Public Meeting of the Planning Committee – October 6, 2020 Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment (File No. UHOPA-20-011)

RE: CITY-WIDE AMENDMENT WITH AREA-SPECIFIC AMENDMENT IMPACTING LANDS IN THE

<u>TWENTY ROAD WEST AREA (SOUTH SIDE OF TWENTY ROAD WEST,</u> (bounded by Glancaster Road, Upper James Street and Dickenson Road)

I am requesting that the future urban boundary expansion be approved for the following reasons:

- The Airport Employment Growth area is already in progress in this area on the North side of Dickenson Road and also around the airport;
- The need for more residential development in this area as <u>1500 new jobs</u> are anticipated as Amazon sets up shop in Mount Hope;
- The City of Hamilton's winning bid for Amazon to bring employment to the area comes with responsibilities from the City to provide housing;
- The first phase of a new 80 acre development with up to 1.6 million square feet of warehouse and industrial space is already in progress in the Airport Employment Growth area. This development will also provide new employment opportunities in the area thus requiring more residential development;
- Air and noise pollution and effects of industrial developments on the South Side of Twenty Road will negatively affect the senior citizens who are settled in the area;
- With employment growth already in progress in this area, waiting until the year 2040 is not feasible;
- The City of Hamilton is in great need of new tax bases especially with the Covid 19. Taxes are required now in order to get our City back on track not waiting until 2040;
- Our Premier along with the Minister of Municipal Affairs have requested changes to the land use planning system in order to increase housing supply for Ontario residents which will help residents achieve their dream of home ownership.

Thank you.

Gail Sullivan