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New River Medical Center Board of Directors
Request to be Heard

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The New River Medical Center Board welcomes you to this meeting. We conduct our meetings in strict compliance with the state open meetings law. That law requires that our board meeting be open for public observation, but it does not require that the public be allowed to participate in the meetings.

However, we value the ideas and insights of others. Therefore, it is the policy of this board to allow 15 minutes of each meeting for a forum. The "forum" will be conducted prior to any action items on the agenda. If you wish to speak to this board during the "forum" section of our agenda, please complete the form on the bottom of this paper and hand it in to one of the board members before the meeting. Only persons who have completed the form and give it to a board member prior to the convening of the meeting will be allowed to speak.

When the board reaches the "forum" section of the agenda, the board chairperson will divide the 15-minute segment by the number of persons who have requested to speak to the board to determine the amount of time allocated to each person. The board chairperson will then call on those people one at a time to stand and address the board for no more than the allocated time.

Do not expect the board to respond at this meeting to your questions or requests for information or requests for action. The board will note your request and respond at a later appropriate time after board members have an opportunity to deliberate about the request.

At other times during this meeting, board members may wish to ask for information from persons in the audience, but please refrain from comment unless the board asks you to comment. Board members are always anxious to hear from constituents, but our meeting agenda is usually full and does not allow us time for a continuous open forum. Thanks for helping us conduct an open and orderly meeting.

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Request to speak to the New River Medical Center Board during the forum.

This form must be completed and handed to a board member before the meeting if you wish to speak to the New River Medical Center Board during the "forum" section of the meeting agenda. The forum will be conducted according to the format explained above.

Your name: _____

Group/Organization you represent, if any: _____

Subject about which you will speak: _____