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Hamilton City Council  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West  
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Re: Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People

Dear Members of Hamilton City Council:

On behalf of Good Shepherd, I want to take this opportunity to support Mayor Eisenberger's motion that appears on the General Issues Committee of May 4, 2016. This motion is an important step in addressing the larger issue of poverty in our community and I urge you to support it.

As you are aware, Good Shepherd responds to the needs of this community through a broad range of responses from emergency food, clothing and shelter, transitional housing and supports, and permanent supportive and affordable housing.

I understand that the motion is really more about intent to act and the specifics of what those actions may entail are still to be outlined. Much work lies ahead of us and on behalf of Good Shepherd, I extend an offer to participate in whatever manner may best serve the process in this important endeavour.



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