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Subject: NO to Proposed Public Unassumed Alley Closure - Dundas

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To: Hamilton City Council

Re: Proposed permanent closure and sale of a Public Unassumed Alley between Sydenham Road, Cross St., Alma St. and Victoria St., Dundas

Dear Members of Council,

I was greatly disappointed to hear of the recent moves to permanently close the public laneway in Dundas. As a frequent traveller on Sydenham Road (as a driver, cyclist, and a walker with my 2 young children), I do not see how it is possible that travelling along such a busy route would be safer than using the laneway. On three separate occasions I have been at the stop signs at Alma/Sydenham and have watched cars pass through without stopping. I am terrified to let my 5 year old daughter walk without holding tightly onto my hand and I will not let my son, who is a wheelchair user, travel along that route in his device, as I feel it is too unsafe. We don't have these issues when using the laneway, which is why it is unfathomable to me that safety is even a factor in this debate.

Furthermore, the connections between Council Members and the homeowner, with the corresponding ties to city contracts and campaign donations is truly disheartening. In my naivety, I had hoped that these dealings didn't really happen. To see it play out with crystal-clear transparency is utterly disgraceful and shameful. It will, without a doubt, factor into what I look for in my city leaders the next time I go to vote.

I urge you to listen to the voices of your community members and vote "NO" to the proposed alleyway closing, or at the very least, look into the matter further before making this decision.

Thank you,
Jennifer Gallupe