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**Subject:** Hamilton LRT

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Cc: Granat, Simon; Farr, Laura

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Dear members of City Council,

I'm calling it out. I'm naming it for what it is.

Sam Merulla is right. The Gang of Ten will be the ones responsible for the death of city building in Hamilton. Terry Whitehead, Chad Collins, Donna Skelly, Judi Partridge, Brenda Johnson..... that's the leadership of the Gang of Ten. I'll do my best to ensure my fellow citizens remember who you are and what you're doing to keep Hamilton oppressed. When we have to add millions of infrastructure costs to our already huge deficits, when we see our tax bills go up by double digits as a result, when we see our property values stagnate or drop because developers & investors lose interest in our city, when we continue to see the destruction of an already dismal public transit system, when we wave good bye to our adult children as they leave Hamilton in hopes of finding decent employment somewhere else in the world I will remember two things:

- 1) my children love me but will not come home to visit every holiday and
- 2) the Gang of Ten destroyed any ambition this city had. I hold you accountable.

I'll make sure we all remember your names. You hold the power to make the decision to make us suffer and you are choosing it. It's on you.

I've wasted so much time, effort and even money actively supporting city building in Hamilton. I've spent countless hours in council chambers watching councillors pretend to be interested and concerned. I feel like I've been lied to by the very people I've entrusted with some of the biggest decisions of my life. I feel betrayed. LRT could be, would be, the greatest catalyst for growth this city has ever seen but obviously the Gang of Ten does not want our city to grow and prosper. Thanks for wasting time from my life that I'll never get back.

Gang of Ten, be honest. Quit the gong show. Just kill it all now and stop this slow death nonsense. Clearly that's your goal. You don't care about me, about my children, about our city as a whole. I don't know what you care about but it certainly isn't Hamilton.

Regards,

Patti Encinas

Resident, Community Engager, Parent, Homeowner, Worker, Taxpayer, Voter.