



July 10, 2014

Office of the Attorney General
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224-0341

Dear Attorney General Schneiderman,

We write regarding the sale of Long Island College Hospital (LICH) by the State University of New York (SUNY). As the elected officials representing the area, we have long called on SUNY to select a new owner and operator for LICH through a process that is transparent, impartial, community-inclusive, and shares the goal of protecting critical healthcare services. However, SUNY has refused to heed our calls, operating through a flawed selection process that has resulted in the disregard of the community's essential healthcare needs, and resulted in far-higher costs to SUNY than a better-designed, more collaborative and transparent process would have.

It is our understanding that your office's review of the LICH contract is only technical in nature. However, given the concerns regarding the healthcare services provided by this deal and the execution of this RFP, additional questions relating to the Othmer fund have been raised. The now-exhausted Othmer Fund was a multi-million dollar endowment left to LICH by Donald and Mildred Othmer "to be held either in perpetuity and the income to be used for general purposes, or in part or in whole for the construction or acquisition of a building to be called the Donald F. and Mildred Topp Othmer building."

We therefore ask that the Charities Bureau conduct a full review of the use and disposition of the Othmer Fund, both retrospectively and in the context of this agreement, before any court approval on the sale is granted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron
State Senator

Joan Millman
Assemblymember

Brad Lander
City Councilmember

Stephen T. Levin
City Councilmember

Carlos Menchaca
City Councilmember