service lines that care for the sickest of patients admitted to St. Luke's Boise facility including cardiology, cardiac surgery, vascular surgery, pulmonary intensivists (critical care doctors) and hospitalist physicians.

St. Luke's Boise is the busiest tertiary care hospital in Idaho, serving a population from eastern Oregon, northern Nevada, south central and southwest Idaho. From a healthcare delivery perspective, we are geographically isolated 325 miles from the nearest academic medical center in Salt Lake City; accordingly, we are morally and ethically obligated to offer high quality tertiary care for patients with complex medical problems so these patients do not have to travel great distances from home and family to receive high quality care. St. Luke's is nationally recognized as a Truven Top 100 hospital, a Truven Top 50 Cardiovascular hospital, and is currently in process for a fourth consecutive designation as a Magnet hospital. Magnet designation is provided by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (the world's largest and most prestigious nurse credentialing organization) to fewer than 8% of all hospitals internationally.

St. Luke's must modernize its aging facility to continue the tradition of providing cutting-edge, high quality patient care. Many of our downtown facilities would not meet code if planned for today's healthcare delivery system. Our patient rooms are too small to accommodate patients, families, caregivers, and technology such as patient lift systems and ceiling-mounted communication and visibility devices. Our operating rooms will not accommodate the rapid and evolutionary technological innovations occurring today and in the future. With the pace of modern health care, physicians and other caregivers require integrated access to ambulatory, acute care, and diagnostic services; this integrated access is a unique and critical component of the Master Plan allowing rapid transport of critically ill patients to heart catheterization laboratories, diagnostic imaging suites, and operating rooms. Time sensitive emergencies such as stroke and heart attack patients will be provided the opportunity for improved outcomes with the integrated access designed within the Master Plan.

Patient flow and workflow considerations for physicians, nurses, laboratory personnel, and other caregivers require the closure of one block of Jefferson Street on the north side of the existing hospital. This closure will allow St. Luke's to maintain interconnectivity of the multidisciplinary services necessary to provide integrated care for our patients and prevent fragmentation of tertiary care for heart, cancer, and children's services, which would result in expensive duplication of support space and personnel—increasing rather than decreasing the cost of delivering quality health care. Failure to approve the closure of one block of Jefferson Street will result in the need to move these tertiary care services over time to our Meridian campus.

St. Luke's has traditionally attracted exceptionally gifted and compassionate physicians and nurses because of our facilities, our culture, and our governance (a locally governed, not-for-



profit community asset). Maintaining the tradition of excellence in recruiting and retention of the best of the best healthcare providers necessitates that we have state-of-the-art facilities and technology to deliver high quality health care for our Boise community and the region.

Accordingly, we ask for your support for St. Luke's Master Plan, which will allow us to continue our pursuit of becoming a healthcare delivery system providing better care at a lower cost.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marshall F. Priest MD".

Marshall F Priest, MD
Executive Medical Director
St. Luke's Heart

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Bishop".

David Bishop
Administrator
St. Luke's Heart

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ginger McCabe".

Ginger McCabe
Sr. Director Physicians Services
St. Luke's Heart

On the next page are the physicians, nurse practitioners and physician's assistants that support the St. Luke's Boise Master Plan application approval.

St. Luke's Idaho Cardiology

Samual Bass, MD
Murali Bathina, MD
Lyndon Box, MD
Andrew Chai, MD
Frederick Costello, MD
Marcos Daccarett, MD
Robert Duerr, MD
Charles Eiriksson, MD
James Field, MD
Stefanie Fry, MD
Nathan Green, MD
David Hinchman, MD
Kristin Linzmeyer, MD
Melinda Marks, MD
Joshua Mozes, MD
Brian Nolan, DO
Daniel Noonan, MD
Katie Assmus, PA
Christine Bayes, NP
Meghann Bostrom, NP
Carolyn Kolb, NP
Molly Lynn, NP
Anna McCreath, NP
Brad Mulkey, PA
Janel Murray, NP
Dana Peachey, NP
Shannon Vaughn, NP
Andrea Bockenstette, NP
Sara O'Connor, NP

**St. Luke's Cardiovascular
Associates**

Andrew Forbes, MD
Jeffrey Gilbertson, MD
Christian Hamlat, MD
Scott Huerd, MD
Philippe Masser, MD
Brian Matteson, MD
Matthew Schoolfield, MD
David Stuesse, MD
Scott Burnett, PA
Tyler Stewart, PA
Beau Walker, PA
Mollie Weinberg, CRNFA
Aaron Thomason, NP

**St. Luke's Idaho Pulmonary
Associates**

Saadia Akhtar, MD
Hernan Avella, MD
William Bergquist, MD
Lloyd Blake, MD
William Dittrich, MD
Matthew DiVietro, DO
David Fonseca, MD
Brian Goltry, MD
Oleg Kouskov, MD
Dan Lowery, MD
Karen Miller, MD
Wendi Norris, MD
Sogol Nowbar, MD
Eric Rich, MD
David Sasso, MD
Jim Souza, MD
William Thompson, MD
Patrick Weis, MD
David Wyler, DO
Danielle Brunk, NP
Valerie Dawidczik, NP
Linda Gould, NP
Carolyn Green, PA
Darren Klassen, PA
Debra Mercy, NP
Molly Roy, PA
Ron Sandow, NP
Margi Soni, NP

St. Luke's Hospitalist

Adam Balingier, MD
Donna Beeson, DO
Taylor Boettiger, MD
Peter Cliften, MD
Gabriel Garber, MD
Perry Giffen, MD
Shanda Grooms, MD
Gloria Henao, MD
Troy Johnson, MD
Scott Link, MD
Daniel McClaskey, MD
Ryann McClennen, DO
Alejandro Necochea, MD
Margaret Nunley, MD
Elizabeth Olberding, MD
Kellen Ronnau, MD
Steve Sadicario, MD
James Schrader, MD
Alexis Shanahan, MD
Tracy Tran, DO
Douglas Wimer, MD
Lindsay Winans, MD
Mark Young, MD
Heather Dobbin, PA
Katie Fisher, PA
Laurel Fiske, NP
Lindsay Shedd, PA
Cassi Shelly, NP
Nate Thompson, PA

Nolan L. Hoffer
757 W. Hartack Ct.
Meridian, ID 83642

April 9, 2015

Mayor Dave Bieter
150 N. Capitol Blvd
Boise, ID 83702

RE: CPA 14-00004 / St. Luke's Health System / St. Luke's Master Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter:

My name is Nolan Hoffer and I am an employee of St. Luke's Health System, working in downtown Boise. The purpose of this letter is to share my support for the St. Luke's Master Plan.

St. Luke's is an Idaho (Boise) based, community owned, not-for-profit health system. We are governed by a volunteer board comprised of local leaders. Our rich history started in a converted Boise home on December 1, 1902 by Bishop James B Funsten who identified a need for his parishioners and quickly expanded the services to encompass the community at large. In 1928, St. Luke's was moved to its current location and has occupied this location ever since.

Since its inception St. Luke's has never lost sight of its need to serve anyone regardless of their ability to pay. Our heritage and values continue to direct our course as we meet the area's rapidly growing healthcare needs. It is the foundation upon which we have built Idaho's largest and most advanced health care organization and it is what continues to benefit the citizens of Boise and beyond.

Our continued efforts to improve our services bring recognition from organizations who rank healthcare services. Boise should be proud of a provider who benchmarks their respective services based on "best practices" and then is recognized for those efforts. Below are a few awards that directly impact our patients and the communities we serve.

- 2014 – Truven ranked St. Luke's among the Top 15 Health Systems with better patient safety, better survival rates, lower 30-day mortality rates, fewer complication and shorter hospital stays.
- October 2013 – Recognized by Healthgrades for Quality Clinical Outcomes in cardiac care, critical care and joint replacement.
- January 2013 – Healthgrades recognized St. Luke's among the "Top 5 Percent of Hospitals in nation."

I mentioned that we serve "regardless of the ability to pay." Not only does St. Luke's provide outstanding quality and patient satisfaction, we admit patients regardless of their ability to pay. Did you know that in 2014 St. Luke's Treasure Valley provided unreimbursed services in the amount of \$66,140,887 (St. Luke's Treasure Valley 2014 Report of Community Benefits Report)?

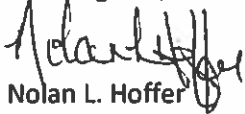
One of the primary reasons that I went to work for St. Luke's was their transparency and their willingness to be engaged and partner with the community. The discussion regarding the proposed

closure of Jefferson Street is no exception. The Downtown Master Plan is inspired and guided by the City's comprehensive plan, Blueprint Boise, enhancing the "built environment" and preserving Boise's livability. Adopting attributes of all seven Blueprint Boise themes, the St. Luke's Plan proactively incorporates land use and transportation planning, healthcare delivery, and the unique characteristics of the neighborhood setting. The plan has been modified based on feedback from neighbors and community input, including "preserving with purpose" historically interesting structures, incorporating public art, and enhancing mobility options.

St. Luke's has also been diligent in its engagement with ACHD and the City of Boise to explore broader transportation and land use planning solutions for the larger Fort Boise area. They have also agreed to additional infrastructure investment beyond the required mitigation for the one-block vacation to ensure connectivity for the greater area.

The health and vitality of any downtown area is dependent upon business partners like St. Luke's, who are dedicated to quality, transparency, and willing to cooperatively collaborate with community members. Without this cooperative collaboration, cities lose vitality. I urge you to vote in favor of the St. Luke's Master Plan and influence those around you to do the same. St. Luke's has a long history in Boise as a quality provider of healthcare services and they are a vital part of the greater downtown area success. It is my belief that the plan put before you will enhance the livability of the community and will foster sustained vitality into the future and will allow St. Luke's to provide the level of healthcare service we have all come to trust.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nolan L. Hoffer", written over the printed name.

Nolan L. Hoffer



March 26th, 2015

Scott Snyder, MD
Medical Director,
Neonatology
Charlene Crichton, MD
Nick Harper, MD
Amy T. Kirk, MD
Scott Knight, MD
Jennifer Merchant, MD
Erik Meyers, MD
Declan O'Riordan, MD
Nathan Thornton, MD
James W. VanLooy, MD

Maria Cheatham, NNP
Clinical Supervisor,
Neonatology
Tammy Allen, NNP
Cheri Beaumont, NNP
Tony Broderick, NNP
Jan Buchanan, NNP
Elizabeth Gibson, NNP
Abby Gray, NNP
LaResa Janousek, NNP

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council Members,

On behalf of the Neonatologists, Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, and administrative staff of St. Luke's Neonatology, I am writing to urge you to adopt the St. Luke's Boise Campus Master Plan into the Boise City Comprehensive Plan. Our practice cares for nearly 900 premature and critically ill infants each year on the downtown campus, and these babies rely on the expertise of the Neonatologists and Pediatric subspecialists who provide their care. In the last 3 years, St. Luke's Children's Hospital has added over 40 new Pediatricians and Pediatric Subspecialists to meet the needs of our Newborn Intensive Care patients and the children of our region. We are in desperate need of space for these providers to care for their patients, and we receive regular feedback from families who are frustrated by the fragmentation and limited access of our current facilities. The proposed new Children's Pavilion will be a world-class facility serving kids from across the state.

We have had the opportunity to review the various options for the development of the downtown campus, and we feel strongly that the current proposal is the only one that meets the needs of our patients and their families. Building to the south, east, or west of the current facilities creates substantial logistical hurdles that result in patient flow issues and physician response times that jeopardize patient care. The north option currently proposed creates the optimal footprint to keep services proximally located, improving safety and efficiency. When dealing with a critically ill newborn, seconds count, and moving these infants long distances from the Labor and Delivery ward to the Newborn Intensive Care puts them at increased risk.

