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Sagamore Hills Township Zoning Committee
11551 Valley View Rd.
Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067

Subject: Request for Zoning Change for 997 W. Aurora Rd.

Dear Members of the Sagamore Hills Zoning Committee,

I am writing to formally request proper zoning for the property located at 997 W Aurora Rd, Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067. Currently the property is zoned as a Nursing Homes & Private Hospital.

As you know, many communities throughout the country are facing devastation due to the surge of accidental overdoses involving substance use. Ohio, specifically N.E. Ohio, is no exception and ranks as one of the top 10 states experiencing the unnecessary loss of life. Our organization, New Aurora Health Center, will operate as a Mental Health & Substance Abuse Detox, and Recovery Center that aims to create a serene and therapeutic environment conducive to recovery, healing, and personal growth. The New Aurora Health Center will provide individuals seeking to be free from substance use and addiction, with a comprehensive, compassionate, and transformative experience through our retreat-like atmosphere. By obtaining proper zoning for this property, we believe we can significantly reduce the number of mortalities, strengthen individuals & families, bolster the local economy, and create a sense of therapeutic value that will spread throughout other parts of the county. All while facilitating the necessary healing and recovery for individuals and families.

Intent and Use of the Property: The property at 997 W Aurora Rd possesses unique characteristics that make it an ideal space *and* location for the New Aurora Health Center. With its sprawling grounds, natural surroundings, and size, this property offers the perfect backdrop for our vision and focus on mental health and substance abuse treatment and recovery. Our intent is to transform this property into a state-of-the-art facility where individuals can focus entirely on their recovery and embark on a holistic journey towards lasting wellness.

Why we believe these services are so desperately needed in this area: The Summit County Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Board serves approximately 5600 individuals annually, (and rising). Although the ADM Board's 29 providers (to date) provide exceptional services, more detox and treatment beds are needed. Summit County remains forth in the state in the total number of overdose deaths with 156 in 2022. The simple answer...We want to save lives.

Services and Programs Offered: At the New Aurora Health Center, we are committed to providing a comprehensive range of services and programs designed to address the often-complex needs of our

clients. Our retreat-style approach integrates evidence-based treatments, therapeutic activities, and wellness practices to foster healing, growth, and long-term recovery. Some of the key services and programs we will offer include:

1. Comfortable Accommodations
2. Evidence-Based Therapy
3. Holistic Approaches
4. Healthy Nutrition
5. Life Skills
6. Job Placement
7. Aftercare and Continuing Support
8. Referral for Existential Needs
9. Transportation

Benefits to the Community: The establishment of the New Aurora Health Center in Sagamore Hills, Ohio will bring significant benefits to the local community, including:

1. Enhanced Access to Mental Health Services
2. Economic Growth and Job Creation
3. Collaborative Community Partnerships
4. Property Revitalization

Conclusion: We kindly request the Local Zoning Committee to consider our application for a zoning change for the property at 997 W Aurora Rd, Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067. The New Aurora Health Center will be a serene and therapeutic sanctuary where individuals can find solace, healing, and a path to lasting recovery. We assure you that we will comply with all local regulations, maintain the highest standards of care, and uphold the integrity of the property and the community in which the property is located.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. We would be delighted to provide any additional information or address any concerns you may have regarding our proposed upscale and modernized Mental Health & Substance Abuse Detox and Recovery Center.

Sincerely,

Kevin Strong
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