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Subject: Support for LRT

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Dear Councillor Merulla,

We can't pass up this funding opportunity to build a more livable city, address the climate emergency and complete much needed upgrades to city infrastructure.

Development along the LRT corridor needs to be intentional and in the image of our ideals. This means affordable and subsidized housing, community resources and opportunities for small businesses. This pandemic has not hit everyone equally and funding can be a push to build a more equitable society by providing support for the communities that need it the most.

I am truly so excited both provincial and federal governments are supporting the full project to Eastgate Square and hope we can get this right. I have recently moved back to Hamilton (after living 10 years in Montreal & Vancouver) and am excited and hopeful for my family's new life here. The bike path infrastructure, our beautiful parks and green spaces, and the Hamilton Farmer's Market are what makes this city so livable. It is time to execute on forward thinking projects and build a future less dependent on cars that makes Hamilton a great place to call home and an exciting tourist destination.

Thank-you,
Sarah Van Berkel P. Eng