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To: Clerk at the City of Hamilton

RE: **Report PED25142** - Grant for Centenary Methodist Church to Establish a Mid-Sized Performance Centre

From: Susie Braithwaite, Chair – International Village BIA

I am writing to offer support of the capital improvements being proposed for the Hamilton Music Hall/Centenary United Church. The International Village BIA feels that these improvements will be a positive addition to Downtown Hamilton giving visitors and patrons more reason to visit our area by adding to the cultural fabric of our city.

We are also pleased to hear that this venue will offer a unique space to marginalized, racialized and other equity deserving groups including a community hub that will be a safe space for groups that need a place to meet downtown.

Sincerely,

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