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Subject: FREEZE HAMILTON'S URBAN BOUNDARY

Dear City of Hamilton and Lloyd Ferguson, I am your Ward 12 constituent.

I won't bore you with a long winding letter, but I will ask you this:

Do you even care about the future of our children, or grandchildren?

This system is so unbelievably corrupt that I am truly disgusted.

Why would you allow developers to re-zone and build on prime agricultural land that the entire province of Ontario will need by 2050? We live in a time when Climate Change is the biggest concern all around the world, and even our own councilors are doing absolutely nothing to stop it.

I urge you to watch this short video and carefully consider your moral and ethical standards in the vote on March 29th.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=WZQZOi2c8v4&fbclid=IwAR0coGJ42YrnPF1epn7zrgtIET_L4rGrCYThbekf_n_yhcpvcqb4VMULdU4

What side of history do you want to be on?

PLEASE FREEZE Hamilton's urban boundary. This action is essential if we have any hope of building a sustainable, climate-resilient, inclusive future for Hamilton!

What is so wrong with gentle density like 3 to 6 storey residential buildings along major arterials like Upper James or along an east-west LRT system, and greyfield redevelopment (like transforming Eastgate Square - the eastern terminus of the proposed LRT route - into a high density residential/commercial complex)... Why does it have to be on prime agricultural land?

All of the above outcomes will ultimately help to create a city that is capable of accommodating growth in a manner that is far more sustainable, climate resilient and inclusive than the sprawling, car-dependent, high carbon output alternative.

-Firm boundaries combined with good municipal policy can also work to increase the availability of more affordable housing options in the city - a critical goal to achieve right now with so many people struggling to find affordable places to live in our city.

What is at stake right now?

Despite the call from the community, and despite the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY** declaration, city planning staff and consultants did not offer a 'no boundary expansion' option for the public to consider; we are in danger of losing huge tracts of prime agricultural land to urban expansion.

The final staff recommendation regarding the LNA will go to Planning Committee and Council in March of this year.

Meanwhile, we know from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that **climate action needs to be swift and significant over the next decade if we have any hope of averting extreme climate impacts. This is why Environment Hamilton is calling for Hamilton City Council to FREEZE Hamilton's urban boundary.**

I urge you to listen to your people.

**Regards,
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