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GROUP PLAN: The group of 70 doctors who are planning to own and operate Midtown Medical Center includes, from left, Doug Brown, Linda Galvan, Bruce Bell, developer Tim Delgado, Terry Holmes, Jim Rutherford and Sanila Rana.

Doctors-owned medical center planned

Facilities to be located at 3800 Main, 1400 Gray

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LINDA Galvan knows enough about hospital politics to know the subject is unhealthy for doctors and their patients.

So she and others are setting out to change that.

Galvan is one of 70 doctors who have attached their names — and their money — to the Midtown Medical Center, a pair of physician-owned and operated medical facilities that will be located at 3808 Main and 1400 Gray.

Developers expect the hospitals will be open for business early in 2007. Those involved in the project are saying that the facilities will represent a major change in the way medicine is practiced in the city.

Said Galvan, who has been an emergency physician for 18 years and has worked at area hospitals in Lake Jackson and Fort Bend County, “We are anticipating community-size hospitals where we see between 20,000 and 25,000 patients a year. We’re creating an environment that will allow physicians to be able to take control of their own practices and the way they treat people.”

That will happen, she said, by allowing doctors to control the organizational structure of the hospitals and by giving them a stake not only in their own practices, but also in the success of the hospital as a whole.

“We are, as a group, putting up the money for the down payment and the financing,” said Jim Rutherford, president of Quality Infusion Care Inc., which spearheaded the medical center concept. “To be a physician-owned facility means they get to share in all revenues, as well as being able to take care



RENDERING COURTESY ARCHITECH DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED DESIGN: The Midtown Medical Center buildings were designed by Mort Mehdi of ArchiTECH Design and Development.

of their patients better.”

The combined cost of the two facilities is just under \$175 million.

The Midtown Medical Center buildings will each feature

about 220,000 square feet of emergency room and medical office space, as well as an attached 240,000-square foot parking garage. The first two

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