



VIA EMAIL

July 28, 2022

Dear Mayor Deasy and Flagstaff City Council,

First let me take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and continued service to the citizens of Flagstaff, especially during these difficult times of post-fire floodings.

As the largest association representing osteopathic physicians in the state, the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) writes this letter in support of Northern Arizona Healthcare and its plan to construct a new hospital and ambulatory care center to replace the current Flagstaff Medical Center (FMC).

FMC has been a pillar of Flagstaff and northern Arizona for over five decades. However, in that time medical practices and healthcare delivery have changed significantly, and the community served by FMC has grown tremendously. It is critical that Flagstaff has a hospital built to accommodate not only advances in healthcare but also the changing needs of physicians, associated medical practitioners, patients and their family members.

NAH is wise to plan for its future with a new hospital and ambulatory care center, including a Level 1 trauma center. More than just a hospital, the proposed Health & Wellness Village will ensure patients and clinicians have access to a state-of-the-art facility that integrates under one roof the medical, surgical, emergency, ambulatory, and other healthcare services patients need and deserve.

The new hospital will be located near I-17 and I-40, making the complex easily accessible to patients across Flagstaff and throughout the region, including tribal communities. Planned amenities include:

- Private, suite-style patient rooms
- An expanded emergency department with faster service
- Expanded clinical, therapy and rehabilitation services, and outpatient imaging
- Increased bed count that centralizes patient treatment
- Optimal nurse-to-patient ratios to ensure a quality patient experience

AOMA believes the Health & Wellness Village will give physicians and healthcare providers the facility and tools they need to provide the best possible care to patients, and we wholeheartedly support this plan.

We respectfully ask that you support NAH and its proposed Health & Wellness Village.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josephine Zammuto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Josephine" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Zammuto".

Josephine Zammuto
Executive Director