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Sent: March 21, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Paparella, Stephanie; Wilson, Maureen
Cc: Anthony Marco
Subject: Letter in Support of making Hamilton a Living Wage city

To whom it may concern,

I understand that a motion calling for the City of Hamilton to become a "Living Wage" employer will be debated by City Council.

I write to express my support for ensuring that all City employees receive a living wage.

To claim the City cannot afford such an initiative is a false claim, those opposing such a motion in reality are saying it isn't a priority for them to ensure no city employee receives poverty wages. Instead they would prioritise their own free lunches, their own pet projects like spending a fortune wooing Amazon or the plan to spend millions on a boondoggle on a vanity project like the common wealth games over helping city workers make ends meet.

City Council cannot claim to be opposed to poverty and oppose a "Living Wage" for its own employees.

City Council cannot claim that Hamilton is a world class city, but won't pay all its employees decent wages.

Our City is facing a looming crisis of affordability, it is time for City Council to put its money where its mouth is and support raising up all city employees.

It is time for you to play a leadership role and show other large employers in the City that paying a Living Wage is the right thing to do.

I urge you all to stop making priorities out of giving tax breaks to wealthy developers and start prioritising the people who make this City work, the workers.

Thank you

Ritch Whyman - a tax payer