

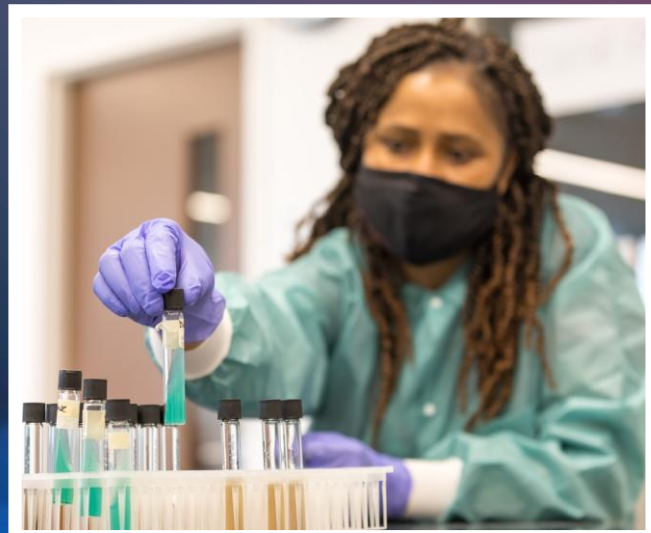
# A South Side Hub for Job Access and Growth in Healthcare Fields

Third Ward Meeting Hosted by Alderman Dowell  
July 20, 2026



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# Project Overview: An Education to Career Pipeline in Growing, Accessible Healthcare Fields

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The proposed joint project in Washington Park would:

- **Create new jobs**
- **Expand access to affordable higher education**
- **Establish healthcare career pathways for South Side residents**
- **Improve lab test efficiency, capacity, and capabilities to better serve South Side residents**
- **Activate vacant land and bring new vibrancy to a critical corridor for the community**

The project would bring two distinct, but connected, elements to Washington Park:

- **Malcolm X College South Campus** with allied health programs
- **UChicago Medicine Pathology Laboratory**

# Site Context Aerial



# Guided by Community Input

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Guided by the Washington Park community's recent quality of life plans which prioritized:

- **Workforce development opportunities**
- **New jobs**
- **Revitalization of the Garfield Boulevard corridor**
- **Additional retail establishments on key corridors**
- **Utilization of the Green Line stations as assets for new development**
- **Partnerships with nearby employers and higher education institutions, especially those leading to stable, well-paid careers for residents**

Robust community engagement process will include community meetings at each stage of development

# UChicago Medicine Pathology Laboratory

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Specialized medical laboratory facility built on land owned by the University of Chicago



## **PROJECT BENEFITS:**

- **Consolidate existing UChicago Medicine pathology labs into one location and modernize lab operations**
- **Maximize lab test efficiency to ensure best in class care**
- **Meet increased need for testing stemming from planned Cancer Pavilion coming online in 2027**
- **Provide clinical rotations for Malcolm X students and immediate job opportunities to Malcolm X graduates**

# Synergy of Projects



Students study to earn  
**associate degree**



They **gain real world experience** through  
clinical rotation



They leverage degree  
and experience to  
**secure immediate job opportunities** that pay  
well and are close to  
home (UChicago  
Medicine or nearby  
hospital)



They **contribute to strong South Side communities**  
and health ecosystem

# UChicago Medicine Pathology Labs Job Creation

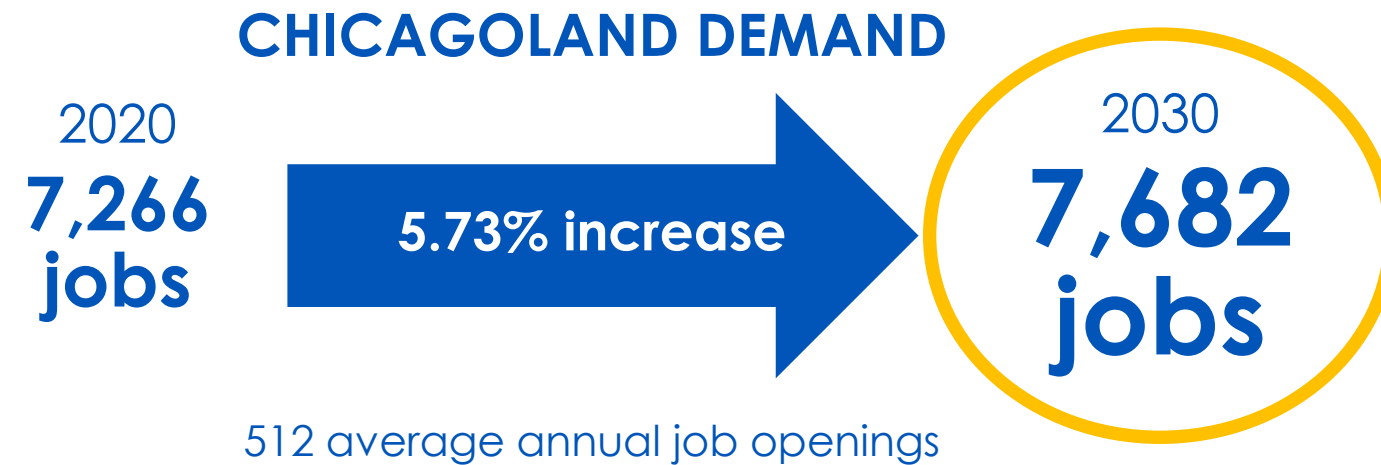
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**550 jobs supported**  
by proposed UChicago Medicine facility

