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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

More young people and families find themselves unable to find the resources like a home to purchase or rent because of supply and demand. So Mom and Dad have to continue providing when it is time to slow down and give the young ones the privilege of doing and giving to show a grateful heart to parents. This lack of affordable house puts some families out of wack with the dream and opportunities we had as the older generation.

Lyn Acke



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Please look at the increasing number of homeless in our city. This is unacceptable.

We need more affordable housing options NOW!

Thank you.

Cameron Adams



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hi. I have been in a 'city housing' for 11 years. I have been waiting for 10 yrs to upgrade from a bach. apt to a 1 bedroom apt. It has came to my attention, talking to neighbors, etc, that there is a serious backlog of people from all areas attempted to get into affordable housing. May I please request that more 'gear to income housing' be giving a top priority in your upcoming discussions. Thank you! (J.A.)

Jim Addley



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton does need housing now and it needs to be affordable. I do support a balanced approach because we do need to protect the greenbelt and farmland. There is a lot of land near where I live in Upper Stoney Creek that has been left empty for years. Is this a zoning issue? We need to make better use of the available land. My concern is that Council will listen to the supporters of the Stop the Sprawl movement who keep stating that they have a majority. Yes they had an overwhelming majority in a 18,000 people survey. However I and many of my neighbours never received this survey. Also I walk about 10 -15 kms a day up in my area and speak to many people and have yet to speak to a person who received this survey in the mail. My opinion would be that any results of the original survey are baseless.

John Aitken



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need more housing. We have a growing community and not enough housing is available for everyone that wants to live in this lovely community.

Lisa Allen



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs housing.

I support the expert plan

Malik Alsudani



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs housing now. Unless we build more homes of all kinds, as soon as possible, we will never be able to address housing affordability. Hamilton is already one of the most expensive cities in North America for housing. Now is the time to do something about it. I just spent 9 months trying to find an affordable place for my disabled daughter and her two young children to live. At this rate my Grandchildren will never be able to afford to rent let alone ever buy a home and that is wrong on so many levels especially here in Canada.

Rhonda Armstrong



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

It is a disgrace that house prices can go so high and the city does nothing to avoid it while real estate agents get aaaaalllll these bidding wars that should never happen. Also very Sad that young first time house Byers can't afford not a thing. Use all the spaces around the city, All the farmlands, all possible space to build and give access to potential buyers endlessly

Emi Arrua



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Not all land is Arible (suitable for Farming)

Additional land is absolutely REQUIRED to avoid Ghetto like Housing. The majority of people cannot afford housing now, let alone in the future. Prices will tumble in time.

Secure as much additional land as possible now, and plan for 2,500 sq Ft. homes, not the monster ones.

Gord Baker



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs more affordable housing

Peter Bauce



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am afraid that the continuous increase in house prices will end up creating a monoconomy in Hamilton. People will only work and pay mortgage and eat the basic. They will no longer have money for other things that drives an economy. That way other businesses will slowly die off. I hope we are looking at the big picture of what this no boundary expansion is capable of doing to our economy. Pls lift the band and let the economy strive.

Cordy Bello



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Our young people need hope that they will be able to find a home . Winter is coming. Housing is a basic need. We don't need more pumpkins and corn that rots in the fields . We need homes for families.

Katherine Borthwick



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Where will your children live? In a nice home with a back yard to play in and grow things. Distance between neighbors or in a cramped up apartment with no green space, nowhere to play except in hallways and no idea how things grow. Neighbors stacked on top of each other, not my ideal way of living. Look to the future, don't make another mistake like the LRT.

KEN BOYCHUK



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Thankyou for seeking our input on this important topic. I am concerned that the present trajectory is going to lead to unaffordable housing for our grandchildren and in order to counter this I am in favour of the urban boundary extension. I am also concerned about increased intensification which would alter the character of our Ancaster community if the boundary extension is denied. I believe the balanced approach recommended by expert city planners is the right way to go. Thankyou.

