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Subject: No Urban Boundary Expansion Please

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Dear Sam

I am a resident of Ward 4.

I writing to express my support for a zero urban boundary expansion for Hamilton.

The Whitebelt farmlands surrounding Hamilton are class 1,2,3 soils and must be preserved as farmland to ensure local food supply and food security for our city. Also, I support intensification within the existing urban boundary for the following reasons;

Building new subdivisions will add to my tax bill

Adding density to existing neighbourhoods in the city will encourage business development and jobs in areas that need it.

We can accommodate population growth with middle density dwellings inside the current urban boundary.

Hamilton has declared a climate emergency and new subdivisions are car dependent and will increase greenhouse gas emissions

Adding more subdivisions will not ensure affordable housing. Homes in new subdivisions are out of reach for most homeowners. Building middle density homes in Hamilton will help bring affordable housing to

This important issue will definitely be an election issue for many Hamiltonians. I am interested in what your position is on freezing the urban boundaries.

Respectfully,

Linda Chenoweth