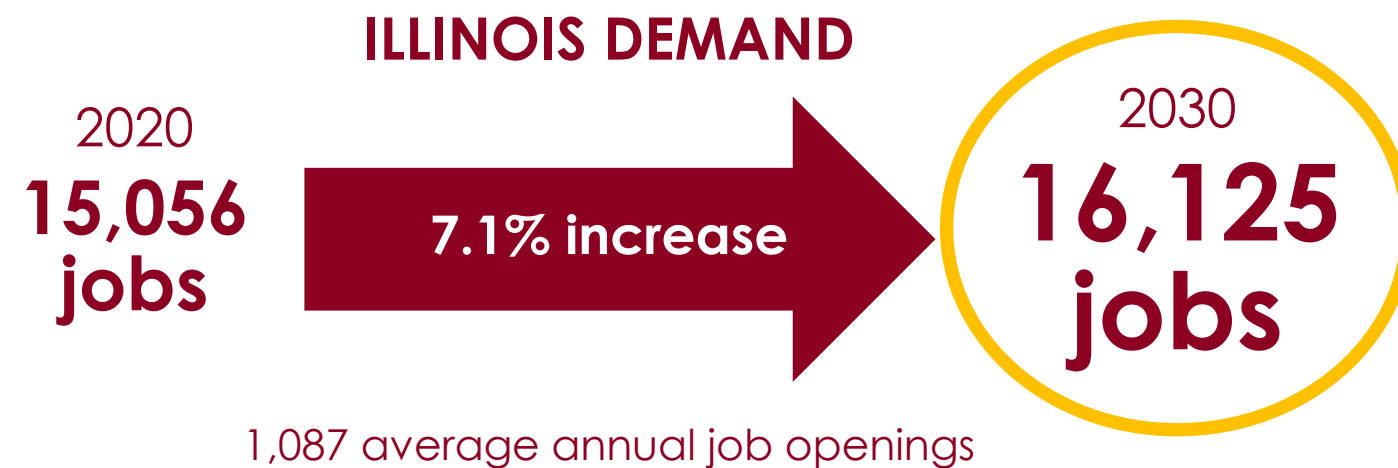
- 350 jobs moved from existing UChicago Medicine buildings
- 200 new positions – entry-level job opportunities for South Side residents



# Demand for Clinical Lab Technicians



Jobs accessible with  
a one- to two-year  
degree



Provide on-ramp to  
careers in health  
sciences

# Thriving-wage Employment

|                                                                        |           |                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Accessible with<br><b>Bachelors Degree*</b>                            | \$113,000 | Cytotechnologist                |
|                                                                        | \$86,000  | Medical Laboratory Technologist |
|                                                                        | \$84,000  | Cytogenetics Technologist       |
| Accessible with<br><b>Associate Degree*</b>                            | \$82,000  | Histology Technician            |
|                                                                        | \$71,000  | Medical Laboratory Technician   |
|                                                                        | \$66,000  | Histology Assistant             |
| Accessible with<br><b>High School Diploma/GED<br/>and Certificate*</b> | \$61,000  | Pre-Analytical Technician       |
|                                                                        | \$49,000  | Phlebotomist                    |
|                                                                        | \$39,000  | Clinical Lab Associate (1-4)    |

\*Average salaries based on public data and UChicago Medicine current compensation

# Site Context Aerial



# UChicago Medicine Pathology Laboratory



**Southwest Corner**

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**South Elevation (Garfield Boulevard)**

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**Northwest Corner**

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**Southeast Corner**

# UChicago Medicine Pathology Laboratory



**East Elevation (Dr. Martin Luther King Drive)**

# Economic Impact Goals

## University of Chicago

- 35% minority-owned contractors
- 6% women-owned contractors
- 30% of hours from minority journey workers and apprentices
- 40% of hours from minority laborers

UChicago Medicine Pathology Lab:  
BOWA and Leopardo



# Preliminary Timeline for Pathology Laboratory



Planning, community engagement,  
development approvals, and site  
preparation

**Through 2026**



Groundbreaking

**Spring 2027**



Opening (Projected)

**Early 2029**

# Thank You



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