



## CITY OF LONG BEACH

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Nirav R. Shah M.D.  
M.P.H. Commissioner  
New York State Department of Health  
Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12237

Dear Commissioner Shah:

As you are aware, on October 16, 2013, South Nassau Communities Hospital filed an application with the New York State Department of Health for a Certificate of Need for the construction of an Urgent Care Center at the emergency room located at the Long Beach Medical Center site.

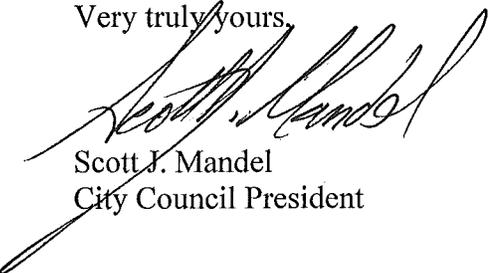
On behalf of the City Council and the residents of the City of Long Beach, I urgently and sincerely request and implore that in the interest of public safety, health and welfare, you expeditiously approve this application.

We are a city of approximately 35,000 people, situated on a barrier island. Access on and off of the island is via bridges. Each and every resident of the City and island suffers without a functioning care center situated here in Long Beach. An Urgent Care Center, under the auspices of South Nassau Communities Hospital, is what the City of Long Beach desperately needs now.

As we move forward, we are asking that you also expedite the transition to a fully functioning 911 Emergency Response Center to which our ambulances can transport, thereby removing the need to cross bridges and transport patients outside of the City.

It has been one year since Superstorm Sandy. The City of Long Beach and our residents have made a remarkable comeback. Yet, we still are not whole. We need a functioning Urgent Care Center built as quickly as possible, followed by a fully functioning 911 Emergency Response Center, in order to provide appropriate medical care for our residents. Please help us make this a reality.

Very truly yours,



Scott J. Mandel  
City Council President