

Pilon, Janet

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

From: "Ani Chénier"

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:00 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear Clerk City of Hamilton Clerk,

I am a concerned citizen, residing in Ward 2 [REDACTED]

My name is Ani Chénier, and I live in Hamilton.

I am emailing you to stop the dismantling of encampments at JC Beemer Park, Beasley Park, the Clairmont Access Park, Durand Park and in other parks across the city. No encampments should be dismantled while there continue to be no options for permanent housing. As the weather gets colder, people are trying to prepare themselves for the cold season, and it is impossible to do that if they continue to be displaced. This is dehumanizing, dangerous, and could prove deadly.

The funds the City of Hamilton has used to remove my unhoused neighbours and their belongings through violent policing and policy would be better used to provide people permanent housing.

As a constituent, I demand that you and City Council stop removing people from parks with community funds. Housing is a human right. Until we can provide people with permanent free housing, we should not dismantle the housing they build for themselves, on public land.

Sincerely,
Ani Chénier