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Subject: Hamilton Pride 2019

Hi there,

I'm a Hamilton/Ward 3 resident and I'm writing in regards to recent events that occurred at Hamilton Pride this year. More specifically I'm writing in regards to the way matters have been dealt with following those events. I just finished reading an article in the spec that stated that a second LGBTQ member has been arrested related to the violence that was afflicted on the LGBTQ community on June 16. The article goes on to state that Hamilton police have not been able to make any arrests to those far right activist, who are so clearly documented being extremely violent towards other. I would like to know what is being done to hold police accountable for making the LGBTQ community safe. How could any LGBTQ witness feel safe to go to the police at this point? As a someone who is following this story I have seen no steps taken to make LGBTQ members feel safe to go to police as witnesses. We have already seen how this can play out in Toronto. When vulnerable members are the community are targeted and criminalized, extremely dangerous and hateful people are able to thrive and make our homes unsafe and fearful.

I believe our city can do better than this and look forward to seeing what steps are taken to heal this damage and avoid it in the future.

Thank you,
Lyndsay - Ally

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