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Subject: An appeal to stop the encampment evictions

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Dear Councillor Maureen Wilson and Mayor Fred Eisenberger,

I am writing to urge you to provide a more meaningful response to our housing crisis than the repeal of the Bylaw Enforcement Protocol. As Mayor Eisenberger recently underscored, more needs to be done to increase the access to safe, humane, and affordable housing in Hamilton. The encampments right now are one of the few forms of resistance in progress that provides for the basic needs of our most vulnerable citizens. The pandemic is not over yet and evicting people out of the precarious housing they could afford goes against the goal of better protecting the basic human right of housing. I urge you to please reconsider repealing the Bylaw Enforcement Protocol and to stop the evictions while no other solution to the housing crisis is secured.

Sincerely,

Fernando Lennertz