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Council

December 13, 2005

His Worship
Mayor Larry Dilanni
City of Hamilton
City Hall, 1st Floor
71 Main Street West
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Dilanni:

Re: 39 units approved for the Hellenic Community of Hamilton and District Strong Start project located at 37 Strathcona Avenue North in the City of Hamilton, Conditional Letter of Commitment under the Affordable Housing Program – Strong Start Funding

I am pleased to confirm that funding in the amount of \$2,535,000 for 39 units for the Hellenic Community of Hamilton and District project has been approved under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program – Strong Start. This conditional commitment for funding is based on the recommendation by the City of Hamilton.

As you know, Ontario is now back in the affordable-housing business. Our government would like to commend the City of Hamilton for its participation in the new Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP). Overall, the AHP will result in the provision of 15,000 affordable-housing units and 5,000 housing allowances across Ontario.

On August 31, 2005, the City of Hamilton received a Wave 1 allocation of \$12.25 million for the creation of 175 new units of affordable housing and \$3 million for 250 housing allowances under the new AHP. This approval for your Strong Start project of 123 units forms part of the Wave 1 allocation.

Thank you once again for your participation. Our government looks forward to continued collaboration with you under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program Agreement.

Sincerely,


John Gerretsen
Minister

c: The Honourable David Christopherson, MP, Hamilton Centre
Ms. Judy Marsales, MPP, Hamilton West
Mr. Glen Peace, City Manager, City of Hamilton