

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Use of Force Policies

From: Megan Lewis

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:53 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Use of Force Policies

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Council,

I am writing to ask you to implement the #8CantWait Use of Force policies. I live on the West Mountain here in Hamilton and I care deeply about making our community safer.

Like countless members of our community, I'm angered by unjust policing in this country and in our city.

I'm asking you to enact:

1. Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds
2. Require Warning Before Shooting
3. Require De-escalation
4. Require Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting
5. Duty To Intervene
6. Ban shooting at moving vehicles
7. Require Use Of Force Continuum
8. Require Comprehensive Reporting

These policies are simple, common-sense and data driven. The data shows that if you implement these policies in addition to ones that are already in place in Hamilton, we can decrease police violence in our community by 72%. Again, all of these policies can be implemented immediately and I'm asking you not to hesitate.

Thank you,
Megan Lewis