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Mayor Eddie Francis  
Corporation of the City of Windsor  
350 City Hall Square West  
Windsor, ON N9A 6S1

Dear Mayor Francis:

The Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce is encouraged by the direction you have taken with the 2004 budget process and the progress made by the City of Windsor in dealing with City finances. We applaud the course of action you have begun as the new Mayor of the City of Windsor.

This year you have taken a big step forward in providing a process that is clear, transparent and conceptually well thought out. We are particularly thrilled that you are asking active participation from your stakeholders, including the business community, in an open public consultation process. For this reason the Chamber looks forward to presenting our position to City Council and the City Administration.

To augment our participation we have been working toward a vision of the City of Windsor that is business friendly and adopts business processes when they are beneficial. Our first order of business was the financial side of the budget and the matter of Municipal Assessments in relation to City tax rates. As you know, keeping these rates low is crucial to the well being of our business community. Our Board of Directors has unanimously approved the Chamber's position statement attached to this letter. We are looking forward to further submissions directly related to the Budget.

The Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce represents more than 1400 members and is the voice of business in Windsor & Essex County. We are thankful for this year's positive change in creating a vastly improved Budget Process and the opportunity to make our views known. We are looking forward to playing an active role in this community's future in part by giving our support to the positive developments you have made possible.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Komsa  
Chair, Board of Directors

Ed Kanters  
Chair, Finance & Taxation Committee

cc: Alan Halberstadt, Councillor  
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