If the current proposal is not adopted, the only realistic option from the Children's Hospital perspective is to relocate services to the Meridian campus. Our providers chose to live and work in Boise because it is a vibrant and livable city. We strongly wish to see the Children's Hospital remain on the downtown campus. But our patients take priority, and should we not have the appropriate facilities to effectively deliver care, we would all advocate relocating these services to Meridian.

We understand that one of the major concerns is the closure of Jefferson Street. Our Newborn Intensive Care unit is presently located on the second floor of the East wing of the hospital, and looks down directly onto Jefferson. We see daily that this street is seldom used, and mostly by St. Luke's employees and various service vehicles. We see cyclists who have to navigate around these large service vehicles in a manner that appears quite unsafe, with bikes suddenly emerging and requiring quick reaction time to avoid collisions. The proposed Campus Master Plan provides

attractive, efficient, and safe bicycle and pedestrian paths that are far superior to travelling down this street and yet still allow easy access to the downtown grid. A number of our providers live in the North and East Ends, and we welcome the proposed improvements to the intersections and travel corridors that this plan provides.

In summary, we see the Master Campus Plan as a critical need for our patients, their families, our medical community, and the community at large. Injecting hundreds of millions of dollars in economic benefit for the downtown area is icing on the cake. Please support adoption of the St. Luke's Boise Campus Master Plan into the Boise City Comprehensive Plan. We are most grateful for your time and service.

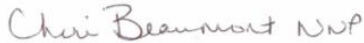
Respectfully,



Scott A. Snyder, MD
System Medical Director, St. Luke's Neonatology



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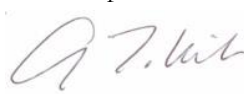
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Kristy Randis

Alysha Prisbrey

From: dccarlson <dccarlson17@q.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 11:03 AM
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

I would like to encourage you to strongly consider St. Luke's expansion in downtown Boise. The downtown Boise core is continuing to expand with the addition of more hotels, apartments, and condos. It is vital for these developments to have a complete and major medical center in its hub area. As St. Luke's expands downtown, more money will be kept in the local area because of all of the subsidiary business's and offices. A city the size of Boise needs to have a major medical center in its downtown core.

As for the proposals that St. Luke's has shared, I am in favor of them. I live in the northeast end and drive this route almost every day and I like what they have offered as well as some of what ACHD has suggested.

I especially like the new proposed cycling track idea. This was designed with a lot of thought and not just decided by a bicycle rider. The new plan makes sense and should be considered for a lot more streets around Boise. I understand that there is a need for bicycles but they do not mix well with cars and pedestrians. Cars and pedestrians have rules for stopping and going and crossing streets that are enforced. Bicycles seem to have no rules and I never have seen any being enforced. They go back and forth from street to sidewalk, cut thru traffic, ride between cars, turn in front of you when your are in a turn lane, they go the wrong way against traffic, don't ride single file and the list can go on and on. They also need to be licensed and taxed to help pay for their designated riding areas the same as cars.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Dick Carlson
2256 Table Rock Rd.
Boise, ID 83712
dccarlson17@q.com
208-409-1584



Mayor Dave Bieter and City Council Members
150 N. Capitol Blvd.
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Mayor Bieter and Council Members:

This letter is being written in strong support of the St. Luke's expansion in downtown Boise. St. Luke's is a very powerful influence in our downtown and our region. All citizens of the Treasure Valley should be supportive and grateful for their plans to expand downtown. Strong downtowns ripple and help stimulate strong regions. The positive impact St. Luke's has on our downtown and region is beyond measurement.

The proposed expansion of St. Luke's in downtown Boise magnifies their positive impact further. High wage jobs creation is critical to stimulating downtown residential development. In addition, having an expanded healthcare system downtown encourages senior housing in the downtown corridor. Downtown Boise is lacking in having a reasonable share of urban housing for a community of its size. This expansion will help stimulate more housing options.

The influx of additional workforce and increased traffic to our downtown will help support and stimulate retail and other complimentary business activities. St. Luke's expansion brings other businesses and services to downtown.

As past President of the Downtown Boise Association, a member of the Urban Land Institute, and a financial supporter of Idaho Smart Growth I believe the extensive effort of St. Luke's to mitigate the closure of Jefferson Street is laudable. While terminating any urban street or path of connectivity must be considered very carefully and avoided if possible. I think it is clear the traffic counts on Jefferson, at this location, are extremely low and not significant to urban vehicular circulation. St. Luke's is prepared to invest in alternate pedestrian and bicycle paths which vastly improve the existing ped/bike network.

Please approve this proposal. The positive impact on downtown Boise will last forever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clay Carley", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Clay Carley
General Manager
Old Boise LLC

945 E Valencia St.
Boise, Idaho 83706

The Honorable Mayor David Bieter
Boise City Hall
P.O. Box 500
Boise, ID 83701-0500

Dear Mayor Bieter:

I am writing to ask you to support the St. Luke's Boise Campus Development Master Plan. I believe that Boise is one of the best cities in the world; this community deserves a world class healthcare facility that not only keeps up with the growing health demands of our aging population but also helps the surrounding neighborhoods and the downtown core thrive well into the future.

My wife I moved from Phoenix nine years ago and consider Boise our home. We fell in love with the livability of the city. For us this included, walking and biking downtown, making Boise the perfect city for us to live. Currently I walk across Jefferson Street on First Street to the hospital daily. It is not uncommon for drivers to run the stop sign at Jefferson and 1st street on their way downtown, making this a hazardous condition for pedestrians trying to cross the street. The new campus plan presents many improvements for pedestrian and biker safety, which I support as both a pedestrian and a motorist who frequents downtown.

I also support the campus plan as a current St. Luke's employee. Taking a patient into an elevator, across a Sky Bridge, and back down to receive life-saving care may seem trivial, but time is tissue, and any delays can impact our patients. According to the American Heart Association, "Every minute in which a large vessel ischemic stroke is untreated, the average patient loses 1.9 million neurons, 13.8 billion synapses, and 12 km (7 miles) of axonal fibers."¹ Even the addition of a few minutes can mean drastically altering the quality of life for our patient's.

St. Luke's leaders are good stewards for the community; they would not present a plan to the City Council that was less than the best possible alternative, or present a plan that would result in worse patient outcomes. I want to see Downtown Boise continue to be the beacon for innovation and forward-thinking, future-focused growth in the Treasure Valley. I want to see Downtown Boise become a region nationally recognized as a leader in healthcare.

When the benefits are so great to the community, it makes good sense to support the St. Luke's Boise Campus Plan, and I strongly urge your support of this plan.

Thank you so much for your help and consideration.

Sincerely,
David Strong
208-850-1200

1. (2006). Retrieved January 1, 2015, from <http://stroke.ahajournals.org/content/37/1/263.full>

Alysha Prisbrey

From: George Targee <firecracker42@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 11:59 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Future Plan

I would like to express my support for the plan that St Luke's has published for its future in Boise. Losing a part of a street seems a small price to pay for having a high quality, high tech hospital located in the heart of our city. I would hate to think one would have to drive to Meridian for care in the midst of a critical emergency like a heart attack.

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Thanks for your time,
George Targee

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Steven Pontickio <spontickio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 9:57 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Expansion

Mayor Bieter and City Council members,

My name is Dr. Steven Pontickio, a second year Internal Medicine resident through the University of Washington - Boise track. I am writing today to voice my support for the planned expansion of St. Luke's downtown campus.

First, I do not swear allegiance to either of the community hospitals in the valley. My support is based on my observations when dealing with St. Luke's with emergent transfers. After spending the last two years in Boise, I have noticed that all of the regional hospitals have been reaching their capacity to admit new patients and accept transfers from outside hospitals. Boise has growing needs as our state's population increases, and as our population ages, we will need more beds to care for complicated medical problems. The providers, nursing staff and anillary support are ready for these patients, however, the facilities need help.

In anticipation of the new problems that patients will present with, St. Luke's is attempting to head this problem with building additional facilities in downtown Boise. While I support the decision to increase the capacities of St. Luke's, I must say that I would not likely be affected by closing Jefferson Street. I believe this is a loss, as congestion is increasing in Boise. However, with our aging population who seek advancements in modern medicine to improve their quality of life, I think that this would benefit Boise and southern Idaho in the long term.

St. Luke's, like Boise, is growing. Like it or not, St. Luke's is in a position where what they do now will affect the care of patients for decades. We can accept disruption in traffic patterns, or we accept overcrowding of hospitals. Being a concerned physician, I chose the former.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steven Pontickio
Boise VA Medical Center
500 W Fort St.
Boise, ID 83702

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Dan Krishnek <dkrishnek@pwrplusinc.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:26 AM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: St Luke's Downtown Expansion

Hello,

We urge your support of the closure of Jefferson Street for one block to allow for this major expansion for St Luke's. This project represents a large boost to the local economy for many local businesses and people. Your support is appreciated for this project that will be a great facility for us all.

Dan Krishnek
Power Plus, Inc., 25 Hartman , Boise, ID-83704
Contractor Registration #RCE-3894
dkrishnek@pwrplusinc.com
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(208) 871-1372 cell

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Teamschrinsky <Teamschrinsky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 8:36 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's expansion

I want to express my opposition to the proposed St.Luke's expansion. It is wrong for the city to lose access to a main thoroughfare just so that one private entity can expand. Yes, St. Luke's serves a need, but this outrageous campaign of fear mongering is simply ridiculous. As a tax payer I would not be happy to see this approved.

I am sure a compromise that allows the expansion and a permanent thoroughfare can be achieved.

Cordially,
Alex James Schrinsky

Sent from my iPad

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Linda Simon <llsimon51@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 8:16 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

I have lived in the East end of Boise for 37 years. I continue to live in the East end because IT IS the EAST END. I am strongly opposed to the proposed St. Luke' Plan. The growth of Boise is not the East end neighborhood. This proposed plan IS NOT in the best interest of our community. Hospitals seem to have lost sight of what our community really needs and have become BIG BUSINESS. I am a homeowner, pay my taxes, a registered voter, and am employed full time in the healthcare industry. I have thoroughly reviewed this proposed downtown plan and cannot support it for the downtown/East end. If these services truly are needed, proceed to the Meridian area as suggested. Thank you for taking my concerns under consideration.

Sincerely,

LINDA SIMON

*404 Bacon Dr.
Boise 83712
208-407-8908*

llsimon51@yahoo.com

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Edward McEachern MD <edward.mceachern@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 6:50 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Re: St Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Sirs/Madam

I am strongly NOT in favor of the Saint Luke's Downtown plan and urge you NOT to approve it

I live eight blocks from the proposed site of changes. This plan conflicts with community lining at the benefit of a "Non-profit" entity, Idaho's largest employer. There are adequate spaces that they have access to in order to accomplish their goals without closing roads and compromising the commuting, cycling, and foot traffic patterns in Boise

I urge you to vote NO on the St. Luke's downtown plan

Sincerely,

Edward McEachern, MD

Alysha Prisbrey

From: bjbills@q.com
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 5:09 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St Luke's Proposal

634 Sylvan Ct.
Boise ID. 83706
April 4, 2015

Boise City Council:

After reviewing the information on the proposed expansion of St. Luke's both on line and at their booth on Saturday, I wish to urge you to support this project. This appears to be one of the best thought out projects I have seen.

In my opinion this expansion is necessary for a hospital on the east side of Boise. It would be a mistake to force St Luke's to make future improvements to their Meridian facility relegating the Boise hospital to a satellite site.

