



**Pam Iorio, Mayor**

November 17, 2008

Mr. Punit R. Shah, President  
Liberty Group of Companies  
6025 Sun Boulevard, Suite 202  
St. Petersburg, FL 33715

Dear Mr. Shah:

Congratulations! It was a pleasure to learn of the grand opening celebration for the newest Holiday Inn Express & Suites to be opened in the City of Tampa. We are particularly grateful for the impact this new \$15 million investment will have on our community. Being among the first re-branded Holiday Inn hotels in our state, it will be a landmark for future hotels nationally and we appreciate the commitment being made to our economy through job creation, local business alliances, and greening initiatives.

Our city is committed to making improvements which will lead to greater protection of our nature resources and more efficient energy use. It is our goal to become a certified Florida Green Local Government and we are currently reviewing existing land development regulations which will encourage green building practices throughout the city. This development, part of the Florida Green Lodging Program, is helping us meet this goal. With the continued help of environmentally conscious businesses such as the Holiday Inn, we will be successful in ensuring the beauty of our community is preserved for future generations.

Although I am unable to attend the grand opening on November 19, please accept my thanks for investing in Tampa's future and my best wishes to you and the staff of the Holiday Inn Express & Suites for a successful future.

Sincerely,

Pam Iorio

