March 24, 2010

His Worship Mayor Fred Eisenberger & Members of Council
Hamilton City Centre
77 James Street North, Suite 230
Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3

Dear Mayor Fred,

We are writing on behalf of the REALTORS® Association of Hamilton-Burlington and our 2400 members to express our support for the Council's decision to locate the Pan Am Stadium at the West Harbour site.

As an association, RAHB has adopted a number of guiding principles to demonstrate the commitment of the real estate profession to improve quality of life by supporting policies that encourage economic vitality, provide housing opportunities, preserve the environment, protect property owners and build community.

We believe that locating the Pan Am Stadium at the West Harbour location serves those principles well:

- It's proximity to four of the identified priority areas - James Street North, the waterfront, the West Harbour rail yards and the historic core - would have a positive and direct impact on those areas. The historic core and James Street North would see an influx of customers which would contribute significantly to the growth of these cultural and creative neighbourhoods;

- Local and regional public transit is close and accessible for those within Hamilton and for those coming into the city;

- The physical beauty of the site - with the scenic waterfront, the escarpment and the Royal Botanical Gardens as backdrops - would provide a very positive image of the City during televised events; and

- Building the stadium at that location requires remediation of the brownfields of the West Harbour rail and industrial land, and is an opportunity for remediation that might not otherwise be available for those areas.

We recognize that no site will be perfect. We do believe that the positive benefits of the West Harbour location for the Pan Am Stadium far outweigh the negative and that the positive aspects of the West Harbour location also far outweigh the benefits of any other location suggested thus far.

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

REALTORS® Association of Hamilton-Burlington

[Signatures]

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