I do use Jefferson street west from avenue A and consider it a minor problem to to go around a one block closure in order to obtain a state of the art facility on Boise's east side.

William D. Bills

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Karen Marshall <kjmarsh546@cablone.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 8:56 AM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St Lukes Downtown Plan, I say Yes to the Plan

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Quincy Davenport <quad321@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 7:00 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's downtown proposal

I have looked at and read St. Luke's downtown expansion proposal. It saddens me to think that the beautiful redwood tree near the corner of Jefferson would be removed to make way for this expansion.

I agree that the estimates for the Treasure Valley are supposed to increase. But how much of that will be in this end of town and not closer to their Meridian campus with a greater need to expand at that site?

I have heard that St. Luke's Health System had a \$65million budget issue about a year ago and yet they are proposing to expand? What if the street is closed and then they scale down this project, would Jefferson open up again? What does the height of the new buildings do to the view for the apartment/condo complex near the courthouse? They also bought up the strip mall on Broadway Avenue and didn't renew any of the businesses leases over the past several years. That mall has sat empty for years and is now for sale. I feel as if they forced viable businesses in that area out, but now, they are discarding that piece of property and pushing to close Jefferson street.

sincerely,
Quincy Davenport

Sent from Windows Mail

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Emily Koleno <emilykoleno@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 8:06 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: In Support of St. Luke's Master Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter & Council,

I am writing to urge you to approve St. Luke's Master Plan. Approval is imperative for the long-term success of our city. I am flabbergasted that this topic has caused such debate when it is an obvious, positive next step for the only hospital in the heart of Boise.

My husband and I moved to Boise in 2012 after seriously considering Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Bend as alternatives. We moved to Boise for its livability, entrepreneurial spirit, great weather, family-friendliness and many important amenities, including great healthcare. We love living in Boise and had our first baby at St. Luke's downtown campus three months ago.

Exceptional healthcare is a cornerstone in any vibrant city and St. Luke's is providing that care in downtown Boise. St. Luke's will soon not be able to meet the needs of our community if we deny the expansion they NEED. The Master Plan has been thoughtfully prepared. It carefully addresses and SOLVES the issues raised by the hospital's neighbors regarding pedestrian and bicycle traffic on Jefferson Street. Closing the proposed portion of Jefferson to vehicles is a reasonable request and a critical component of the Plan's feasibility.

Please do not let a vocal minority harm the welfare of the majority. Please approve the St. Luke's Master Plan.

Best regards,

Emily Koleno
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emilykoleno@gmail.com | [208.721.3243](tel:208.721.3243)
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Idaho, Young Agents Committee Chair
Boise Young Professionals, Community Engagement Team Chair
Boise Women Lean In Circle Founder

(The associations above are included only to demonstrate my involvement in the community. The views expressed are my own.)

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Scott Bennett <scbennett7156@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 7:02 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's proposed downtown plan

Dear Council members,

I would like to voice my concern over the proposed St. Luke's expansion in downtown Boise.

I am adamantly against the proposed expansion and support the Planning and Development departments recommendation to deny the request.

The original town fathers didn't plan on our city ever becoming the size it is now.

Therefore the downtown roads are often not adequate to handle the traffic load as it is. To impede traffic anymore by closing a major artery like Jefferson is not worth the added facilities being offered by St. Luke's.

If St. Luke's truly feels they would have to move their operations to Meridian to accommodate the growing needs of the public then let them. Perhaps they could try it without their non-profit status, because as a non-profit they should be here for the public in any capacity possible, and not acting as if they decide what is best for the public.

Thank you for your consideration,
Scott Bennett

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Barbara Motooka <barbara.motooka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 4:59 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: YES to St. Luke's Downtown Plan

I believe adding St. Luke's new development plans for cancer, heart & Idaho's ONLY Childrens hospital will draw additional new employers and residents to Boise, moving us to one of the best cities in the country for health services. I vote YES for St. Luke's development plans for their downtown facilities.

Barbara Motooka
Cityside Lofts resident
Boise,ID

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Janet Bostwick <janbost1@cableone.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 3:23 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's downtown plan

My husband and I are in favor of the St. Luke's expansion. We use or have used many of the facilities that St. Luke's provides for us. We live at the bottom of Bogus Basin Road and travel past the hospital often. It is an attractive campus and adds a positive and progressive look to our city. Please vote for the St. Luke's expansion in the present location.

Thank you

Janet and Garry Bostwick
1315 Birch Court

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Ron Jorgensen <randcjorg@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 1:16 PM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: closure of Jefferson St

To the honorable Mayor and City Council,

I remember when Albertsons wanted to close off a block of 17th street to expand their grocery outlets on State Street. The City Council and Mayor didn't agree and it was never closed off. That was a very sound decision at that time. It wouldn't be prudent to close off Jefferson for the same reason at this time. As Joe Albertson was able to work around the decision, I'm sure St Lukes can do the same.

Sincerely,
Ron Jorgensen
2851 Snowflake Dr
Boise 344-8222

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Susan Chaloupka <skchaloupka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 11:43 AM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's expansion

I encourage the City Council to reject St. Luke's proposal to close Jefferson Street to expand the hospital's facility.

First, I have been going to St. Luke's exclusively since I was born there over 65 years ago. My father was a doctor there, and I lived in the East End growing up. My children were born there, and all my hospital based medical care, and that of my family, were done at St. Luke's. Because of that, I have seen the many changes over the years, and I have been in St. Luke's literally thousands of times.

But I am opposed to the current expansion plan of this so-called tax exempt "non-profit." While St. Luke's pays its executives exorbitant amounts, it pays its lower employees not very well. The gap in their pay structure belies the fact that they are a "non-profit" that is serving the community. Plus, they don't pay property taxes because of their status, so their expansion would appear to further shrink the property tax base.

Also, I am appalled by their aggressive public relations campaign that implies that if the city of Boise doesn't accede to their demands, they will "take their ball and go elsewhere." Would they really leave the city if they can't get exactly what they want? I see it as part of the same attitude that generated their anti-trust problem: pretending to care about their patients and the community, but demanding they get their way, or else.

St. Luke's has previously cut off some east-west access when they closed Bannock. Now they want to further isolate the East End and force everyone -- bikes, and cars, and probably pedestrians --to use either Idaho or Fort Streets to get to and from the East End. I can't even imagine the traffic problems it will generate around the intersections of N. Avenue B, 1st Street, Fort Street, and Warm Springs. And I believe it will severely restrict easy access to the Foothills and Fort Boise.

Therefore, I strongly urge you not to accede to their blackmail, even though they prefer the term "modernize", and vote against their development plan.

Sincerely,
Susan Chaloupka
1117 N. 19th Street
Boise, Idaho 82702

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Pete Peterson <peteandfriends55@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 11:38 AM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: MayorBieter
Subject: Ron Peterson: St. Luke's Downtown Plan: NO!

Dear City Council Members & Mayor Bieter:

I recently received a flyer in the mail from St. Luke's asking for my support for their Downtown Plan. I oppose their plan for 3 reasons:

- 1) You have already voted no to prevent further congestion & closed roads in downtown Boise.
- 2) In their flyer, St. Luke's uses fear instead of facts. They try to scare us with the ideas that the cancer center, heart facilities, and the Children's Hospital will be moved to Meridian. Why would they be moved? St. Luke's could always build **up** instead of **out**.
- 3) More than anything, I don't want the "Keys to the City" turned over to a corporation. I want my elected officials to make key decisions, not a faceless & nameless board.

Thanks for considering this important matter,

Ron Peterson

6212 Lucky Ln.
Boise, ID 83703-2725

phone: 853-0932

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Lynn Wood <lynnwood896@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 10:05 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Keep St. Lukes in Boise - approve the expansion

Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to approve the expansion of the St. Lukes facilities in Boise, so they will not migrate to Meridian!

Here are some statistics for your consideration:

50% (1) of men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

33% (1) of women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

25% (2) of Americans will die from heart disease/heart attacks.

Many families with children live east of Broadway. (3)

I understand the worry of the residents who would be impacted by a Jefferson Street closure. But I also see that, given the statistics above, close to 100% of them would have to drive to Meridian for treatment for themselves or a loved one at some point, if this expansion is not approved.

It boils down to this: Close down Jefferson and keep the medical services all Boiseans need in Boise (and all the jobs!!), or keep Jefferson open so everyone will have to drive to Meridian.

Don't make Boise a second-rate city by losing these valuable medical services!!!!!!

Thank you, Lynn Wood

(1) statistic quoted by Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies

(2) CDC statistic

(3) Just my personal observation

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Lynn Wood 896 E. Highland View Dr. Boise ID 83702 h) 208-384-9207 c) 208-401-8075

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Angela Crawford <angelacrawford@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 9:53 AM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: no to st. luke's plan

Dear City Council Members,

I ask you to vote **against** St. Luke's Downtown Plan. I live on Shenandoah Drive near Shaw Mountain Road. I bike, walk, and drive through downtown frequently via either Shaw Mountain Road or Jefferson Street. While I believe St. Luke's has taken steps to provide for bike paths and bike safety, directing bikes into heavier traffic is a bad idea. Clearly this plan does so sending both bikes and cars in only two directions--toward Broadway or toward Reserve St. It appears there is to be a round-about at Reserve Street. I am a supporter of roundabouts, but I do not wish to try to ride my bicycle through one considering the density of traffic that already exists at that intersection. As a driver, I have concerns about bikers who do not follow consistently bicycle safety rules.

I would propose that St. Luke's leave Jefferson street open to traffic--foot traffic, bike traffic, and vehicle traffic. Perhaps the hospital can build their Diagnostic and Treatment center over the top of the street, in the manner of the planned Outpatient Medical Office Plaza. This is how traffic efficiently moves around the Philadelphia Convention Center which passes over several streets without hindering traffic. Another suggestion is that St. Luke's consider using their Meridian Campus, around which there is considerable space.

This plan **does not** adequately address concerns that impact what is most appealing about living in Boise's east end. Our needs and St. Luke's needs are easily met by requiring St. Luke's build the Diagnostic and Treatment center in such a way that it passes OVER Jefferson Street as they are already planning to do with the Outpatient Medical Office Plaza.

Thank you,

Angela Crawford
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angelacrawford@hotmail.com

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Connie Bollinger <connie.bollinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 9:06 AM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: Don't close Jefferson Street

I am opposed to the proposed closure of Jefferson Street by St. Luke's, even under the latest plan. Jefferson Street is a major connector between the East End and the rest of Boise for drivers as well as bicyclists and pedestrians, and the proposed pathways will not offset the problems created by closing Jefferson.

Connie Bollinger
1906 Raintree Drive,
Boise, ID 83712

Alysha Prisbrey

From: David Beck <merlinxlm@cableone.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 8:24 AM
To: MayorBieter
Cc: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Project

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council Members:

I live in the east end near St. Luke's Hospital and I am an avid cyclist and cycling advocate. I use the Jefferson - B street intersection multiple times per day every day either as a commuting cyclist, recreational cyclist, pedestrian, or motorist. I can certainly understand why people are upset about changes and perhaps the loss of a portion of Jefferson. As I am sure you are aware, this is a highly congested area and the confluence of many different uses. I have studied in depth the proposed changes to this area proposed by the ACHD and St. Lukes and have participated in some of St. Luke's planning meetings.

