

# **Make Healthcare Our First Priority + Keep Downtown Utica Walkable & Authentic!**

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## **You can make all the difference...**

1. Write a letter and/or call a newspaper, tell them you oppose a Downtown Utica hospital
2. Contact your doctors, nurses, and healthcare provider(s) asking them to speak out against the downtown hospital concept
3. Join us on Facebook: [#NoHospitalDowntown](https://www.facebook.com/NoHospitalDowntown)
4. Contact us, we can offer you: yard signs, car/home window posters, reading materials and other handouts (contact info below).
5. Follow on Twitter: [@NoHospitalDwtn](https://twitter.com/NoHospitalDwtn)
6. Watch our Youtube video, search for the title: [Historic Buildings, Streets, Utica NY](#)
7. Picket with us! Outside the hospitals, as well as downtown. Bring attention to this issue, please check Facebook for times or call us:  
 Donna: 853-3954      Joe: 534-1342  
 Brett: 794-0401      Jim: 732-6191
8. Contacts who want to hear from you:

<b>Title/Name</b>	<b>Ph Number</b>
Mayor, Robert Palmieri	792-0100
Assemblyman, Anthony Brindisi	732-1055
Senator, Joe Griffo	793-9072
Utica-OD Opinions Page, Dave Dudajek	792-5090
<b>Top County Officials</b>	
Oneida, Anthony Picente	798-5800
Herkimer, Bernard Peplinski	867-1112
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More contact info here:  
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## **Reasons we oppose 'downtown' hospital:**

- Area healthcare needs improvement, but new buildings are not the answer.
- The public has been shutout of the conversation, yet hospital plans to use \$300 million of taxpayer money.
- St. Luke's has been purchasing land for 20 years for future expansion; today they own 64-acres on a green hilltop.
- The hospital does not own any land in downtown, MV EDGE of Rome is NOW seeking \$5.5 million in addition funding from Albany to buy land & buildings.
- 41 businesses (including the Utica Police and City Court campus) operate in the targeted 34-acres the hospital seeks. Some business will not sell and will fight the government's planned decision to use eminent domain to seize land/buildings.
- St. Luke's Campus has great access; located on modern roadways with connections to public transportation/bus service.
- The St. Luke's Campus share healthcare programs with Utica College, they are close neighbors and the future is bright for further synergies.
- The St. Luke's Campus and Utica College share an energy efficient, microgrid co-generation, power plant costing \$15 million. Efficiency and low-energy costs disappear without the hospital.
- Key consultant to hospital is a real estate investment firm, not a hospital designer!

## Have It Both Ways!

Expanded Regional Healthcare + An Authentic, Livable & Walkable Downtown