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Mayor L. DiIanni and Members of Council
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street East
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Dear Mayor DiIanni and Members of Council

On behalf of the Board of Management of the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area I am writing to express our members' concerns with the perception of lack of support for the Lister Building development by council. On May 9, 2005 Council made a commitment to LIUNA to proceed to be a part of the solution by becoming a tenant in the building.

Our members, especially those directly affected by this announcement were relieved at last to see some movement on a derelict decaying building that for years no one had any interest in restoring and has cost the City and the community thousands of dollars in policing, and investment dollar potential.

We believe that in the best interests of the community the City of Hamilton needs to move forward to approve the project. We know that with the track record of LIUNA, they will do their best to restore the look of the building to its former glory and turn the site into a useful, productive and sustainable part of our downtown community.

Sincerely

Kathy G. Drewitt
Executive Director

c.c. LIUNA
Hamilton Chamber of Commerce