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Subject: written delegation - general issues committee meeting March 29th

Good morning,

I would like to submit my written delegation in advance of the March 29th special session of the General Issues Committee focused on the Growth Related Integrated Development Strategy (GRIDS2).

As a citizen of Hamilton deeply concerned about the effects of climate change on the future of our city, I would like to ask that the committee consider two actions:

1.) Pause the review and approval of the GRIDS2 until such a time as this topic can be discussed and considered in person. The implications of the city planning strategy will affect future generations. Pushing this incredibly important planning tool through at this time is inappropriate and ill considered.

2.) Revisit this strategy with a clear articulated, vision of climate change mitigation. Strong urban boundaries, public transportation, innovative waste and rainwater management, mixed use and high density growth, public green spaces, and public energy projects are among the current tools that Hamilton could bake into its planning.

The City of Hamilton declared a climate emergency.

Our urban planning strategy for the next 30 years should reflect that bold step.

Thank you,

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