

# Added Item 5.1

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Good day Cslr Merulla,

I recently read that City Housing Hamilton is proposing to sell off the land that sits underneath this beautiful open space and community garden for a yet undetermined affordable housing project. While I am generally in favour of affordable housing projects, I do not believe it should be at the expense of one of very few greenspaces in the north end. How many underutilized surface parking lots exist in this city that could be utilized for that same housing purpose?

I've been to this garden several times, biking there from the east end to enjoy this beautiful pollinator paradise created and invisioned by members of the north end community. It is very peaceful and unique, a nice little paradise for birds and insects to forage, a great place to meditate and a quiet place to relax and reflect. I know, Bayfront Park is across the street. But it doesn't offer the same sense of serenity and peace and quiet and ecological function as does the Sunset Cultural Garden. I hope the members of the Committee will consider this piece of land an environmental and a public health asset and retain the land indefinitely, rezoning it to Open Space if necessary.

I am not certain offhand who is on the Public Works Committee but I hope my email can make it's way to the decision makers for consideration.

Kind regards,

Erin Shacklette