

July 13, 2017

Tiffany Singh  
City of Hamilton  
Planning and Economic Development Department  
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**RE: Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. ZAC-16-071)**

Dear Ms. Singh,

We are writing to express our objection to the subject zoning by-law amendment. We are opposed to this amendment for the following reasons:

**1. PARKING**

We are concerned that there will be a higher demand for on-street parking by the residents and visitors for this new home as well as the volunteers for both the community home and the health center located on Hughson Street.

Currently the employees of the health center use the lot in question for parking. Although a Parking Justification Study was conducted for the community home, the report neglects to consider the displacement of the employees currently using the lot for parking. We believe that the employees will turn to on-street parking, resulting in a decrease of parking spaces available for the residents in the North End.

Although a demand of only 10 parking spots is expected for the residents and visitors of the community home, there are really no spaces on the street for people to park if there is an over-flow of visitors or residents with a vehicle, besides the spots currently occupied by the residents in the area. Again, we believe that the over-flow of residents and visitors will turn to on-street parking, resulting in a decrease of parking spaces available for the residents in the North End.

Further, the amendment application references the use of the West Harbour GO station as a means of transportation and justify the need for parking. This GO station is currently, and is expected to continue to be, only a commuter station; therefore, it is highly unlikely that this station will be used to reduce the demand for on-street parking.

**2. SIZE**

We are concerned that the size of the community home will negatively impact the appeal and reputation of the North End. As recent residents to the North End, we were drawn to its quaint and

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quiet neighborhood and strongly feel that a large building will take away from the appeal that drew us here. We understand the need to help the poor and displaced; however, we believe that we can achieve the same result with a smaller sized building.

We have taken the time to review the comments received and provided in Appendix E of the amendment application. We ask that you consider the residential location of those who have written letters of support. As stated above, we support helping the poor and displaced; however, we believe this project may be better suited in a different area with approved zoning and readily available parking.

We ask that you do not approve the zoning changes for ZAC-16-071.

Kind Regards,

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