I support the St. Luke's Project and the proposed revisions to Jefferson Street for the following reasons:

- 1) I believed that St. Luke's and the ACHD have provided a reasonable solution to improved traffic in this area and it will be a whole lot better than the current configuration.
- 2) The St. Luke's proposal provides a good balance between what will be good for the future of our community (a state of the art children's hospital) and the loss and changes of public right of way.
- 3) The City of Boise can not afford to loose the benefits of a children's hospital which include:
 - Drawing new and highly qualified physicians to our community with the economic impact of their presents. Children's hospital physicians live close to their hospital to insure emergency response times are at a minimum. Loosing this children's hospital to another community will result in losing the physicians to that community as well.
 - A children's hospital is a status symbol of a thriving community. The press will frequently provide life shots and reports from the facility as it deals with future news relating to children's health.
 - The economic impact of the hospital will trickle throughout the community not only from the high income pediatric specialist that work their but will also bring in an extremely large revenue stream from out of town equipment and drug reps as well as regional family coming to visit and stay with their child patients. These folks will be staying our hotels, eat in our restaurants, and shop in our stores.

Finally, you should know that in 1998 and 1999 I lived 2 blocks away from the Seattle Children's Hospital. I saw first hand the direct benefits of a Children's Hospital to the surrounding community. Interestingly enough, they too had in the past a major controversy with the surrounding neighborhood. It dealt with life flight helicopters flying in during the nighttime hours. The Seattle Children's hospital worked through this issue by putting on standards by where they would land helicopters at that facility. They compromised by only allowing the sickest, life treating cases to be landed there. All of the more routine cases were landed at the nearby University Hospital and then transferred by ambulance to the Children's Hospital. This compromised balanced the needs of the greater community with the needs and wants of the surrounding neighborhood. When I moved to this neighborhood in 1998, it was made very clear to me that this neighborhood supports these critical flights into that hospital. It was a point of pride for this neighborhood that they were supporting the good of the greater community. In fact, when a helicopter was landing at the Seattle Children's Hospital, everyone in the neighborhood would stop what they were doing and have a small moment of silence as they knew some child was in the fight of their young lives.

Certainly we as hospital neighbors can slightly modify our cycling and motoring habits in order to support the greater good of our community. I have reviewed the proposed project and believe that St. Luke's Hospital and ACHD have provided a reasonable alternative. I support this project.

Sincerely, David Beck
Table Rock Rd., Boise Idaho.

Alysha Prisbrey

From: John Lodman <johnlodman@cableone.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 7:50 AM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's

I am writing to state my opposition to the closure of Jefferson. As a cyclist and owner of residential property on Fort Street, I believe that closure will drive traffic to other east west routes. Fort is way too busy already. Please don't make it worse.

Thank you,

John Lodman
5051 N. Villa Ridge Way, Boise

Alysha Prisbrey

From: elaine thursie <ethursie@cableone.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 5:16 AM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

In my opinion, losing the specialized treatment available at St. Luke's would have a devastating impact that could not be rectified and would have a profoundly negative effect on the quality of life for Boise's residents. We need this invaluable organization to remain. I feel that the benefits of having this facility located in Boise far exceed any adjustments to the traffic flow on Jefferson.

Thank you.
Elaine Thursie

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Andrea Blomquist <alblomquist@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 8:47 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St Lukes Expansion

I am writing to express my full support of St Luke's expansion in order to provide high quality healthcare to our city and secure jobs. Objections to this plan seem rather petty. I am an avid biker, but I can certainly find a new bike route through downtown if needed, or it can be incorporated.

I am also writing to tell you I am fully against the development of Hyde Park Commons, which would destroy the original feel of the North End neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Andrea Blomquist, DVM
Boise, ID

Alysha Prisbrey

From: clyvic <clyvic@cableone.net>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 7:22 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: I, Dorothy Stroup, support St. Luke's expansion plan.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Alysha Prisbrey

From: John Meagher <jmeagher@spro.net>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:24 PM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: meredith1953@gmail.com; Adrienne Stark
Subject: St Luke's Expansion

Dear Members of the City Council,

I have had the chance to read the Master Plan (revised Dec 2014) document online at the City's P & Z site and the recently released Supplemental Narrative dated 3/30/2015.

I have concluded that I can not support St Luke's effort in their proposed expansion. Their only Plan B put forth is the migration of services from Downtown to Meridian. The threat was not even lightly veiled. Our way or the highway, then so be it. Seldom is seen such an attitude of arrogance.

Since I'm not a heartless individual, I'll help them pack.

John Robert Meagher
210 S. Straughan Ave
Boise, ID 83712

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Michael D. Hobson <michael.d.hobson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 3:38 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Boise Master Plan

Dear Council President Maryanne Jordan, Council Member TJ Thomson, Council Member Ben Quintana, Council Member Lauren McLean, Council Member Scot Ludwig, and Council Pro Tem Elaine Clegg,

I love Boise. I was born here and have spent my whole life here. It is a wonderful place to live.

I love St. Luke's. My father, each of my four siblings, my four children and I were all born there. My sister and I work there. The oncologists at MSTI saved my wife's life. St. Luke's is a part of Boise, and there's a strong part of Boise in St. Luke's.

I love riding my bicycle. I ride it every day from my home to work at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center. Infrastructure and connectivity are important to me.

The St. Luke's Boise Medical Center is aging which affects our ability to provide the best care for the people of Boise and surrounding areas. We need to modernize, progress and move forward.

As you know, the proposed St. Luke's Master Plan includes permanently closing a single block of Jefferson Street between Avenue B and 1st Street. This closure ensures St. Luke's can financially support expansion of the Boise campus while maintaining our commitment to provide the best quality health and sick care in the state.

The St. Luke's Master Plan includes significant steps to compensate citizens for their investment of a single block of Jefferson Street and showing their commitment to Blueprint Boise and their neighbors. As a cyclist and one who frequently walks the area around St. Luke's Boise, I will adapt to the closure just as I would any other and I know others can and will do the same.

I am one of a few front-line staff with the opportunity to directly interact with executive leaders from across St. Luke's Health System and I know them to be good and intelligent people trying to do the right thing for everyone in their stewardship. This important stewardship includes you, me and all the people St. Luke's has the privilege to serve.

Please continue to keep the larger, long term picture at the forefront when considering the St. Luke's Boise Master Plan. For St. Luke's to be able to modernize and expand and stay in Boise, I, as a taxpayer and proud and loyal citizen of Boise, am willing to invest a block of Jefferson Street.

Thank you all for your leadership, time and careful consideration of this important issue.

Michael D. Hobson
966 N Wilson St.
Boise, ID 83706
208-366-4782

Boise Native

St. Luke's Employee of 8 Years
St. Luke's Born
St. Luke's Healthcare Consumer
Daily Year-Round Bicycle Commuter
Occasional Bus Rider
Father of Four Adorable Cyclists
Husband of Prettiest Cyclist on a Bike You Ever Did See
Former East End Resident
Strong Proponent of Cycle and Pedestrian Connectivity in Boise

*::Love your family. **Invest** time, be kind and serve one another. Make no room for regrets. Tomorrow is not promised and today is short.*

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Vicky Stroup <clyvic@cablone.net>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:49 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: st lukes expansion

we are home owners in boise (north-end). we would like to express our full approval of st lukes' planned expansion in boise. we have been patients at both st lukes and msti for years and find the boise facility much more convenient to visit than the meridian facility. we would like to see the boise facility expansion allowed.

*Barry and Vicky stroup
2403 n 23rd
boise*

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Letisia Speelman <letisia.speelman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:33 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear City Council Members and Mayor,

I am a recent hire of the St. Luke's Health System.
I have been a member of the Boise Community for over 15 years.
I would like to provide input into the St.Luke's Boise Downtown Plan.

As our community grows in numbers and ages, we need to receive the utmost level of medical care.
I have worked in social work, community work, and medical and related fields for the past five years.

As our population ages, we need a strong health system to support us.
With age, sometimes, health declines; timely medical attention is of the essence.

If St. Luke's current physical layout limits the ability to respond, in instances where minutes matter, I believe we should prioritize the wellness of our family members ahead of other priorities. Access to the downtown area and preserving the sense of community in the heart of downtown is also important. Age and illness touches each family and sometimes difficult choices need to be made.

Thank you for your consideration of this input.

Letisia Speelman
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208-447-7856

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Jan Boyno <jboyno@healthwise.org>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:06 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: I am against the proposed St Luke's expansion

Please vote "NO". Thank you.

Jan Boyno
909 E. Saratoga Drive
Boise, ID 83706

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Dwight Peterson <dwightp005@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:00 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Lukes Downtown Plan

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opinion in regards to the St. Luke's expansion plan. I feel that St. Luke's needs to have the approval from the city to move forward with this change. St. Luke's is committed to providing outstanding healthcare to our city and surrounding area. We are growing as a city, which means that we need more and more healthcare resources. We can continue to grow at this pace and hinder the expansion of organizations such as St. Luke's. St. Luke's stands as a huge pillar of strength to our state and needs to continue to be that way. The expansion will also mean more jobs for the residents of Boise and surrounding cities.

Please move forward with approving this expansion and not delay the growth and well being of Boise.

Thanks,
Dwight Peterson

Sent from my iPhone

Alysha Prisbrey

From: beth peace <bpeace@oldboise.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 1:11 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: from the Desk of Clay Carley
Attachments: St Lukes expansion letter.docx

Alysha Prisbrey

From: marilee4449@gmail.com on behalf of Marilee Lovell
<marilee@hendersoncorporation.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:55 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown - Healthcare

Dear City Council,
Please help St. Luke's modernize the downtown Boise Medical Center.

If the facilities aren't updated and eventually move to the Meridian area, the time spent getting to and from needed medical care will be a hardship for the people living in the downtown area.

Please consider the traffic implications. I know I do. I live in the north end and love being able to get to appointments on my bike.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Marilee Lovell
915 North 19th St.
Boise, ID 83702

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Patty Nakaoki <pjnakaoki@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:53 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's proposal

Dear Council,

I am writing to voice my opposition to St. Luke's proposed plans. My understanding is that the proposal includes closing Jefferson. I live downtown and when bicycling in that part of town, Jefferson is a nice street for crossing Broadway/Fort with a light and without too much other traffic. I believe that closing Jefferson as a thru street would decrease the livability of downtown, especially for cyclists in this area.

Patty Nakaoki
412 S. 13th St. Apt 313
Boise 83702

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Jake Thibodeau <jacobthibodeau@boisestate.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:52 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Lukes Development Plan

Greetings,

I am writing today concerning St. Lukes plan to close Jefferson Street near Broadway. I disagree with this plan and would like the city council to vote against this development plan.

I have received mail from St. Lukes and have read ads published in the Statesman urging me to contact the Mayor and City Council to approve the plan or else St Lukes will move their Cancer, Heart, and Children's services to Meridian.

Although I was born at St Lukes and both my kids were born there, I don't like to be bullied. St Lukes should be ashamed for coercing the city of Boise to surrender public property. Also, the threats are a little hollow, as I have seen a Cardiologist every year since I was in first grade, and for the past 8 years, I've been forced to travel out of town to Meridian for my checkups with my St Lukes Cardiologist. They are already migrating these services to Meridian!

Don't give in to bullying. Vote no to St. Lukes land grab!

Jake Thibodeau

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Strong, David <strongd@slhs.org>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:40 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: St Luke's Downtown Plan
Attachments: CityCoucil_Bieter.docx

Please see attached letter in support of the St. Luke's Boise Campus Development Master Plan.
Thanks!

David Strong
Patient Safety Manager Treasure Valley
Quality and Patient Safety
St. Luke's Boise/Meridian Medical Centers

P: 208-381-1143
F: 208-381-7107
E: strongd@slhs.org

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- Exceptional outcomes through TEAMwork.

