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Subject: No to boundary expansion

Dear Counselor Ferguson,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed boundary expansion, and my support for "Option 2" on the Land Needs Assessment survey. What this city (both Ancaster and the broader Hamilton city) needs is intensification through what is known as "missing middle" housing - short 3-5 story small apartment buildings, row houses, townhouses and the like. The last thing that we need is more urban sprawl boasting million dollar homes which are inaccessible for first-time home buyers. Yes, increasing density puts pressure on infrastructure, but what is needed to solve that problem is efforts to create a more walkable city with improved public transit so that we do not need to rely on so many cars in the first place.

I am a member of a number of community groups on social media, primarily in Ancaster, and there is almost unanimous support for option 2. Furthermore, there have been many calls from our community to improve walkability and accessibility within the community, such as recent requests to improve sidewalk access to the west part of Ancaster over the Wilson Street bridge. More and more it seems that you are not listening to the wishes of your constituents, and, in fact, are working in direct opposition to them. Each time I have written to you about my concerns in the past, you have sent back terse one-line emails to me without a salutation or closing remark. I do not understand why you are so dismissive of the concerns of your Ward 12 constituents, but I assure you, it is being noticed.

Sincerely,

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