Theo Breimer



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With the cost of buying a home being insurmountable for most people on their own, clearly more supply is an absolute must. Rural land awaiting zoning changes will help to remedy supply for housing issues.

Anthony Byrne



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton is a city on the grow. With Amazon employing hundreds of people and Garth St being extended straight through several farms fields, why would further residential development on Twenty Road not be allowed? More housing means more property taxes for the city.

Anthony Byrne



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been living in Hamilton since 1980. I have seen a great deal of change over the years. Hamilton has clearly transformed since then. We're no longer considered an undesirable living community. As a hot commodity for the 905 commuter, Hamilton is the destination for people who can't afford Toronto. As real estate prices soar to new unfathomable heights, many Hamiltonians have been left behind. Some have left Hamilton because it's not affordable. Others have been forced to buy homes at outrageous mortgage prices and they're now in debt that is not manageable. The pandemic has created a new housing crisis in our city as prices soar for both home buyers and renters, homelessness has hit disproportionate heights. All the while city council has sat on their laurels and allowed the vulnerable to be exploited and the dispossessed to be further marginalized. Closing down city housing units, selling others for profit and showing a general indifference to the suffering of its citizens. HAMILTON NEEDS HOUSING NOW! Do your job and make controlling the housing and rental market a priority. Affordable housing is what we need. Greed has taken over our city. Don't you care about your constituents?

Adela Campello



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

One question I have is, the lands that were never included in the greenbelt ie: Mud St. east of Upper Centennial on the south side to 2nd. Rd. East on the south west side, are you now proposing that these are included in the push to curb the urban boundry expansion or are they still open for development? We need these new house builds to keep a balance of homes on the market and not create a shortage which will drive affordability through the roof. Not everyone may want to live in highrise multifloor units or town (row) houses, we should all have a choice. BUT by all means, land IN the greenbelt as proposed by our past governments when the lines were drawn way back when should remain. Thank you for the opportunity to have brought these thoughts to your attention.

Pasquale Caterini



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Voting against the urban boundary expansion is voting against a smart, balanced approach. The Province has set growth targets, and the City must meet them. The urban boundary expansion will benefit the long-term health of the City and its residents. You should support the plan that was developed by the City's expert planners.

Alex Cerelli



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With long waiting lists and a growing number of tents showing up, there is an urgency for more housing for Hamilton. Every citizen of Hamilton deserves to have shelter from the elements. Affordable housing is needed due to the low incomes of many citizens.

There has to be a solution to the situation. More housing would set the city on the right path to making sure every one has the opportunity to have access to a home. I implore city council to please find a way to bring more housing forward so every citizen can have a home to live in.

You don't want tent cities, so why not make sure more housing is available.

Brenda Chase



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am very concerned and disappointed that my young adult WORKING children cannot buy a home and have to pay extremely high rental costs. They cannot save to buy their own home because the rental costs are ridiculous! This has to stop now!

My one son moved to Welland because the rental was cheaper there. My other son is struggling to make ends meet paying rent and the way things are going he will never own a home of his own for his child and himself.

I'm sure there are a lot of young adults in the same situation, hard working parents and couples that need decent housing and opportunities to live in their own homes.

Laurie Chiasson



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

More single houses would be a plus compared to bedbug and roach breeding towers!

Lloyd Cormier



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need a balanced approach of new surveys and infill within the old city. Without new surveys new home buyers will simply go to other municipalities.

Mark Cunningham



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am on O.D.S.P. and I don't live well with others. I am currently paying \$843.15, which is rising to \$853.27 as of Jan. 1, 2022. Since my rent is raised more than 2x what my support increases each year, it's only a matter of time before my rent is too high to pay! Then what do I do?! I don't live well with others, so getting a roommate or room is NOT an option. Since rent for a 1br. is more than I get total each month, I can no longer afford to move anywhere! Build more rental properties!!!!

Robert Daley



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am on odsp and at the moment pay 1350.00/month on rent. I have to use my special diet just to pay on my rent. If I didn't have that extra money I would be on the street. Please help get those rent amounts lowered so people can afford rent.