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Alysha Prisbrey

From: JOE BAUGHMAN <jbaughman01@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:39 PM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Honorable Mayor Bieter and Council Members,

I would like you to know that I live in the east end and strongly support the St. Luke's Downtown Plan. I was born at St. Luke's Hospital in April of 1938.

This project will greatly benefit the residents in the North and East End Neighborhood Association's and the majority of the residents in Boise by providing the best medical facilities close to their homes in Boise and not in Meridian.

The east end neighborhood will still have connectivity to downtown and the west end area via Warm Spring Boulevard/Idaho Street and State Street. Jefferson Street does not have a high count of bicycle, pedestrian and through traffic movements in the block that would be closed to accomodate the hospital expansion. The Pedestrian's can still use access through the hospital west of 'B' Street to Bannock on the west side of the hospital.

A pedestrian crosswalk and signal needs to be added at Bannock for a safer crossing of 'B' Street with or without the project.

The mitigated access for bicycles and pedestrians will be safer than it is today due to safety improvements in design for bikes, pedestrians and traffic which will be incorporated into the project by the Traffic Engineers.

I strongly urge you to vote for this project to support improved medical facilities to benefit the entire City of Boise.

Sincerely,

Joe A. Baughman
1123 E. Shaw Mountain Road

Alysha Prisbrey

From: fred alleman <falleman@cableone.net>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:08 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Jefferson Street Donation to St lukes

PLEASE, PLEASE Do not let St. Lukes take over Jefferson ST Sincerely, Fred Alleman

Alysha Prisbrey

From: Han, Michele <hanm@slhs.org>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 11:59 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Master Plan

Dear Council Members – As an employee of St. Luke's and a resident of Boise, I am greatly appreciative and in Support of the efforts by Council Members, ACHD and St. Luke's to accommodate the various sides of our Master Plan. As I continue to hear from both sides of the issue For and Against and recognizing not all ideas put forward can be accommodated. I hope that the revisions to the one block closure of Jefferson Street will be best suited for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists and would have limited impact or improved flow for local traffic.

I think there might be better communication as to what has been done to look at the various options for Jefferson St and if in fact all options related to this have been vetted? This might help alleviate some of the anxiety related to the one block closure in the interest of the public, our patients, visitors and staff.

Thank you and I hope the City Council will find in favor of the proposed plan.

Michele Han
Quality & Patient Safety / St. Luke's Health System-Treasure Valley
190 E. Bannock St./ Boise, Idaho 83702
☎ 208.381.1389 / 📠 208.381.8711
✉ hanm@slhs.org

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Alysha Prisbrey

From: MayorBieter
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 2:29 PM
To: Hal Simmons; Alysha Prisbrey
Subject: FW: Yay St. Luke's Downtown Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Galen Barnes [<mailto:galen.barnes@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 2:27 PM

To: MayorBieter

Subject: Yay St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear MayorB

Please count me as one in favor of St. Luke's Downtown Plan. We, persons of the SE Boise persuasion, use MISTI every month or sometimes more often. Having many of the major St. Luke's services closeby makes health related days easier. Thank you for "listening".

Galen Barnes

Amanda Brown

From: Susan Chaloupka <skchaloupka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 9:55 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's expansion

Dear Dave,

I encourage the City Council to reject St. Luke's proposal to close Jefferson Street to expand the hospital's facility.

First, I have been going to St. Luke's exclusively since I was born there over 65 years ago. My father was a doctor there, and I lived in the East End growing up. My children were born there, and all my hospital based medical care, and that of my family, was done at St. Luke's. Because of that, I have seen the many changes over the years, and I have been in St. Luke's literally thousands of times.

But I am opposed to the current expansion plan of this so-called tax exempt "non-profit." While St. Luke's pays its executives exorbitant amounts, it pays its lower employees not very well. The gap in their pay structure belies the fact that they are a "non-profit" that is serving the community. Plus, they don't pay property taxes because of their status, so their expansion would appear to further shrink the property tax base.

Also, I am appalled by their aggressive public relations campaign that implies that if the city of Boise doesn't accede to their demands, they will "take their ball and go elsewhere." Would they really leave the city if they can't get exactly what they want? I see it as part of the same attitude that generated their anti-trust problem: pretending to care about their patients and the community, but demanding they get their way, or else.

But most important, St. Luke's has previously cut off some east-west access when they closed Bannock. Now they want to further isolate the East End and force everyone -- bikes, and cars, and probably pedestrians --to use either Idaho or Fort Streets to get to and from the East End. I can't even imagine the traffic problems it will generate around the intersections of N. Avenue B, 1st Street, Fort Street, and Warm Springs. And I believe it will severely restrict easy access to the Foothills and Fort Boise.

Therefore, I strongly urge you not to accede to their blackmail, even though they prefer the term "modernize", and vote against their development plan.

Sincerely,

Susan Chaloupka
1117 N. 19th Street
Boise, Idaho 82702

Amanda Brown

From: Beth Mullenbach <bmulenbach@cableone.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 11:08 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: I oppose closure of Jefferson Street

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed closure of Jefferson Street as outlined in the St Luke's Master Plan dated Dec 17, 2014.

I am opposed to this closure for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth Mullenbach
511 Riverview Dr.
Boise 83712
208-891-3317

Amanda Brown

From: Angela Crawford <angelacrawford@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 9:55 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: no to St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I urge you to maintain a stand firmly **against** St. Luke's Downtown Plan. I live on Shenandoah Drive near Shaw Mountain Road. I bike, walk, and drive through downtown frequently via either Shaw Mountain Road or Jefferson Street. While I believe St. Luke's has taken steps to provide for bike paths and bike safety, directing bikes into heavier traffic is a bad idea. Clearly this plan does so sending both bikes and cars in only two directions--toward Broadway or toward Reserve St. It appears there is to be a round-about at Reserve Street. I am a supporter of roundabouts, but I do not wish to try to ride my bicycle through one considering the density of traffic that already exists at that intersection. As a driver, I have concerns about bikers who do not follow consistently bicycle safety rules.

I would propose that St. Luke's leave Jefferson street open to traffic--foot traffic, bike traffic, and vehicle traffic. Perhaps the hospital can build their Diagnostic and Treatment center over the top of the street, in the manner of the planned Outpatient Medical Office Plaza. This is how traffic efficiently moves around the Philadelphia Convention Center which passes over several streets without hindering traffic. Another suggestion is that St. Luke's consider using their Meridian Campus, around which there is considerable space.

This plan **does not** adequately address concerns that impact what is most appealing about living in Boise's east end. Our needs and St. Luke's needs are easily met by requiring St. Luke's build the Diagnostic and Treatment center in such a way that it passes OVER Jefferson Street as they are already planning to do with the Outpatient Medical Office Plaza.

Thank you,

Angela Crawford
(208) 571-1482
angelacrawford@hotmail.com

Amanda Brown

From: Kathy Sanders <kes77@cablone.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 10:26 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: closing Jefferson

Mayor Beiter,

I'm asking for your consideration in the matter of closing Jefferson street.

More than half of the valley's residents live closer to the St Lukes in Meridian so it would make sense to expand it there instead.

St. Lukes should not be given the luxury of no underground parking. They have a large area at the corner of Idaho and Broadway that they could build on before having to close Jefferson.

When small developing subdivisions are approved they have to go through a process and allow for stub streets and access to other areas. Why does St Lukes get to close a street in downtown Boise with no consideration of it's residents that pass through that area of town daily?

Everyone says this is a done deal and it will be closed no matter what input city council gets from its opponents but I'm writing anyway because I'd like to think that is not the case. We shall see.

Please remember while considering this that You were elected to represent the citizens of Boise and Not big corporations.

Sincerely, Kathy Sanders

Amanda Brown

From: Kai Elgethun <kaielgethun@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 11:46 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: P&Z Opposes Jefferson Street Closure

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I would like to recap for you some of the comments from the P&Z Hearing regarding the proposed closure of St. Luke's:

- *"I would suggest that you're squandering the tremendous goodwill of the community..." — Commissioner Miller to St. Luke's*
- *"I do think the case has been made by the public that an undue burden is placed on transportation—primarily bicycling—by the closure of Jefferson." —Commissioner Demarest*
- *"St. Luke's is an important part of our community but it is a part of the community. We've heard tonight from many people, we have legitimate concerns about closing Jefferson, and I have those same concerns. It's a close call for me, but I think connectivity has to trump design issues in this case..." —Commissioner Just*
- *"I think it's important that everybody understands that the vision of Blueprint Boise is connectivity and making sure that residents are served by the process..." —Commissioner Gibson*
- *"We're now trying to combat chronic diseases, obesity, diabetes, all of the things that you all are experts in. I believe that this exacerbates that problem." —Commissioner Danley (his review of trends suggested that closing Jefferson may in fact move cyclists back into their cars.)*

- *"...what is the real cost of closing Jefferson? That analysis has not been presented yet...Against that, I set the clear, public loss of an important street. So for that reason alone, I can't support the plan."* —Commissioner Gillespie

- *St. Luke's Master Plan "...had not yet solved impacts associated with loss of connectivity and loss of Jefferson St." (2/9/15 Boise Planning staff report).*

Sincerely,

Kai Elgethun

511 Riverview Dr.

Boise 83712

Amanda Brown

From: Edward McEachern MD <edward.mceachern@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 6:51 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Re: St. Luke's "Downtown Plan"

Dear Sir,

I am strongly NOT in favor of the Saint Luke's Downtown plan and urge you NOT to approve it

I live eight blocks from the proposed site of changes. This plan conflicts with community lining at the benefit of a "Non-profit" entity, Idaho's largest employer. There are adequate spaces that they have access to in order to accomplish their goals without closing roads and compromising the commuting, cycling, and foot traffic patterns in Boise

I urge you to vote NO on the St. Luke's downtown plan

Sincerely,

Edward McEachern, MD

Amanda Brown

From: bjbills@q.com
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 5:07 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's Proposal

634 Sylvan Ct.
Boise ID. 83706
April 4, 2015

Mayor Dave Bieter:

After reviewing the information on the proposed expansion of St. Luke's both on line and at their booth on Saturday, I wish to urge you to support this project. This appears to be one of the best thought out projects I have seen.

In my opinion this expansion is necessary for a hospital on the east side of Boise. It would be a mistake to force St Luke's to make future improvements to their Meridian facility relegating the Boise hospital to a satellite site.

I do use Jefferson street west from avenue A and consider it a minor problem to to go around a one block closure in order to obtain a state of the art facility on Boise's east side.

William D. Bills

St. Luke's Master Plan Expansion
Mayor's Hotlines
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4/2/15

Anonymous

I'm calling to give my comments against the St. Luke's expansion. The medical business is no longer a profession, it's too greedy, and St. Luke's has far too much money. They're not concerned with flow of traffic, pedestrians or cyclists, their sole focus is how to spend all the profits they're raking in without having to pay taxes. So, they can take their cancer center, their children's hospital, and their heart facility to Eagle or Meridian or Melba for all we care. But, do not threaten us that it will affect our economy and health care. In addition, if people would wise up and take care of their own health and avoid the greedy medical business, we'd all benefit, and wouldn't it be fun to see drug manufacturers go into bankruptcy. St. Luke's is already building another clinic on the corner of Overland and Orchard. Isn't there another one within 3 blocks? Too much money, they have too much money, they don't need to expand...no.

