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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Hi Councillor Nann,

My name is Lyncoln Sant. I am writing to you because I am deeply concerned about the safety and well-being of my neighbours & community members who are being targeted by systemic racism, ongoing surveillance, criminalization, and violence by policing in Hamilton.

I appreciate that Councillor Nann has publicly supported the demands of the Defund the Police Hamilton Coalition and want to emphasize my support for the following demands:

1. Defund the Hamilton Police Services by 50%, reject the proposed \$4million police budget increase, and reallocate surplus funds.
2. Immediately redirect those tax dollars into vital supports and initiatives for Hamilton residents such as secure, free housing, initiatives fighting against food security and racism, and other public social services that allow community members to thrive.
3. End the ticketing of houseless people by the HPS for existing in public and ensure that this shameful practise does not continue.
4. Push the mayor and council to meet with the Defund the Police Hamilton Coalition in a public meeting, available to be livestreamed and participated in by all. There should be nothing to hide in private by public servants.

I support Freedom Camp residents' rights to secure, deeply affordable housing, and funds should go toward initiatives fighting against food insecurity and racism, and other public social services that allow community members to thrive. It has been an honour to see Councillor Nann meet with the encampment, and listen to the needs of her constituents and to take decisive action against the housing crisis in Hamilton and toward defunding the police. The safety and survival of our neighbours and community members depends on nothing less.

Thank you,

Lyncoln