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Subject: Downtown Secondary Plan

Good morning Ida Bedioui.

I'm writing to you about the downtown plans for Hamilton. I live in this area and I'm worried about its future.

Now that we have people Toronto coming to buy and or stay here, their thoughts, ideas and their money could change how the downtown will look and feel in the coming years. They have left Toronto for a reason, the cost. They have more money than Hamiltonians in this area and they have been buying house and properties here already. This has me and others worried that we Hamiltonians will not be able to live in our own city because of them. In my area alone, they have bought places, fixed them up and now are charging rent prices that people in this area can not afford.

The result of this is more homeless people in Hamilton.

For an example, I have an monthly income of about \$1,000.00. Out of this \$1,000.00, \$475.00 for rent and then the usual bills, Internet, cell phone and food. The renovated places are now going for \$800.00 for a single room as I have and \$1,100.00 for a two bed room place.

Tell me how can I and other be able to afford this new price? We will be displaced from here to an other place if we can find a place. If not, the streets look good. Crime in Hamilton will go up as people can afford to live in their own city as this affects Hamilton itself.

People in this area are here for two main reasons; 1) they like it here, 2) this is all they can afford here.

I would like to see my city, our city to keep its people here and not have other people who have money change my city, our city to suit them. They left a place for a reason, money! I hope that my city, our city does not get blinded by their money and forget about its own people as they have a mandate to do.

Best Regards

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