Sylvie Davies



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

As a grandmother and a retired worker taking care of four of my grandchildren it would be nice if I could get a place to call home and affordable the rent here in Hamilton is very expensive and I know that there are many more family living here like me

Joan Dennie



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs housing now!

I have 2 children, one is 26 and ready to move out but he can't, there are no houses in his price range of 400,000 because of bidding wars and crazy mortgage rules that have lead him to believe he will never be able to own a house on his own in his prime time for having a young family of his own. My daughter is 19, she also feels there is no hope for her based on what she sees her brother going through. Explain to my children why they can't have a normal life and have a family of their own in their own house!!!

WE NEED more housing options and an affordable future for all families in Hamilton. This is IMPORTANT for EVERYONES FUTURE !!! we need to stop giving our housing away to immigrants, love them to pieces but we need to take care of our own children FIRST !! lets get people off the streets and out of poverty back to an affordable state of blue collar living.

Kelly Ducharme



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

A few weeks ago, as a last ditch effort after writting all other levels of government i chose to finally write the mayors office. Which sadly yet unsurprisingly garnered no response. This is that letter.

Good day to the mayor and/or office of the mayor,

I want to start this by saying I have lived in this city my whole life, I was born here and will likely be put to rest here one day, and everything in between. Like for example, owning my own home in my home town, which I cannot do.

I have at this point, reached out to federal and provincial governments asking, near begging for something to be done about affordable housing. Which has garnered no response. By thisi don't mean a stack of housing equalling one bedroom apartments, I'm talking about good, family friendly affordable homes that people want to buy. Here is the underline issue in my eyes, to rent a house now in this city has become impossible, it cost around \$2300 to rent! You could mortgage up if your lucky for around \$1600 a month as long as things remain smooth. The problem is the price of a home in this city has now gone above and beyond the average income for this city.

The home I live in now which I rent with my wife from my father was purchased in 2008 for around 150,000. 13 years have passed and it could potentially sell for 700,000. Which on a straight inflation calculation is absurd. 150,000 from 2008 to now inflated should only be about \$181,906, which is approximately a 284 percent increase. Ridiculous when wages have gone up (in my trade, anyway) about ten dollars in the last 13 years, from roughly 30 dollars per hour to 40 dollars an hour on the high end If your lucky. The average is more like 37 dollars per hour earned. Which is not your take home. Speaking of which, taxes have also increased! Everywhere. Did you

see the price of gas this morning? When an entire barrel of crude costs about 60-70 dollars, i have a very hard time seeing why 1 litre of fuel is \$1.40. Higher in some places. But lets not get into that.

The point im trying to make, mr mayor, the office of the mayor, whoever may read this, is we cant live anymore. Your either house poor or you pay an even higher rent. You buy gas and have the luxury of a car, or you save and take the bus whenever its available. Take a walk down the street, stop in at a local pub or a convenience store, stop and smell the roses and dont forget to read between the lines.

Ask people what their dreams are, and remember what it might have been like for you the first time you bought a car, or shopped for a house with your wife looking to grow a family. I don't expect youl answer, no one ever does. But please, ask the right people the right questions. The right people. The right questions.

Patrick Ducharme



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Tall towers and centralized building is not what Hamilton needs .

Look at the industrial Parks - affordable housing needs to located in proximity to jobs.

Don

Don Duggan



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I grew up in Hamilton and moved out of the area for a few years to go to school for a specific program i wanted to do. Unfortunately due to rising cost of living in Hamilton, the price is too unaffordable in Hamilton. My fiancé and i make about 90,000 together gross pay but unfortunately anything under 100 000 your pretty much priced out of the market when homes are easily over 500 000. Most are over 600,000 and climbing. If you look at the average wages in Ontario only 11% of most people make over that. Most people got into the market way before the surge happened (before 2016). For the average person its unaffordable. I have a paramedic friend who makes about 100 000 a year himself and hes in his 40s and is on his own and cannot afford a home with his wages. He would have to move to the east coast or something where homes are much cheaper. This is not right. There are hard working people like him in Hamilton who should have the opportunity to own a little home even. Its just too much!! Something needs to give. My fiancé and i can afford about 400 000 ourself. The market is way beyond that.

