Dear City Clerk,

Please include this letter as correspondence for the August 10th Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Our City, Our Future campaign has generated tremendous interest from the community supporting the West Harbour for a Pan Am Stadium location to be funded by money from the Future Fund.

The incredible outpouring of support for this campaign comes from every part of the city and all walks of life: new Canadians, commuters, business owners, professional associations, community leaders, long-time Ticat fans and potential fans alike.

At the Committee of the Whole on August 10, the following motion, along with a compilation of supporting statements that should also be considered part of this correspondences, will be distributed to Council members for consideration. Councillor McHattie has agreed to present the motion on behalf of the campaign.

Sincerely,

Ryan McGreal

behalf of the Our City Our Future Campaign http://ourcityourfuture.ca

Our City, Our Future: A Motion on the Location of the Hamilton Pan Am Games Stadium

Dear City Council:

Whereas, a new Hamilton stadium for the Pan Am Games represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to accelerate waterfront/downtown revitalization;

Whereas, Hamilton City Council has voted in favour of a West Harbour location, backed up by thorough analysis and a business case presented by Deloitte Canada and a traffic analysis presented by IBI;

Whereas, Hamilton taxpayers have already spent millions of dollars acquiring land on the West Harbour for the project;

Whereas, the City of Hamilton is contributing $60 million of our Future Fund towards the project, while the Hamilton Tiger-Cats are a minority partner;

Whereas, if the East Mountain site is chosen, Hamilton would be one of the only cities in North America to build a suburban stadium in this day and age, and it would send a very poor, regressive message about Hamilton around North America, impacting our ability to retain the best and brightest talent who seek progressive dynamic cities in which to live;

Whereas, not choosing the West Harbour site will impact the timing and viability of Hamilton’s case for priority funding for its Rapid Transit plans as it calls into question the City’s commitment to revitalization of the Downtown Urban Growth Node under the province of Ontario Places to Grow Strategy and Metrolinx plans;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

(a) That Hamilton City Council/Committee of the Whole reaffirms the West Harbour location
as its choice for the Pan Am Games Stadium to be funded by money through the Future Fund;

(b) That an invitation be extended to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to be a community partner on new terms that allow for the financial success of the football club at the West Harbour location.