



March 31, 2021

Hon. Christopher J. Pia  
Chairman, Stratford Town Council  
2725 Main Street  
Stratford, CT 06614

Dear Councilman Pia,

Attached please find the final report of the Stratford Housing Partnership which upon adoption will be considered Stratford's Housing Plan as required by state statute. This plan was unanimously endorsed at the Partnership's meeting of March 25, 2021 and is being referred to you with a favorable recommendation.

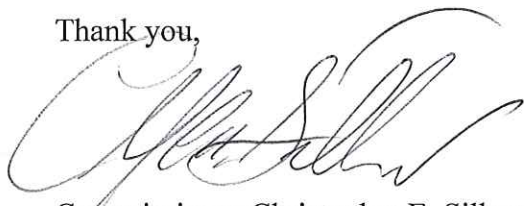
This plan represents several months of hard work by members of the Partnership to acquire an understanding of Stratford's current and future housing needs and formulate strategies to confront an issue of growing importance. The Partnership was assembled as a bipartisan group acting in a non-partisan capacity. Its members included current and former elected officials, members of the public, and citizens with specialized knowledge of our housing needs. Through discovery and discussion, these strategies are presented for your consideration. Despite the pandemic, a considerable effort was made to take in public input and understand the concerns of Town residents.

To bring these strategies to fruition, those holding office in Stratford now and into the coming years will need to do further work to craft these into concrete actions and meaningful legislation. The Stratford Housing Partnership will continue to be a resource to guide our town along the way.

I commend Mayor Laura Hoydick for her leadership and foresight in re-establishing the Partnership and I would like to acknowledge my fellow Partnership members for the many hours spent on preparing the plan. In addition, this plan would not have come together without the tireless dedication of our consultant Glenn Chalder, our Town Planner Susmitha Attota, and our Planning and Zoning Administrator Jay Habansky. All who contributed to this plan deserve sincere thanks.

As you deliberate this plan, the Partnership will be happy to provide any clarifications or answers you may have. Through the adoption of this plan, we can work together to move Stratford forward and ensure adequate housing for all.

Thank you,



Commissioner Christopher E. Silhavey  
Chairman, Stratford Housing Partnership