



CITY OF CROSSGATE

PO Box 6423 Louisville, KY 40206

Resolution 2013 -1

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration has proposed to build a new Hospital in Louisville; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration has purchased land near the junction of the Watterson Expressway and Brownsboro Road, known as the Midlands, as a proposed building site for the proposed VA Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has evaluated the current traffic situation in the Brownsboro corridor, adjacent to and surrounding the region within 5 miles of the Midlands property, as an "F" in acceptable traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet projected traffic patterns after millions of dollars of traffic mitigation construction and the anticipated traffic from the Midlands VAMC maintaining an "F" rating in regards to acceptable traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous traffic will refuse veterans and family members adequate, timely and potentially life-saving access to this new VA Medical Campus, and

WHEREAS all veterans suffering from stroke, or requiring invasive cardiac care, are transported to other hospitals for that care and transport times can be critical to the outcome for veterans; and

WHEREAS, inpatient transfers from the current VA Hospital to downtown hospitals numbers in the hundreds every year and will be hindered by this traffic issue, and

WHEREAS, the geographic isolation of the VA Hospital from the downtown medical center and medical school impairs the availability of physicians, including specialized physicians, to provide services to the veterans; and

WHEREAS the Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), Louisville Gas and Electric, Lyndon Fire Department and the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department all expressed their grave concerns of their independent abilities to adequately service the VAMC at the Midlands property, and

WHEREAS, most VA Hospitals are located in downtown urban settings close to university hospitals including Atlanta (Emory), Cincinnati (Univ. of Cincinnati), Indianapolis (Indiana Univ.), Nashville (Vanderbilt Univ.), Lexington (Univ. of Kentucky), Memphis (Univ. of Tenn., Memphis), St. Louis (St. Louis Univ., Washington Univ.), East Tennessee (East Tennessee State Univ.), Cleveland (Case Western Univ.), Baltimore (Univ. of Baltimore),

WHEREAS, personnel and support services for Veterans are more accessible, and more likely to positively impact the health and quality of life of Veterans at a downtown location; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Crossgate opposes the Midlands location for construction of a new VA Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Crossgate supports a location for the proposed VA hospital adjacent to the University of Louisville Medical Center.