

League of Women Voters of Lawrence-Douglas County

P.O. Box 1072, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

June 25, 2006

Planning Commission Chairman
Members
Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission
City Hall
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

**RE: ITEM NO. 2B : FINAL PLAT FOR LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ADDITION;
325 MAINE STREET**

Dear Chairman and Planning Commissioners:

The Planning Commission is being asked to approve the Final Plat of the LMH Hospital Addition. We consider this application for Final Plat approval premature, and encourage you either to defer or deny the Final Plat at this stage. We ask this because of the current uncertainty of the status of the Master Plan for the expansion of Lawrence Memorial Hospital, as evidenced by the number of questions and unsettled issues raised in regard to the UPR application. The main feature of this Plat is the vacation of Arkansas Street from 4th Street to 3rd Street. It is clear that the vacation of Arkansas at this stage in the planning process will negatively impact the neighborhood, negatively impact public traffic and transit patterns, create considerable public expense, perhaps unnecessarily, and very likely reduce alternative planning approaches and solutions to the hospital Master Plan.

Until the considerable and extremely important issues can be resolved with the LMH Master Plan, we strongly urge you not to approve this Lawrence Memorial Hospital Addition Final Plat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Rusty Thomas
President



Alan Black, Chairman
Land Use Committee