Allan Easson



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

HAMILTON DEFINITELY HAS TO GET A LOT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE 6 GRANDKIDS THAT WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BUY THEIR OWN HOUSE. THERE WERE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE PARK AROUND THJE CORNER & WHEN THEY WERE KICKED OUT THENEIGHBOURS BT THE PARK ALLOWED THEM TO PITCH THEIR TENT IN THEIR BACKYARD. THAT IS NICE BUT IT IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION !!!

BRIAN & MARY ECKER



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

This madness must stop. People Can't afford to live here anymore. Whether it be rental or housing. I understand that we want to mitigate loss of farmland. There is plenty of farmland and properties that already exist that should be razed and redeveloped.

Bruno Facchin



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I feel there should not be an obstruction to housing affordability. I am a senior and not able to come to meeting but wish to have my opinion heard. Hamilton needs housing, I support the ambitious plan. Thank you

Carol Faries



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am a single mother of 2 living in Waterdown. Currently I'm living in a rented townhome luckily . I am sitting on eggshells in fear that my landlord will sell. Everyone is cashing in on the crazy real estate market .

What would I do then ? I cannot afford a lot . My kids have gone to school here all of their lives and I would have to move out of town . Even then I cannot afford the rent .

We need more non-profit housing and affordable rentals . The current wait list in Waterdown is over 3 years for me .

I know several people in my situation. Do you know what kind of stress this adds to families.?

I have a decent job and always pay my bills but I could never afford 2500 plus in rent .

I hope you will listen and do something quickly for single moms and dads out there who won't have a place to live soon.

Danielle Fenn



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need Urban Expansion. We need housing. I want to know from Brad Clark what happened to 185000 survey that were supposedly sent out but we're not received by households . Did he target Glanbrook and Ancaster only. He knows the truth. 215000 survey that supposedly sent out and only 30000 received. Also council voted for the one billion dollar sewer and half a billion on water treatment, who is going to pay for it . This sewer under Hwy 20 was built for expansion. So why pretend and it does not exist . Stop playing games.

James Frenza



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hi, My name is Sara Frenza and I am in support of a balanced approach and to expand the urban boundary so that there are more homes. I am really concerned that my children will not have an opportunity to live in a single home when they grow up. I do not want out city to turn into Toronto where we are all living in small condos.

My husband and I have purchased an investment property that we plan on keeping in case my children are not able to find affordable housing in 20 years from now. This is not what parents should be doing in order to give their children the possibility of living in home that is affordable and also has space.

If we do not do this, the next generation will have to drive until they qualify for a home that they want to live in. We need to provide them options and the same options that I have had living in the City of Hamilton all my life.

Sara Frenza



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

COMING FROM NB 20 years ago ...we fell on Love with the escatment,.It the farms..that country is so close that makes Hamilton so special.....ease vote for the people the future not for the construction giants

John Gaudet



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Not everyone wants to live downtown. There are many pockets of land outside of the Urban Boundary that are not valuable farm land that would be ideal for new housing developments. Some of these vacant lands are surrounded by homes so why not fill in the donuts! Supply and demand has resulted in housing prices being outrageous, making the purchase unattainable for so many. Get your heads out of the sand “no sayers” and support progressive development, where people want to live.

Marlene Gibson



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hi I support Hamilton needs housing and I support the ambitious plan.

Toronto people are coming and buying up our houses that leaves us without.

We also need housing or more places for the Homeless people as winter is here and I've seen a terrible amount of people in tents with nowhere to go. Tearing their tents down isn't helping them place them in a warm place to live. You need to help before Hamilton has more people on the streets along side the Terrible amount of homeless people.

