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**Subject:** I support Defund HPS demonstrations and demands

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Mayors and Members of Council,

Good morning,

I'm writing to you because I'm concerned for the people in our community who do not have access to housing and have been forced to live in tents, during a pandemic, in our city. This is unacceptable and I urge the City of Hamilton to come up with a solution to provide safe housing for our neighbours.

I support Defund Hamilton Police Service's demonstrations. I do not support the City of Hamilton dismantling the demonstrations at City Hall yesterday. I support Defund Hamilton Police Service's demands. I have included them below for reference:

### **Hamilton City Hall**

1. 1. We call on the City of Hamilton to defund the Hamilton police.
2. 2. We call on the City of Hamilton to invest the tax dollars that would have otherwise gone to the police towards initiatives fighting against food insecurity, racism and towards more affordable housing & other social services.
3. 3. We call on the City of Hamilton to ensure that HPS are not ticketing houseless people for existing in public.

### **Hamilton Police Services**

1. 1. We call on the HPS to release accounting on taxes used to surveil & police Black, Indigenous, & racialized communities.
2. 2. We demand that the HPS halt purchases of weapons, high tech surveillance equipment, & cease surveilling communities.
3. 3. We demand HPS cease ticketing and surveilling of homeless & disabled people.
4. 4. We demand that the HPS stop targeting activists & communities pushing back against white supremacists.

Thank you,

Jess Taylor

Resident of Ward 2