

The Honorable Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor  
City of Covington  
20 W. Pike Street  
Covington, KY 41011

Re: St. Elizabeth's Commitment to the City of Covington

Dear Mayor Meyer:

Thank you for permitting representatives of St. Elizabeth Healthcare to address the Covington City Commission at its meeting on September 26, 2023, regarding the Certificate of Need process. I wanted to write to you and the Commissioners to provide some information in follow-up to the meeting.

First of all, St. Elizabeth Healthcare is very proud to offer a broad array of medical services to the citizens of Covington at our 12<sup>th</sup> Street facility. I am not sure that our community appreciates the breadth and depth of the services we provide at 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Thirteen primary care providers provided 29,367 primary care consultations last year, and we have 27 specialists located at 12<sup>th</sup> Street, including endocrinologists, wound care specialists, cardiologists, ophthalmologists and podiatrists. Last year we managed 34,335 diabetes visits at our Covington facility. In addition, we saw 23,288 out-patient visits, ranging from MRI, lab, x-ray, wound care, mammograms and EKG. Our 12<sup>th</sup> Street facility is a comprehensive multi-specialty center that is well equipped to meet a variety of healthcare needs for the residents of Covington.

There was some testimony from individuals outside of Covington regarding emergency department visits. We can only presume that these experiences did not take place at our 12<sup>th</sup> Street facility. Nevertheless, please know that last year we managed 21,181 emergency department visits to the Covington facility. The quality of the emergency care provided in Covington is excellent.

There was some discussion about the deployment of physicians in Kenton County. Considering only St. Elizabeth Physicians, there are 10 St. Elizabeth Physicians locations within 10 minutes of most Covington residents. I am attaching a map showing these locations. (**Attachment 1**)

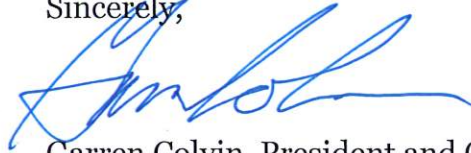
I also want to confirm that our representatives accurately reported to the City Commission that St. Elizabeth Healthcare and St. Elizabeth Physicians together had 651 employees at our 12<sup>th</sup> Street facility during calendar year 2022. We also accurately reported that both St. Elizabeth Healthcare and St. Elizabeth Physicians paid \$465,688 in payroll tax during 2022. These figures are borne out by the tax returns that we filed with the City of Covington. I am attaching copies of those tax returns, as well. (**Attachment 2**)

Our presence in Covington is substantial, and we feel that we are making a difference in the lives of the Covington residents whom we serve. We are privileged to be able to invest in the 25 Covington-based organizations and nonprofits that make a difference in Covington. Those organizations were listed in the materials we supplied to the City Commission on September 26. We also wish Covington nothing but success with the IRS site. As our representatives pointed out, no medical provider would need a certificate of need to locate a primary care physician office, a specialty care office, or an urgent

care center at the IRS site. If a developer was looking for a healthcare provider to locate at the IRS site, St. Elizabeth Healthcare would be more than happy to consider such an opportunity.

I want to offer to you or any City Commissioner the opportunity to tour the 12<sup>th</sup> Street facility to learn more about the quality of care we provide in Covington. If anyone would like to avail himself or herself of that opportunity, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Garren Colvin, President and CEO

cc: Covington City Commissioners



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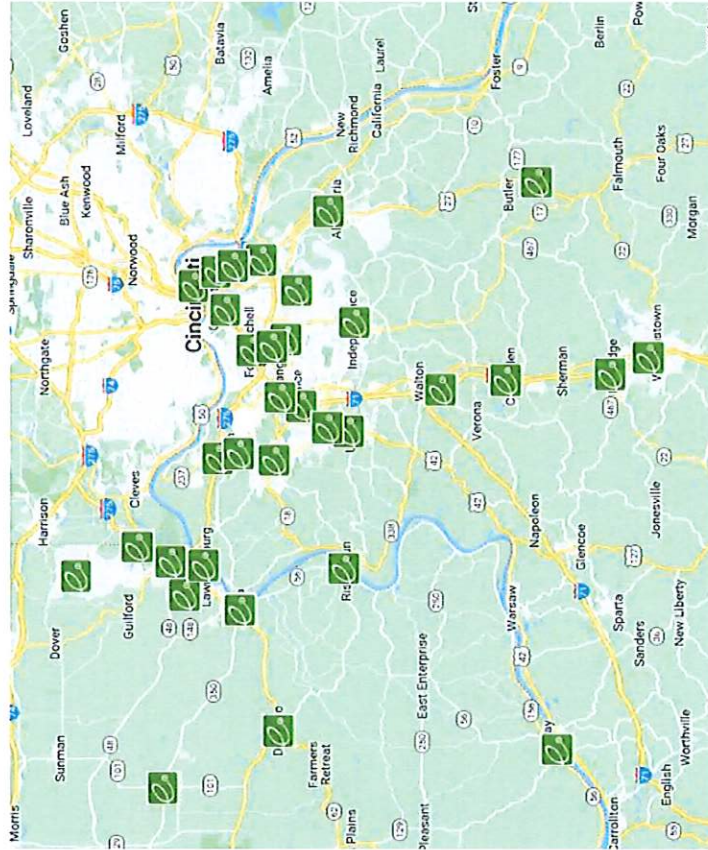
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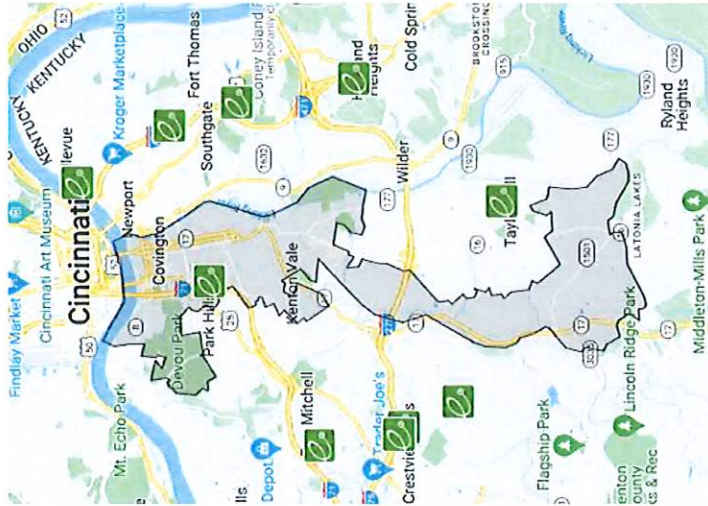
## All Primary Care Locations



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# TEN ST. ELIZABETH PHYSICIAN LOCATIONS WITHIN TEN MINUTES OF MOST COVINGTON RESIDENTS

Primary Care locations within 10 minutes of Covington residents



## 12TH STREET COVINGTON LOCATION INCLUDES:

### Physician offices, Emergency Department and Outpatient services

- 13 Primary Care Providers
- 27 Specialist Providers – Endocrinologists, Wound Care, Cardiology, Ophthalmology, and Podiatry)
- 29,367 Primary Care Visits
- 34,335 Diabetes Visits
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