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Via Email mayor@burlington.ca

Mayor Marianne Meed-Ward and
Members of Burlington City Council
Burlington City Hall
426 Brant Street
Burlington, ON L7R 3Z6

Dear Mayor Meed-Ward and Council

I am the President of the Hamilton100 Commonwealth Games Bid Corporation, the community led organization holding the Canadian domestic rights to advance an international bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games. I am writing to you in support of the delegation to Council by Louis Frapporti, who leads our efforts to engage the private sector in supporting the 2030 Games initiative, which efforts have included our collaboration with Penta Properties at 1200 King Road. As you are aware from your prior engagement with the Games initiative, Penta and other private sector partners are working to promote the creation of infrastructure addressing immediate community and commercial needs as key pillars of our Games movement. They are doing so, in part, as inspired by the Commonwealth Games' focus on building healthy, sustainable and prosperous communities and in a manner which can serve to differentiate a 2030 Commonwealth Games bid internationally.

I have had the pleasure of working with the Paletta family in relation to this effort for some time, including our recent joint meeting with the Premier of Ontario, Minister Macleod, the President of Commonwealth Sport Canada, Paul and Michael Paletta and others, on the topic of the integrating the Penta project at 1200 King Road project into a possible 2030 Commonwealth Games bid. More recently, I attended a 'walk-shop' at 1200 King Rd. to better understand the opportunity presented by the alignment of Penta's innovative strategy for the development of these lands, the needs of the City of Burlington and surrounding communities, and our vision for the Games' movement. In doing so with many other community leaders I was extremely excited to see this vision brought to life; a vision that mirrors the efforts that I and others have undertaken in the City Of Hamilton in our work to re-develop Hamilton's entertainment assets in advance of 2030.

I look forward to continuing to collaborate with the City of Burlington, as we are working with other regional municipalities, in support of this effort and in inviting the Province of Ontario to assist the private sector and our other stakeholders in making the return of the games to Canada in 2030 a reality.

Sincerely,

PJ Mercanti
President
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