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## ROBERT T. KENNEDY MAYOR

April 13, 2022

Town of Hempstead IDA Attn: David Weiss, Chairman One Washington Street Hempstead, NY 11550

Dear Chairman Weiss:

It is without hesitation that I express my support for Mount Sinai South Nassau's proposal to renovate 2020 Wantagh Avenue in Wantagh, a building the hospital owns, into a medical office pavilion that will improve health care along the South Shore of Long Island.

As a local elected official who represents constituents in the Village of Freeport, within the Town of Hempstead, I have many years of experience with the hospital, its leadership and staff. I can attest to the integrity of Mount Sinai South Nassau's commitment to work closely with the community and local leaders. Whenever we have had an issue that involves local residents, they have been responsive.

Also, as you are aware, Mount Sinai South Nassau served a critical function during the last two years of the COVID pandemic. The hospital's Vaxmobile has administered more than 11,000 lifesaving vaccines to hard hit communities, removing language, mobility, and transportation barriers for many Town of Hempstead residents seeking the vaccine.

Mount Sinai South Nassau's proposal to spend \$35 million to renovate their building at 2020 Wantagh Avenue into a state-of-the-art, multi-specialty healthcare center will greatly help to improve access to health care for our residents. The project also will create approximately 100 new jobs and provide an economic boost to the local economy. Mount Sinai South Nassau has always been a good neighbor and an asset to the South Shore. I encourage you to support this project.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Kennedy

Mayor

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