

#NoHospitalDowntown

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Downtown Hospital Concept Must End- Today!

October 6, 2016, Utica, NY - The Downtown Utica hospital concept is turning into the same "empty promises of something great, we'll tell you later, but pay us now" deal as "Nano" was. Not entirely bad, since a Downtown Utica hospital district would forever set Utica backwards, just like the other failed urban renewal projects of the 50's and 60's. A Downtown Hospital offers payouts to people who would never seek to live in Downtown Utica, but would profit handsomely at the start and in the hospital district's development.

While we all need and appreciate a hospital, nobody seeks them out to live beside or for their tourist destinations. The public seems to not want this, and taxpayers will pay for years to come as the non-profit tax-exempt businesses proliferate. We could gain from a smaller-scale, urgent or primary medical facility downtown- ***not a 25-34 acre hospital district!***

Downtown Utica is on a steady, small-scale, comeback. People aren't just coming here for Consumer Square, finally! And now the ill-conceived hospital concept has already started driving away the ***forty-one businesses standing in their way!***

The concept should be withdrawn as soon as possible. Instead, hospitals should rather expand at St. Luke's and/or Faxton, all while making a smooth transition away from St. Elizabeth's as the time and developers arrive. *Our* politicians, and their agents, *must* stop pushing their poorly-proposed downtown hospital upon us.

Learn more at NoHospitalDowntown.com

Brett Truett, Co-founder

P.S. - In the coming weeks and month our group will be going door-to-door throughout Utica, handing out literature, advertising in the media, and continuing to meet with community groups. At some point, citizens will begin attending Common Council meetings, as they are now posting signs, making calls, and writing to editors. Our battle is a year old, but will only escalate as this sad injustice marches forward to the misguided Albany directive.

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