City Council

4/3/15

Ron Walker

2012 N. 18th

Boise, ID 83702

850-1187

I'm calling concerning the St. Luke's downtown plan. I believe the east end needs a second exit from there; there are a lot of people back in there and they've taken care of that area. The street leading out of there should not be closed by St. Luke's. I enjoy St. Luke's, I think they're a great hospital, but I think that's a bad idea. Also, in doing that, if they were going to cut down the Sequoia tree, I think that's a terrible idea; for a city named the City of Trees, I think they have a tree that could live for a thousand years, and it's only maybe 120 years old at this point. I think that would be a travesty.

City Council

4/3/15

Geri Van Houten

433-0363

670 Clearwater Ln. #102

Boise, ID

I'm in favor of what St. Luke's wants to do. I think it's good for the people and especially good for the Seniors who live downtown, and there are many of us. I am very interested in this and I hope that it will pass.

City Council

4/3/15

Mrs. Larry Wright

345-9438

We would like to say "yes" to St. Luke's downtown plan.

City Council

4/3/15

Marie L. Schick

922-6166

514 S. 12th St. Apt 303

Boise, ID 83702

I am voting "yes" for St. Luke's downtown plan to expand the hospital.

City Council

4/3/15

Darrell Bean

385-9011

I'm calling about expressing my opposition to St. Luke's proposal to take another street. I wonder what the next street they're going to want is going to be. I'm glad the City Council has opposed that; I hope they continue to.

City Council

4/4/15

Anonymous

I'm calling regarding the moving of the hearing for St. Luke's proposed expansion, suddenly being changed from April 7th to April 14th, and now with no public comment. I think this doesn't sound right and smells really bad; it smells to me like corruption, like there's a real problem with influence and money. The fact that St. Luke's wants to take Jefferson St. away from the citizens of Boise is not being widely accepted and St. Luke's doesn't want to hear that. I strongly urge the Mayor's office to reconsider and influence the City Council to meet as planned on April 7th or to allow public comment on April 14th. This is going to blow up and not look good for the City. There's clearly influence here; clearly St. Luke's does not want to spend the money to add the extra floor to bridge Jefferson and they can well afford to do that and do what's right for the master plan for the City of Boise. This is completely wrong and completely greedy on their part. I'm really, really worried that the City Council is allowing these foul tactics to proceed and St. Luke's is getting away with this. I'm going to keep calling and I'm not happy about it, and maybe after about 10 calls, I'll leave my contact information.

City Council

4/6/15

Linda Muffley

376-1848

6446 W. Fairfield Ave.

Boise, ID 83709

I'm calling on behalf of myself and my husband Steven. We are calling to support the expansion of St. Luke's hospital in downtown Boise. We'd like to see that happen as soon as possible, if that works out.

City Council

Amanda Brown

From: Kai Elgethun <kaielgethun@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 11:11 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Oppose Jefferson Street closure

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-THE CLOSURE OF JEFFERSON GOES AGAINST BLUEPRINT BOISE-

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kai Elgethun

511 Riverview Dr.

Boise 83712

208-891-3317

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February 23, 2015

Boise City Council
150 North Capitol Blvd.
Boise, ID 83712

Members of the City Council:

You will, at some point in the future have for your consideration, the approval of the recently announced expansion plan for St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. I urge your emphatic denial of this request, as it is presently formulated.

In particular I am objecting to the proposal to close Jefferson St. between Avenue B and Second St. It is incomprehensible to me that there would ever be any serious consideration of a request to take from public use, a main thoroughfare, paid for and maintained by the taxpayers of Boise, and turn it over to a private, multi-million dollar entity.

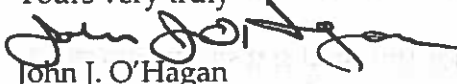
This is not a concern about losing bicycle or pedestrian access. It is concern about completely disrupting all traffic, pedestrian, bicycle and automobile, including emergency vehicles on a major east west arterial.

If St. Luke's cannot live without its four hundred million dollar expansion, let it use its own money, not the taxpayers to fund it. Closing Jefferson Street is not the only alternative available, to them, it is just the cheapest.

Many years ago I heard the comment that the "City of Boise has never met a developer it didn't love." Now is the time to consider the taxpayers, and not the developer named St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

Thank you for considering my input.

Yours very truly


John J. O'Hagan

Alysha Prisbrey

From: MayorBieter
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:24 AM
To: Hal Simmons; Alysha Prisbrey
Subject: FW: St. Luke's Down Town plan opposition

From: randialbrechtsen . [<mailto:randi.albrechtsen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 1:29 PM
To: citycouncil@citofboise.org; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Down Town plan opposition

April 3, 2015

Dear Boise City Council,

My name is Randi Beth Albrechtsen and I am opposed to St. Luke's Downtown Plan.

I am an employee of St. Luke's and a property owner in the East End. My house is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the hospital campus.

I have two concerns. First the closure of Jefferson Street. Second the impact on the historic structures in our neighborhood, several which are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

I oppose Luke's plan to close a portion of Jefferson Street, cutting off its connections to Avenue B, the main thoroughfare linking Fort Street to Warm Springs and Broadway avenues. If St. Luke's planners have their way, those of us in the neighborhood will need to wind their way to State Street to the north or Idaho Street to the south to get to Avenue B. st of the downtown core.

Closing Jefferson will place an undue burden on the public, clearly losing the use of an important street. My concern as a neighbor is: How do I get to the center of government, the center of commerce, through that Jefferson corridor that we all use? To see something this massive, dropped into place and cutting off one of our major access points, has a significant impact that really isolates our neighborhood from the rest. I believe connectivity trumps design in this case.

The closure of Jefferson Street would forever and negatively influence the principles [of Blueprint Boise] and set a horrible precedent. Having already blocked off Bannock Street, I view the intent to block Jefferson Street as being a bad idea on the part of hospital authorities.

Although no one would argue against the importance of the services that St. Luke's provides or their need to maintain facilities of the highest caliber, the master planned expansion of the Boise campus as designed will impact historic structures including four houses eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, the plan calls for the relocation of some of those buildings to another location within the hospital campus. I look forward to seeing a firm commitment on the part of St. Luke's that will ensure the preservation of all four along with the completion of the remainder of the renovated and expanded campus.

I believe the Children's Hospital, Cancer Care and Advanced Heart Care can be located to Meridian and still serve the needs of our greater community.

I recommend denial as this does not comply with substantial elements of the city of Boise's Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you,

Randi Beth Albrechtsen

1209 East Washington Street

Boise, ID 83712

randi.albrechtsen@gmail.com

Meagan Curtis

From: Steven Pontickio <spontickio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 9:57 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Expansion

Mayor Bieter and City Council members,

My name is Dr. Steven Pontickio, a second year Internal Medicine resident through the University of Washington - Boise track. I am writing today to voice my support for the planned expansion of St. Luke's downtown campus.

First, I do not swear allegiance to either of the community hospitals in the valley. My support is based on my observations when dealing with St. Luke's with emergent transfers. After spending the last two years in Boise, I have noticed that all of the regional hospitals have been reaching their capacity to admit new patients and accept transfers from outside hospitals. Boise has growing needs as our state's population increases, and as our population ages, we will need more beds to care for complicated medical problems. The providers, nursing staff and anillary support are ready for these patients, however, the facilities need help.

In anticipation of the new problems that patients will present with, St. Luke's is attempting to head this problem with building additional facilities in downtown Boise. While I support the decision to increase the capacities of St. Luke's, I must say that I would not likely be affected by closing Jefferson Street. I believe this is a loss, as congestion is increasing in Boise. However, with our aging population who seek advancements in modern medicine to improve their quality of life, I think that this would benefit Boise and southern Idaho in the long term.

St. Luke's, like Boise, is growing. Like it or not, St. Luke's is in a position where what they do now will affect the care of patients for decades. We can accept disruption in traffic patterns, or we accept overcrowding of hospitals. Being a concerned physician, I chose the former.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steven Pontickio
Boise VA Medical Center
500 W Fort St.
Boise, ID 83702

Meagan Curtis

From: bjbills@q.com
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 5:07 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's Proposal

634 Sylvan Ct.
Boise ID. 83706
April 4, 2015

Mayor Dave Bieter:

After reviewing the information on the proposed expansion of St. Luke's both on line and at their booth on Saturday, I wish to urge you to support this project. This appears to be one of the best thought out projects I have seen.

In my opinion this expansion is necessary for a hospital on the east side of Boise. It would be a mistake to force St Luke's to make future improvements to their Meridian facility relegating the Boise hospital to a satellite site.

I do use Jefferson street west from avenue A and consider it a minor problem to to go around a one block closure in order to obtain a state of the art facility on Boise's east side.

William D. Bills

Meagan Curtis

From: Becky King <kingbecky@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:50 PM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: MayorBieter
Subject: St Lukes Expansion

We are totally in support of the proposed St Lukes expansion at the downtown location. We believe that quality health care is an important part of a vibrant and healthy community. The city of Boise is blessed to have such a highly recognized and regarded hospital in the downtown corridor. We feel it would be a shame if St Lukes was forced to move out of Boise to expand their facilities to provide state of the art care.

We've reviewed the proposed plan and feel it adds to the city.

Please vote in favor of the proposal!

Howard and Becky King
Boise

Sent from my iPad Bec

Meagan Curtis

From: Strong, David <strongd@slhs.org>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:39 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St Luke's Downtown Plan
Attachments: CityCounci_Bieter.docx

Please see attached letter in support of the St. Luke's Boise Campus Development Master Plan.
Thanks!

David Strong
Patient Safety Manager Treasure Valley
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I am fully committed to helping St. Luke's achieve:

- Exceptional patient experiences and,
- Exceptional outcomes through TEAMwork.

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Meagan Curtis

From: Pete Peterson <peteandfriends55@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 11:38 AM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: MayorBieter
Subject: Ron Peterson: St. Luke's Downtown Plan: NO!

Dear City Council Members & Mayor Bieter:

I recently received a flyer in the mail from St. Luke's asking for my support for their Downtown Plan. I oppose their plan for 3 reasons:

- 1) You have already voted no to prevent further congestion & closed roads in downtown Boise.
- 2) In their flyer, St. Luke's uses fear instead of facts. They try to scare us with the ideas that the cancer center, heart facilities, and the Children's Hospital will be moved to Meridian. Why would they be moved? St. Luke's could always build **up** instead of **out**.
- 3) More than anything, I don't want the "Keys to the City" turned over to a corporation. I want my elected officials to make key decisions, not a faceless & nameless board.

