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Good Evening City Clerk Team,

I recently sent a letter to the Mayor and Members of Council regarding the proposed plan to bid on the Commonwealth Games. Upon receipt of my letter Paul, from the Mayors office, recommended I send this to be added to the future council meeting.

I hope I have the correct email, please see my letter below.

If you have any questions, or I have sent this to the completely wrong person, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you for your time,  
Ainsley

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To the Hamilton City Councillors & Mayor Eisenberger:

I'm writing to all of you today to voice my concerns regarding the potential bid for the Commonwealth Games. I guess it's more than a concern, I'm writing to beg you to *please* spend those resources on other programs for our citizens.

Our community members require more, and not just during this global pandemic, BUT especially during this unprecedented time. I would be thrilled to see supports created to live a safe and sustainable life in our City for all its citizens. Hamilton continues to have potential, investing in Hamilton here in the present is where funds should be going. I guarantee investing in individuals will repay our city in spades!

I truly believe that using even a portion of the planned bid could work wonders! Show us that the City Councillors believe in sustainable programming, revitalize greenspaces with gardening initiatives, support local businesses & young entrepreneurs by showcasing their talents. I would love to see investments in more affordable housing, more green initiatives that could create jobs, marketing projects that capture the passion of members of our community who NEED to be the voices of our city. And let's not forget giving young voices a platform for change in the LGBTQIA2+ community.

To say that we need new faces around the City of Hamilton Council is an understatement, our community needs Councillors who will echo even a fraction of my sentiment and do it with professionalism and class, passion and a dedication to public service. I want to see our city reach the potential we all deserve.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. If you would like to continue this discussion, I would be happy to hear from you in the future.

Sincerely,  
Ainsley Gelder  
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