Thank you Sylvia Gratto

Sylvia Gratto



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been living in the same apartment for 8 years now. The average cost of a one bedroom apartment in Hamilton has more than doubled in that time period. Fortunately, I am protected by rent control. Unfortunately, I cannot afford to move anywhere else in Hamilton or surrounding areas, as the rent would be about double what I am paying now. I feel like a prisoner. Cities have to grow out before they can grow up. That is, suburban expansion allows for more growth than simply increasing population density. Increased population density will cause housing prices to rise even more. Also, there will be much more congested traffic. On top of this, we have more and more bike lanes which causes even more automobile congestion. An LRT may be coming but is years away and will only help a small fraction of city traffic. We do not have a city-wide subway. Buses do not ease congestion significantly and we don't have enough of those. It would be crazy to simply increase population density with the inadequate transportation system we have now and nothing is planned to improve that. Also, most importantly, we have many people on social who cannot afford to live anywhere. Outdoor tent living and temporary shelters are shameful. Yes, City council should be ASHAMED of themselves for not providing decent, affordable, clean places to live. If I could leave Hamilton to live somewhere I could afford to live while still having access to things I require, I would do so in a heartbeat!

John Green



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

My children were born and raised in Hamilton and now they are being forced to move away because they cannot find affordable housing.

Let's consider the future of those who love the city and don't want to leave it. Let's consider those that are less fortunate than us and give them a roof over their heads

Maria Hall



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

While nobody (except developers) wants an endless sprawl of houses, we also don't want high density housing around our existing neighbourhoods. So as long as we are increasing our population via immigration and having children, we need more housing. And we need single detached houses - that is what young people want to raise their families, and it's what older people want to age in. So I absolutely agree with increasing the urban boundary to accommodate this. I do not want high rises and increased density ruining what makes Ancaster a nice place to live. Yes, I still want farmland/rural areas around, but unless we want to keep our population at the same number, we have no choice but to build out.

Leslie Hansen



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We are already overcrowded with homeless.

Help make Hamilton affordable again. Expand on all the open land surrounding Hamilton not in the core.

Rob Hines



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs housing, I support the ambitious plan.

Hamilton need housing now.

Unless we build more homes of all kinds, as soon as possible, we will never be able to address housing affordability. Hamilton is already one of the most expensive cities in North America for housing. Now is the time to do something about it.

Support a balanced approach. We can care for the environment, protect farms and the greenbelt, and also build new housing of all types. We do not have to choose one or the other. This is why we support the balanced approach recommended by expert city planners.

Please support these ambitious plan.

Paul.

Paul Hoang



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I support City staff, and the planning that has been underway for 25 years to ensure there is a sufficient amount of land ready to accommodate housing that we require.

D. Horwood



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With the housing crisis we need to build more of all types of housing, yes build up and greatly density our current boundary, but also expand it. If we do not aggressively do both we will have even greater tent cities that will take up the entire city. The only way to get affordable housing is aggressive building of all kinds. I support boundary expansion.

David Howe



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Diana Hutton



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We would like to have the opportunity to buy a house of our own.

Rizza Ignacio



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

It would be irresponsible for Council to vote against urban boundary expansion in order to pander to a vocal minority that does not represent the varied interests of Hamiltonians and the City as a whole. Hamilton needs varied housing and therefore the urban boundary should be expanded.

David Ionico



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need housing .there is so much unfarmed land around us, just sitting there doing nothing, the people who appose sprawl live in houses where land was at one time.

Steve Kaczmarczyk



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need affordable housing.

I go to work every day and I see our city streets and parks with so many homeless people .Some choose to live that way and many have no choice . Its depressing to witness this every day . Condos are not the answer affordable housing is . These are Canadians we must take care of our own . Downtown will be very attractive with beautiful condos and sad homeless people sitting in front of them . What is important here is a roof over our fellow Hamiltonians heads . Its up to all of you .I hope you make the right choice !!!

Kinnear Kathleen



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I know several people who have been priced out of the housing market today. I have friends and family who can not longer afford to live were they have been for many many years in both rental and home ownership.