Thanks for considering this important matter,

Ron Peterson

6212 Lucky Ln.
Boise, ID 83703-2725

phone: 853-0932

Meagan Curtis

From: Edward McEachern MD <edward.mceachern@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 6:51 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Re: St. Luke's "Downtown Plan"

Dear Sir,

I am strongly NOT in favor of the Saint Luke's Downtown plan and urge you NOT to approve it

I live eight blocks from the proposed site of changes. This plan conflicts with community lining at the benefit of a "Non-profit" entity, Idaho's largest employer. There are adequate spaces that they have access to in order to accomplish their goals without closing roads and compromising the commuting, cycling, and foot traffic patterns in Boise

I urge you to vote NO on the St. Luke's downtown plan

Sincerely,

Edward McEachern, MD

Meagan Curtis

From: Kai Elgethun <kaielgethun@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 11:46 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: P&Z Opposes Jefferson Street Closure

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I would like to recap for you some of the comments from the P&Z Hearing regarding the proposed closure of St. Luke's:

- *"I would suggest that you're squandering the tremendous goodwill of the community..." — Commissioner Miller to St. Luke's*
- *"I do think the case has been made by the public that an undue burden is placed on transportation—primarily bicycling—by the closure of Jefferson." —Commissioner Demarest*
- *"St. Luke's is an important part of our community but it is a part of the community. We've heard tonight from many people, we have legitimate concerns about closing Jefferson, and I have those same concerns. It's a close call for me, but I think connectivity has to trump design issues in this case..." —Commissioner Just*
- *"I think it's important that everybody understands that the vision of Blueprint Boise is connectivity and making sure that residents are served by the process..." —Commissioner Gibson*
- *"We're now trying to combat chronic diseases, obesity, diabetes, all of the things that you all are experts in. I believe that this exacerbates that problem." —Commissioner Danley (his review of trends suggested that closing Jefferson may in fact move cyclists back into their cars.)*

- *"...what is the real cost of closing Jefferson? That analysis has not been presented yet...Against that, I set the clear, public loss of an important street. So for that reason alone, I can't support the plan."* —Commissioner Gillespie

- *St. Luke's Master Plan "...had not yet solved impacts associated with loss of connectivity and loss of Jefferson St." (2/9/15 Boise Planning staff report).*

Sincerely,

Kai Elgethun

511 Riverview Dr.

Boise 83712

Meagan Curtis

From: Kai Elgethun <kaielgethun@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 11:11 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Oppose Jefferson Street closure

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed closure of Jefferson Street as outlined in the St Luke's Master Plan dated Dec 17, 2014.

I am opposed to this closure for the following reasons:

- 1. Safe Routes to Schools and Pedestrian & bicycle safety.** Jefferson provides a safe and straight forward route from the East End to downtown. The closure of the old East JH means that many students from the East End now must travel to North JH as well as Boise HS.
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-THE CLOSURE OF JEFFERSON GOES AGAINST BLUEPRINT BOISE-

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kai Elgethun

511 Riverview Dr.

Boise 83712

208-891-3317

Meagan Curtis

From: Angela Crawford <angelacrawford@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 9:55 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: no to St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I urge you to maintain a stand firmly **against** St. Luke's Downtown Plan. I live on Shenandoah Drive near Shaw Mountain Road. I bike, walk, and drive through downtown frequently via either Shaw Mountain Road or Jefferson Street. While I believe St. Luke's has taken steps to provide for bike paths and bike safety, directing bikes into heavier traffic is a bad idea. Clearly this plan does so sending both bikes and cars in only two directions--toward Broadway or toward Reserve St. It appears there is to be a round-about at Reserve Street. I am a supporter of round-about, but I do not wish to try to ride my bicycle through one considering the density of traffic that already exists at that intersection. As a driver, I have concerns about bikers who do not follow consistently bicycle safety rules.

I would propose that St. Luke's leave Jefferson street open to traffic--foot traffic, bike traffic, and vehicle traffic. Perhaps the hospital can build their Diagnostic and Treatment center over the top of the street, in the manner of the planned Outpatient Medical Office Plaza. This is how traffic efficiently moves around the Philadelphia Convention Center which passes over several streets without hindering traffic. Another suggestion is that St. Luke's consider using their Meridian Campus, around which there is considerable space.

This plan **does not** adequately address concerns that impact what is most appealing about living in Boise's east end. Our needs and St. Luke's needs are easily met by requiring St. Luke's build the Diagnostic and Treatment center in such a way that it passes OVER Jefferson Street as they are already planning to do with the Outpatient Medical Office Plaza.

Thank you,

Angela Crawford
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angelacrawford@hotmail.com

Meagan Curtis

From: Nicole Lenzi <niclenzi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:12 PM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: MayorBieter
Subject: NO! To St. Luke's Downtown Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council,

I am writing to you requesting that you **vote NO to St. Luke's expansion request** and closure of Jefferson and 1st street.

I grew up in NE Boise off Warm Springs. I attended Adams Elem, East Jr High (old location) and graduated from Boise HS. I have lived in NE end, North End, and SE end. In the past few years we have seen more car traffic coming along Broadway, Warm Springs, State St, reserve, McKinley, E Jefferson. I currently work at the VA and I can tell you that car traffic is backed up heading North on Broadway, and that trying to get to fort is a nightmare compared to years past. I use reserve to get to the VA because of the back up and delay on Fort and State. I can only imagine what that morning and evening commute will be like if more cars are shunted off 1st and E.Jefferson and onto other streets. Please think how this will impact those of us that drive to work around there. There has been a huge increase in traffic with St. Luke's parking garage having people to turn into the garage off Broadway from 7:45 to 8:30am, and exit onto Broadway at 5:30pm and try to turn right onto Front to get on the connector, and traffic backs up. Another thing to consider with an expansion, is that will mean more traffice, and cars to employ more people. These are narrow streets, they can only handle so many. I am not ok with giving away a pubic street so that a can give them valuable land, and an artery to downtown from NE end. This is not OK, and needs to be stopped. Please vote no. This would be my response if it was St. Al's, TVH, Micron, CWI etc.

I think we need to ask what is in the best interest for Boise as a whole. Voting No is the right choice. Why might you ask?

1. St. Luke's has land in Meridian and they should expand there. Sure they want to get a stronger foothold in NE boise. I understand, health care is a buiness, so it makes sense to try to tap those affluent areas, but we do not need to sacrifice the greater good of the city for St. Luke's to obtain a public street when they have other options.

In Meridian they can build a parking garage for staff and then construct another tower or two to add onto the main hospital with skybridges. They would have lots space for more specialities. There is more housing being constructed in Meridian,Nampa, Caldwell area and having a larger hospital would address that need.

2. If they insistent on boise expansion, then they need to do it without eating up e.jefferson or 1st street. Why are they not building upward off the children's hospital so that there is 2 towers not 1 without disrupting a major artery for biking and cars to downtown.

3. They could look at expanding the Idaho Professional Building and the space around it, expanding Building #90 and then have a skybridge linking the buildings to the main campus. They could

4. St. Luke's has lots of buildings up jeffereson and 2nd street. If this is approved, where does it stop? Will they ask next to close 2nd street to expand their campus in 15 years? They own spots on W. Washington, front, and state street. Will they then in the future ask the taxpayers to donate more public streets so they can expand?

Please say No!!!! Just like Bannock, once the street is given up it is gone forever and the blueprint, traffic pattern are forever changed. As a taxpayer, and Idaho educated 40-something year old professional, I do not want to sacrifice NE Boise when St. Luke's has other options. Again, Please say NO to the expansion.

Meagan Curtis

From: Kathy Sanders <kes77@cablone.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 10:26 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: closing Jefferson

Mayor Beiter,

I'm asking for your consideration in the matter of closing Jefferson street.

More than half of the valley's residents live closer to the St Lukes in Meridian so it would make sense to expand it there instead.

St. Lukes should not be given the luxury of no underground parking. They have a large area at the corner of Idaho and Broadway that they could build on before having to close Jefferson.

When small developing subdivisions are approved they have to go through a process and allow for stub streets and access to other areas. Why does St Lukes get to close a street in downtown Boise with no consideration of it's residents that pass through that area of town daily?

Everyone says this is a done deal and it will be closed no matter what input city council gets from its opponents but I'm writing anyway because I'd like to think that is not the case. We shall see.

Please remember while considering this that You were elected to represent the citizens of Boise and Not big corporations.

Sincerely, Kathy Sanders

Meagan Curtis

From: Shaun Skidmore <smskid@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 8:49 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Lukes development plans

Mr. Mayor and Council members,

I am writing in support of St. Luke's downtown area plans. I like the location and the services provided in east Boise. I do not wish to be forced to go to St Al's or to go all the way to Eagle Road for my hospital care needs.

My father was treated at the Boise St. Luke's when he had cancer and my nephew was born there. I value their services. Please do not vote against this plan and expansion. We need to be supporting St Luke's in an effort to keep a hospital in east Boise.

Sincerely,

Shaun Skidmore
2805 S Garden st
Boise, ID 83705

Meagan Curtis

From: Julia Kertz Grant <jkertzgrant@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:25 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: An urban medical campus but keep Jefferson open

So many urban medical center campuses have pass throughs for roads/connectivity why can't St. Luke's provide that here in Boise. Also I would encourage them to put more stores/restaurants on the ground levels like many other urban medical centers. Where are all the doctors, medical staff and visitors going to eat or take a break during their time at St. Luke's?

10 of the 14 years that I've been in Boise I used Jefferson to link from the North End through downtown to the East End on a regular basis because my childcare was in the East End. I can't imagine not having another connection into the East End other than Broadway/Fort. I would use my bike pulling kids or drive to and from the childcare on Jefferson because it is calmer and the light is more consistent.

I did not appreciate the "threatening" postcard from St. Luke's in my mailbox this past week saying if we didn't give them exactly what they want it could effect our economy and healthcare.

Thank you for taking the time to listen

Julia Grant
1602 N 21st Street

Meagan Curtis

From: Lynn Wood <lynnwood896@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 10:05 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Keep St. Lukes in Boise - approve the expansion

Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to approve the expansion of the St. Lukes facilities in Boise, so they will not migrate to Meridian!

Here are some statistics for your consideration:

50% (1) of men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

33% (1) of women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

25% (2) of Americans will die from heart disease/heart attacks.

Many families with children live east of Broadway. (3)

I understand the worry of the residents who would be impacted by a Jefferson Street closure. But I also see that, given the statistics above, close to 100% of them would have to drive to Meridian for treatment for themselves or a loved one at some point, if this expansion is not approved.

It boils down to this: Close down Jefferson and keep the medical services all Boiseans need in Boise (and all the jobs!!), or keep Jefferson open so everyone will have to drive to Meridian.

Don't make Boise a second-rate city by losing these valuable medical services!!!!!!

Thank you, Lynn Wood

(1) statistic quoted by Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies

(2) CDC statistic

(3) Just my personal observation

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Lynn Wood 896 E. Highland View Dr. Boise ID 83702 h) 208-384-9207 c) 208-401-8075

Meagan Curtis

From: fred alleman <falleman@cableone.net>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:08 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: Jefferson Street Donation to St lukes

PLEASE, PLEASE Do not let St. Lukes take over Jefferson ST Sincerely, Fred Alleman

Meagan Curtis

From: Beth Mullenbach <bullenbach@cableone.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 11:08 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: I oppose closure of Jefferson Street

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed closure of Jefferson Street as outlined in the St Luke's Master Plan dated Dec 17, 2014.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth Mullenbach
511 Riverview Dr.
Boise 83712
208-891-3317

Meagan Curtis

From: Alice Hennessey <ahennessey1@cableone.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:01 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: Fwd: St. Luke's Plan

Dear Mayor Bieter,

Please see comments below, sent to the City Council.

Respectfully,
Thomas M. Hennessey
208-343-6233

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: St. Luke's Plan
Date: Thu, 02 Apr 2015 13:00:44 -0600
From: Alice Hennessey <ahennessey1@cableone.net>
To: citycouncil@cityofboise.org

I am writing to urge your support of the St. Luke's Downtown plan. The proposal is St. Luke's only viable alternative in terms of patient care and cost, and if this expansion is not approved, Boise will over time lose convenient top rated health care, as well as current and future good paying jobs as St. Luke's gradually moves key services to Meridian. If the Mayo Clinic wanted to drop this fantastic facility into our community, we would jump at the chance to receive them. We should be so proud of what OUR St. Luke's has already provided to this community. Please don't let the inconvenience of a one block detour--on improved sidewalks and bike paths--affecting mostly the neighbors in one neighborhood--deny our community this amazing opportunity to improve health care in Boise.

