



January 31, 2017

The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
80 Grosvenor Street
10th Floor, Hepburn Block
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Hoskins:

On November 26, 2016, all of us, along with 200 residents of Windsor-Essex came together to kick-off the inaugural fund raiser for the new Windsor-Essex hospitals system and in particular to help equip the new state-of-the-art acute care hospital.

This event was held at Caesars Windsor when they officially opened their Augustus 27 floor. The room was filled to capacity. There was a lot of excitement in advance of the event and it was only topped by the energy in the room that evening.

The event called *Starry Night* was co hosted by Dr. Michelle Prince and former Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis. The event raised a record \$1 Million towards this much needed project. Amazing considering only 200 tickets could be sold.

Already our City of Windsor and County of Essex politicians and community have supported the project and have started to raise funds through a local levy, the approximate \$200 Million needed for the “local share” for the bricks and mortar cost of the new Windsor-Essex hospitals system.

The record breaking *Starry Night* event, along with the support of the local levy, evidences that Windsor-Essex is more than ready to move forward in the next stage of the planning process.

Our community has forgone needed investments in its acute care capital infrastructure in agreement and partnership with your Ministry to change the previous approach, make historical voluntary hospital governance changes and start the necessary planning for the new Windsor-Essex hospitals system. This includes not only a new state-of-the-art acute care hospital, but an urgent care centre with supportive primary care at the former Grace hospital site, mental health investments as part of a community hub at the current Ouellette campus and also much needed mental health, chronic disease management and sub-acute care investments at the Tayfour campus.

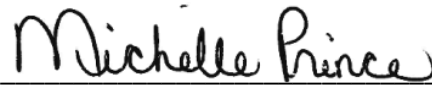
We recognize this is a long process on its own to complete due to the extensive planning that needs to be accomplished. As a result, we cannot delay in moving it forward to allow us, as a community, to commence Stage 2 and 3 planning.

On behalf of the 200 residents who attended this inaugural fundraising event and the thousands of other Windsor-Essex residents who have supported the project, we ask that you support this project to move to Stage 2 without further delay. The Windsor-Essex community deserves nothing less.

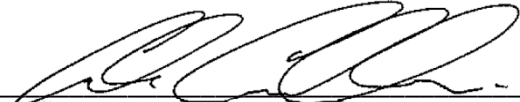
Sincerely,




Eddie Francis, Co Chair, **Starry Night**



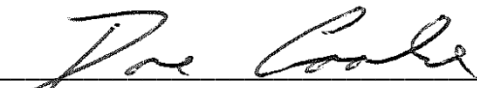
Michelle Prince, Co Chair, **Starry Night**



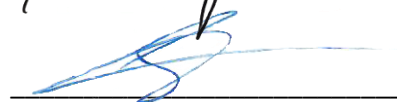
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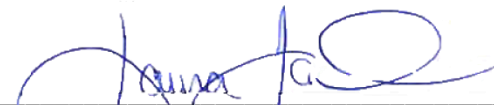
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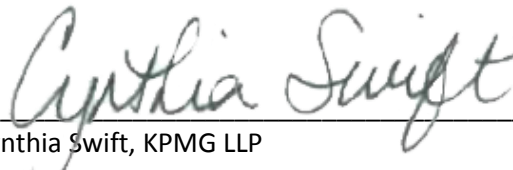
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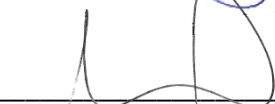
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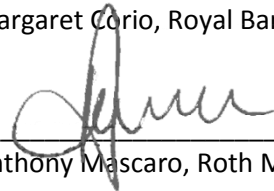
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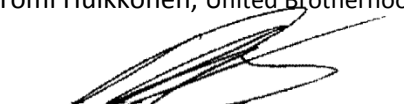
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