Why are the schools that are on the market not used for rent geared to income housing. Why build more and more new housing or allowing older affordable housing to be sold so that rich people can improve them and sell them to other rich people. This is disgraceful. Taxpayers who can hardly afford their own housing will be hit with even higher taxes so that services can be provided to to big new expensive housing for rich people. Luccillie Kellar

Luccillie Kellar



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With the recent tearing down of encampments throughout the city, it is even more critical to act now and create affordable housing for those who need it. Basic housing is a human right and if we as a city have the power to make that possibility a reality and have the means to achieve it, what are we waiting for? Use your position to make positive real change in our city that will benefit everyone. Those who live here love this city. How amazing would it be to have more people love and live in this city without costing them their entire pay check?

Alexandra Kobylecky



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I support a balanced approach to Hamilton's housing needs. I have children who have been looking for a new house for a while but cannot even get their names on a pre-build list as the houses are sold so quickly. A balanced approach will give opportunity for people to choose from the kind of house and community they want to live in. This does not need to be an all or nothing approach, compromise is essential. And may I suggest that it does not even make sense to not support residential growth in the Twenty Rd West area because there are houses up to Twenty Rd and then more surveys around the airport which is essentially the next road south. So why leave a hole there ?

Most of that land is used for sod, not food.

Norine Kolaski



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

My daughter is a single mother of 3 girls, 14 and under. She has a down payment for a house around \$350,000. With the high price of houses and the bidding wars of late, this puts her at a disadvantage. We need more homes at reasonable prices for Hamiltonians.

Joyce Kowalchuk



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

It is the dream of most people to own a home. We need to also ensure there are various housing options for the public. For example buying a newly constructed detached home in newly developed areas should be permitted. Families, especially with young children, want to live in a detached home in the suburbs. Please do not adopt policies that will discourage that.

John Leuser



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I agree...Hamilton needs affordable housing urgently!! The only way to do that is by expanding our boundaries. We have three “20 something” daughters and I worry about how and where it will be possible for them to purchase their first homes.

Linda Lewyckyj



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton is already one of the most expensive cities already. My grandchildren and YOURS will have no where to live. My grandchildren are already there. Young family's like mine, who can't find suitable housing,

ellie Lindsay



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Yes we do need more affordable housing, but don't build condos that are 400-600 square feet and charge huge condo fees. Why can't we build affordable bungalows?? All homes sold in past 2 years are away over priced they are not worth those values, also the bidding wars have to stop, how are young people in there 20's able to afford a home. I am sick and tired of everything costing more because of co-vid... The only people that benefit are the rich CEO's of companies and Politicians, while the rest of us try to scrape by.

Kevin Lochhead



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

This city needs to find affordable housing but not by expanding into the country. This city should be looking at applying a tax on empty homes. Also other ways to use current empty building space and convert it to liveable and useable homes. Also you need to decrease the time it takes to allow for buildings to proceed and get completed. We have a bad reputation in this city of prolonging projects for no other reason than to make yourselves more money. Time is money!

Maria Lochner



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Finding a consensus that will meet all the requirements to accommodate Hamilton's future growth means supporting a balanced approach. Let's continue to grow our downtown while allowing a certain level of expansion by building new homes where land is ready to "go".

Sincerely,

Carlo J Lucci



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

More people are coming to Hamilton, hence we need more new housing projects. This in-migration is a good indicator that they like what is going on in the City. Plus, economy will be booming once again, and the City Council must take this opportunity to prime up businesses, community events, people's status quo with positive environmental impact in mind.

