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To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Joey Coleman

Subject: RE: Commonwealth Games

Mayor Eisenberger,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the City of Hamilton bidding on the Commonwealth Games.

At the best of times I generally oppose such events based on the enormous costs versus overall low return of value to our community. While the proponents of such events will parrot how these type of events give back overall, in new facilities(or improvements to current ones), and caché for the city, to say their cherry picking the facts to support such assertions is questionable, is being generous. Now with the current pressures put upon city finances due to the COVID pandemic, allocating any city resources, even in kind, let alone money from the future fund, would be foolhardy at best! Especially considering the need that now exists in our community with homelessness, poverty and end of life infrastructure.

I want our now much more limited city resources focused on long term solutions and investments that strengthen the community as a whole by attending to those in need, better transit(I'm PRO LRT by the way) and focus on infrastructure that's been ignored. None of those needs are serviced by a extremely short term event that offers very little to marginal long term value to our city and its residents.

Thank you for reading my concerns.

Sincerely

Michael Moniz