

3 September 2019

Good morning to the Mayor and members of Hamilton City Council,

I am contacting you to request that Paul Fromm, a known local white nationalist and Lisa Thompson, leader of the local Yellow Vests be denied the opportunity to address council.

Allowing white nationalists and fascists a governmental platform to promote their ideas through council will set a dangerous precedent for the safety and human rights of marginalized communities in Hamilton. Hamilton is already on the front lines of hate group activity in Canada, with several years of Statistics Canada data demonstrating the highest rates of hate-motivated crimes in the country. Resistance to hate led by local political leadership is necessary to prevent further harm to local vulnerable individuals and communities.

Please let me know whether Hamilton City Council intends to take this burgeoning threat to community safety seriously and reject Fromm and Thompson's requests. I also wish to know what series of concrete actions outside of further community discussions and consultations will be taken by council to actively resist ongoing white nationalist activity in Hamilton.

Sincerely,

Ruth Cameron