

March 16, 2009

City of Binghamton
Office Of The Mayor
Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor
38 Hawley Street, 4th Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Mayor Ryan:

It is with great pride that I submit the Commission on Housing and Home Ownership Final Report. It is the Commission's hope that City Council members and City of Binghamton residents realize the substantial effort and documentation that went into this report.

The Housing Commission was charged with four main objectives and met three of them. The objective to, "Create a Strategic Plan that incorporates the above elements with integration of relevant findings from other Commissions," was not possible without final reports. As of February 2009, the three Commissions had only submitted Interim Reports.

The Commission tried to address the concerns of many while developing the final report. Much was captured from City of Binghamton employees, who shared their expertise, comments heard during the Housing Commission's Public Forum and numerous communications received via written format. Through this report, it is hoped changes will be made and issued throughout the City of Binghamton. It is only through cooperation from all that we will increase homeownership, improve neighborhoods and entice individuals to become permanent residents of Binghamton.

A core group of Housing Commission members will make themselves available to your office should there be any further questions. Please feel free to contact me via cell phone, 607-341-1822 or email, alyci2a@msn.com, if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

ALYCIA J. HARRIS, Chairwoman
Commission on Housing and Homeownership

Cc: Commission on Housing and Homeownership, Members