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Development Planning Section (West Team)
Planning and Economic Development Department
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street W. 5th floor
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Dear Ms. McPhail:

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT – LYNWOOD CHARLTON CENTRE

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Lynwood Charlton Centre's application to use the building at 121 Augusta Street, Hamilton as a new residential site for adolescent girls.

The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton has a long-standing partnership with Lynwood Charlton Centre, having collaborated in many programs serving some of the most vulnerable youth and families in our community. Lynwood Charlton Centre is known for excellence in providing treatment, support and care to this population.

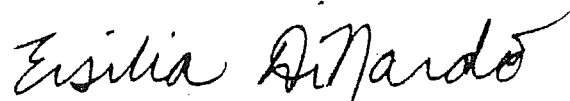
The Lynwood Charlton Centre has earned a reputation of strong and effective leadership and administration. Well developed policies and systems enable the Centre to provide high quality and effective care to youth in their own community – close to their families and schools. This is an extremely important and valuable service for this population in the City of Hamilton.

I have always been impressed by how well the residential programs are managed. Staff consistently demonstrate a high level of professionalism and skill – a reflection I believe, of the dedication and commitment of the leadership of Lynwood Charlton Centre. Existing facilities reveal the Centre's commitment to being a respected member of the community, while being considerate of and responsive to its neighbors.

The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton is fully supportive of the use of 121 Augusta Street as a residential treatment home for adolescent girls. This important service is very much needed in the City and given it can no longer be provided at the Charlton Street address, the transfer to the Augusta Street site seems most reasonable given the similar use of the site in the past few years.

We do hope you will give positive consideration to the Zoning application presented by Lynwood Charlton Centre. I would be happy to speak with you directly if you wish. Please feel free to contact me at 905-525-2012 X 3317.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ersilia DiNardo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Ersilia DiNardo
Executive Director

cc: Alex Thomson
Deirdre Finlay