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Hello!

I'm a new member of Ward 1, recently moved to Westdale North neighborhood. Previous to this move I was living in Ward 5, in Hamilton's East End.

Although I myself have no way of building a Laneway house or second dwelling on my property, I believe strongly that it is a smart solution to a few large problems.

To name those at the top of my list is housing for families who's elderly parents will be needing support and an affordable & SAFE place to live. Many Baby Boomers are easing into their twilight years at the same time that single families are faced with sizeable challenges financially due to an over inflated housing market (among other reasons).

Secondly, and simply, they are a solution and alternative to endless suburban sprawl (which deserves a whole email to discuss why that's not our best available option for growth and development).

With so many good examples around the world of gently increasing the density of cities to build thriving and hearty communities, it really would seem a crying shame to pass up the opportunities to take ourselves, with your leadership, one step at a time in the right direction. Please help make Hamilton one of the smart and well-considered cities.

Thank you for your consideration and hopefully, positive action.

Best,

Ashley Feldman