

April 23, 2012

Mayor Bratina and Council of the Whole  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
71 Main St. W., 1st Floor  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
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Mayor Bratina and Members of Council,

I am writing to you in support of the petition, submitted to council, of over 500 electors from the City of Hamilton, as provided for under the Municipal Act of the Province of Ontario Part V Section 223 wherein "Electors in a municipality may present a petition to the council asking the council to pass a by-law dividing or redividing the municipality into wards or dissolving the existing wards"

To initiate this process was not an easy decision on my part. It is never a good day when you feel the need to go against the decisions of your elected officials. Contrary to what may be thought of us who forward the initiative, we are well aware of the difficulties surrounding this issue. It is my belief, having watched this term of council, that you are well prepared and able to work towards this together for the mutual fairness and equity of all.

It has been expressed to me time and again by those who have signed the petition that the discussion take place openly and transparently, in a way that engages the public. Most emphatically it was expressed that it take place expediently. I concur with their sentiments.

I look forward to your working with your constituents in discussion and consideration of ward boundary reform in Hamilton.

Sincerely,



Laura Cattari