Thomas M. Hennessey
208-343-6233

Meagan Curtis

From: Connie Bollinger <connie.bollinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 9:06 AM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: Don't close Jefferson Street

I am opposed to the proposed closure of Jefferson Street by St. Luke's, even under the latest plan. Jefferson Street is a major connector between the East End and the rest of Boise for drivers as well as bicyclists and pedestrians, and the proposed pathways will not offset the problems created by closing Jefferson.

Connie Bollinger
1906 Raintree Drive,
Boise, ID 83712

Meagan Curtis

From: Ron Jorgensen <randcjorg@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 1:16 PM
To: MayorBieter; CityCouncil
Subject: closure of Jefferson St

To the honorable Mayor and City Council,

I remember when Albertsons wanted to close off a block of 17th street to expand their grocery outlets on State Street. The City Council and Mayor didn't agree and it was never closed off. That was a very sound decision at that time. It wouldn't be prudent to close off Jefferson for the same reason at this time. As Joe Albertson was able to work around the decision, I'm sure St Lukes can do the same.

Sincerely,
Ron Jorgensen
2851 Snowflake Dr
Boise 344-8222

Meagan Curtis

From: CenturyLink Customer <jshilt590w@q.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 1:11 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: "Yes" on St. Luke's Expansion

To: Boise Mayor Bieter and Boise City Council,

Please register my wife and me as “YES” votes for the St. Luke’s Expansion Plan.

We moved from Pocatello to Boise in 1978. In those early years of our life when any major medical procedure, test or care was needed, we had to travel to Salt Lake City or Portland. As time has passed, St. Luke’s Hospital has taken on more of those remote procedures bringing the highest quality health care to Boise and making it the Regional health destination as well.

I urge that you, Mayor Bieter and the Boise City Council will see that this as a win/win for all concerned, including the local and regional economy, Boise’s continued positive growth goals and most of all, the highest quality health care for all.

Thank you,

Jim and Arlene Shilton

Meagan Curtis

From: Terry <tds2@cableone.net>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 9:43 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Lukes' Proposed Expansion

Dear Mayor Bieter,

I am writing to voice my opposition to St. Lukes' proposed downtown expansion. If St. Lukes were a person, they would be said to suffer from megalomania. They have tried to dominate or acquire most other medical facilities in the area, and now they wish to do it through a takeover of our very city itself.

St. Lukes should not be allowed to dominate downtown Boise, even (or especially) if this process is expected to take "several decades," as St. Lukes describes it. I have been to several formerly inviting cities where large local or regional hospitals have been allowed to forcibly subdue their characters, and the result is a very sad thing to see. Often, towns that once had unique qualities become nothing more than medical industrial zones. These are replete with noise, congestion, and a never-ending spiral of costs for things like parking, dining, and shopping. However, the dearest cost of all is the loss of a unique environment, which can never be reclaimed.

Finally, St. Lukes has yet to understand its place in a well-regulated and coordinated national medical system. For example, St. Lukes, like all hospitals, are Medicare participating providers. As such, they are mandated by federal law to bill Medicare for services rendered to Medicare patients. Rather than do this, however, they sometimes turn bills that they have not filed in accordance with the law over to one or more faux (so-called) credit agencies, which are proxies for the hospital. These faux agencies then dun patients for payments which, under Medicare law, they are not legally entitled to collect.

It's just another scheme to help St. Lukes generate the estimated \$400 million they say it needs to complete its transformation of our wonderful Boise downtown area into just another medical industrial zone.

Sincerely,
Terry Stephens

Meagan Curtis

From: David Beck <merlinxlm@cableone.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2015 8:24 AM
To: MayorBieter
Cc: CityCouncil
Subject: St. Luke's Project

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council Members:

I live in the east end near St. Luke's Hospital and I am an avid cyclist and cycling advocate. I use the Jefferson - B street intersection multiple times per day every day either as a commuting cyclist, recreational cyclist, pedestrian, or motorist. I can certainly understand why people are upset about changes and perhaps the loss of a portion of Jefferson. As I am sure you are aware, this is a highly congested area and the confluence of many different uses. I have studied in depth the proposed changes to this area proposed by the ACHD and St. Lukes and have participated in some of St. Luke's planning meetings.

I support the St. Luke's Project and the proposed revisions to Jefferson Street for the following reasons:

- 1) I believed that St. Luke's and the ACHD have provided a reasonable solution to improved traffic in this area and it will be a whole lot better than the current configuration.
- 2) The St. Luke's proposal provides a good balance between what will be good for the future of our community (a state of the art children's hospital) and the loss and changes of public right of way.
- 3) The City of Boise can not afford to loose the benefits of a children's hospital which include:
 - Drawing new and highly qualified physicians to our community with the economic impact of their presents. Children's hospital physicians live close to their hospital to insure emergency response times are at a minimum. Loosing this children's hospital to another community will result in losing the physicians to that community as well.
 - A children's hospital is a status symbol of a thriving community. The press will frequently provide life shots and reports from the facility as it deals with future news relating to children's health.
 - The economic impact of the hospital will trickle throughout the community not only from the high income pediatric specialist that work their but will also bring in an extremely large revenue stream from out of town equipment and drug reps as well as regional family coming to visit and stay with their child patients. These folks will be staying our hotels, eat in our restaurants, and shop in our stores.

Finally, you should know that in 1998 and 1999 I lived 2 blocks away from the Seattle Children's Hospital. I saw first hand the direct benefits of a Children's Hospital to the surrounding community. Interestingly enough, they too had in the past a major controversy with the surrounding neighborhood. It dealt with life flight helicopters flying in during the nighttime hours. The Seattle Children's hospital worked through this issue by putting on standards by where they would land helicopters at that facility. They compromised by only allowing the sickest, life treating cases to be landed there. All of the more routine cases were landed at the nearby University Hospital and then transferred by ambulance to the Children's Hospital. This compromised balanced the needs of the greater community with the needs and wants of the surrounding neighborhood. When I moved to this neighborhood in 1998, it was made very clear to me that this neighborhood supports these critical flights into that hospital. It was a point of pride for this neighborhood that they were supporting the good of the greater community. In fact, when a helicopter was landing at the Seattle Children's Hospital, everyone in the neighborhood would stop what they were doing and have a small moment of silence as they knew some child was in the fight of their young lives.

Certainly we as hospital neighbors can slightly modify our cycling and motoring habits in order to support the greater good of our community. I have reviewed the proposed project and believe that St. Luke's Hospital and ACHD have provided a reasonable alternative. I support this project.

Sincerely, David Beck
Table Rock Rd., Boise Idaho.

Meagan Curtis

From: Han, Michele <hanm@slhs.org>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 11:59 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Master Plan

Dear Council Members – As an employee of St. Luke's and a resident of Boise, I am greatly appreciative and in Support of the efforts by Council Members, ACHD and St. Luke's to accommodate the various sides of our Master Plan. As I continue to hear from both sides of the issue For and Against and recognizing not all ideas put forward can be accommodated. I hope that the revisions to the one block closure of Jefferson Street will be best suited for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists and would have limited impact or improved flow for local traffic.

I think there might be better communication as to what has been done to look at the various options for Jefferson St and if in fact all options related to this have been vetted? This might help alleviate some of the anxiety related to the one block closure in the interest of the public, our patients, visitors and staff.

Thank you and I hope the City Council will find in favor of the proposed plan.

Michele Han
Quality & Patient Safety / St. Luke's Health System-Treasure Valley
190 E. Bannock St./ Boise, Idaho 83702
☎ 208.381.1389 / 📠 208.381.8711
✉ hanm@slhs.org

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Meagan Curtis

From: George Targee <firecracker42@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 11:59 AM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Future Plan

I would like to express my support for the plan that St Luke's has published for its future in Boise. Losing a part of a street seems a small price to pay for having a high quality, high tech hospital located in the heart of our city. I would hate to think one would have to drive to Meridian for care in the midst of a critical emergency like a heart attack.

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Thanks for your time,
George Targee

Meagan Curtis

From: Susan Chaloupka <skchaloupka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 9:55 AM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's expansion

Dear Dave,

I encourage the City Council to reject St. Luke's proposal to close Jefferson Street to expand the hospital's facility.

First, I have been going to St. Luke's exclusively since I was born there over 65 years ago. My father was a doctor there, and I lived in the East End growing up. My children were born there, and all my hospital based medical care, and that of my family, was done at St. Luke's. Because of that, I have seen the many changes over the years, and I have been in St. Luke's literally thousands of times.

But I am opposed to the current expansion plan of this so-called tax exempt "non-profit." While St. Luke's pays its executives exorbitant amounts, it pays its lower employees not very well. The gap in their pay structure belies the fact that they are a "non-profit" that is serving the community. Plus, they don't pay property taxes because of their status, so their expansion would appear to further shrink the property tax base.

Also, I am appalled by their aggressive public relations campaign that implies that if the city of Boise doesn't accede to their demands, they will "take their ball and go elsewhere." Would they really leave the city if they can't get exactly what they want? I see it as part of the same attitude that generated their anti-trust problem: pretending to care about their patients and the community, but demanding they get their way, or else.

But most important, St. Luke's has previously cut off some east-west access when they closed Bannock. Now they want to further isolate the East End and force everyone -- bikes, and cars, and probably pedestrians --to use either Idaho or Fort Streets to get to and from the East End. I can't even imagine the traffic problems it will generate around the intersections of N. Avenue B, 1st Street, Fort Street, and Warm Springs. And I believe it will severely restrict easy access to the Foothills and Fort Boise.

Therefore, I strongly urge you not to accede to their blackmail, even though they prefer the term "modernize", and vote against their development plan.

Sincerely,

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Meagan Curtis

From: dccarlson <dccarlson17@q.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 1:34 PM
To: MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's Downtown Plan

I would like to encourage you to strongly consider St. Luke's expansion in downtown Boise. The downtown Boise core is continuing to expand with the addition of more hotels, apartments, and condos. It is vital for these developments to have a complete and major medical center in its hub area. As St. Luke's expands downtown, more money will be kept in the local area because of all of the subsidiary business's and offices. A city the size of Boise needs to have a major medical center in its downtown core.

As for the proposals that St. Luke's has shared, I am in favor of them. I live in the northeast end and drive this route almost every day and I like what they have offered as well as some of what ACHD has suggested.

I especially like the new proposed cycling track idea. This was designed with a lot of thought and not just decided by a bicycle rider. The new plan makes sense and should be considered for a lot more streets around Boise. I understand that there is a need for bicycles but they do not mix well with cars and pedestrians. Cars and pedestrians have rules for stopping and going and crossing streets that are enforced. Bicycles seem to have no rules and I never have seen any being enforced. They go back and forth from street to sidewalk, cut thru traffic, ride between cars, turn in front of you when your are in a turn lane, they go the wrong way against traffic, don't ride single file and the list can go on and on. They also need to be licensed and taxed to help pay for their designated riding areas the same as cars.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

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Meagan Curtis

From: Quentin Knipe <qknipe@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:56 PM
To: CityCouncil; MayorBieter
Subject: St. Luke's - I support the plan

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I live at 1174 Lewis St., near Municipal Park in the East End. I cannot recall the last time I used the section of Jefferson that St. Luke's wants to close. I do frequently ride my bike between the East End and the North End and in doing so I am always disappointed that there isn't a safer way to bike through that area. It looks to me like the proposed bike improvements will help that situation. I very much like having St. Luke's close to my home. I would be sorely disappointed to have to go to Meridian for medical services (or anything else). I am sure there are some people who use Jefferson on a regular basis and closing a portion of Jefferson will add a minute to their commutes, but that seems like a small price to pay for all the good that can come out of this. In short, I support the plan and hope that you will as well.

Thanks,

Quentin Knipe