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Subject: Cardus / Balfour House discussion at Hamilton City Council

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To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>

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I ask that the clerk add my communication to the agenda for the 25 September 2019 meeting of council.

Ruth Cameron

24 September 2019

To the Mayor and members of Hamilton City Council,

I am contacting you again, subsequent to my communication from September 3rd 2019, to insist that you withdraw your support for negotiations with Cardus, their proposed use of Balfour House, and refrain from welcoming known right wing anti-LGBTQ think tanks into the city of Hamilton. Such actions on the part of city council are in direct opposition to your purported values of inclusiveness and the declaration that Hamilton is a city for all. It is necessary and imperative that our municipal political leadership understand and demonstrate long term vision in engaging with and attracting businesses that will bring good jobs that facilitate a better quality of life for workers in Hamilton, rather than businesses where the work directly creates a climate of harm impacting multiple marginalized groups in our community.

Again, I request to know what series of actions and interventions city council will undertake to mitigate the climate of hate and hate crimes in Hamilton.

Sincerely,

Ruth Cameron