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Subject: End Encampment Evictions

From: Andrew Kirkconnell

Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 11:34 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear Clerk City of Hamilton Clerk,

I am a concerned citizen, residing at [REDACTED].

My name is Andrew Kirkconnell, 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 other parks across the city 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. The funds the City of Hamilton has used to remove my unhoused neighbours and their belongings through violent policing and policy are better used to provide people permanent housing.

As a constituent, my family and I demand that you and City Council stop removing people from parks with community funds. Hamilton Police and Municipal Law Enforcement continuously harass encampment residents and throw away their belongings. We, the constituents, will not tolerate this violent response to the ongoing housing crisis.

We demand an end to these evictions until you can provide people with permanent free housing. Ending homelessness is not solved by making homeless people easier to ignore, and the least we can do for the people who already need help is let them stay where they are.

Sincerely,
Andrew Kirkconnell