Antonio Mandrique



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Over the last several years the cost of housing has gone ridiculously high. These increases apply to housing for single residences and, apartments as well I recently heard that one bedroom apartments are now reaching excess of \$1,500 a month. People are barely getting by even now and rents keep going up, and up, and up and we have people out on the streets or living in tents outside as the weather gets colder and colder we need housing that is affordable we need to put a stop on higher rents so people can afford. Many people are currently working 48 to 60 hours a week and still in spite of these increased hours and wages that are becoming a little better they cannot afford even a one bedroom apartment let alone be able to survive on such meeker incomes housing needs to be a priority especially around the colder months of our nation councilman Mr Mayor we do need to have affordable housing or at least a freeze on rents plus a reduction of said rents housing needs to be a priority we have many new buildings that are condominiums but still they're saying they start at \$300 to 400,000 this is out of the range of the majority of Hamiltonians. Some of the housing, as many of you are aware, have infestations of both cockroaches, and bed bugs and increasingly I'm finding mice coming into the older buildings.

Imagine you're sitting in your home and just as you are relaxing after doing a busy day of running the city you see a little mouse scurrying by in your home or as you are getting into bed or just getting out of bed you have a little apple-seed sized monster, that feeds on your blood, crawling across your chest and infesting your bed plus other furniture that you've worked very hard for let alone cockroaches although they are not dangerous it's still upsetting to find something like this in your kitchen or elsewhere, these are the realities of low-income housing that is currently available and even then that's in housing that is considered cheap in the same building where people are paying \$879 a month you find apartments that are suddenly

being boosted just because they've been evacuated and repaired by the owners suddenly goes up to \$1,500. And yet, there are those who are living in two bedroom apartments who are on a program called ODSP who have emergency housing and are living in two bedroom apartments for \$250 we the taxpayers of Hamilton and of our province of Ontario are being forced to pay higher amounts of money to support a small group of people who either are unable to or unwilling to actually contribute to our society. We, the voting public, would like to have relief from increased rents and increase housing costs, we need additional housing whether high-rises or single dwelling homes to be brought down in price we need to have more choices and lower prices to pay so we can live a little better. I thank you for your time.

Daniel Marcellini



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I've been working in the industry for 30 years and it has provided a career for me and thousands of people .

Opening up more land for

development will ensure more jobs for years to come .

Mino Mariella



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Providing that it's the hamiltonians that see the housing and not the people coming from Toronto to buy up the houses like the house I'm renting was sold to a fella from Toronto who is turning it into a BNB so of course both tenants of the duplex got their notice to move...i have 2 big dogs so i need a house and there is nothing under \$2000 a month and most dont include utilities...the fellow that purchased the house did not move in like he said he was doing instead he furnished the upper apt for a bnb and is impatiently waiting for me to move so he can do the same...thats what is going on and its very disheartening to have no where to live because i cant afford the rent

Roxanne Martin



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been wondering why Hamilton don't try to utilize all the run down and empty properties in the central area of Hamilton instead of taking the easy way out and grab some more farmland. The whole area would benefit greatly from a nice urban development plan that could include mixed income dwellings as well as businesses.

Birgit Mathieson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With Hamilton growing, we need more homes in order to make it some what affordable to live here. I'm in support of a balanced approach.

Eddy Mauro



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am concerned for all of us especially the young families and single people starting out getting their first home on their own, whether it be buying or renting. Hamilton is now the fifth most expensive city to live in North America.

I have had first hand experience along with my son and husband trying to find a home in Hamilton. We can not afford to live together and commuting back and forth between homes when our car is on its last legs is expensive. Not to mention he was told abruptly not to come into work after we returned from a camping trip since he was not vaccinated. We are both on Odsp and support each other and take care of my son with high extreme social anxiety. My husband recently was evicted falsely from his home that is rented, the matter was thrown out of court as he won his case. It seemed that the landlord just wanted to profit on selling or raising the rent well above what it is at now because the market went up a lot in price during the pandemic.

We need a balanced approach to care for our local area of land along with the affordability of homes of all types. So, let our expert city planners move forward.

Anna Maxwell



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

My family is desperate to find housing at an affordable price.

We have been making daily sacrifices and not having a car in order to cut down on expenses

We are working at minimum wage jobs in the service sector .

Our financial situation is very precarious. We have been sacrificing and trying to save money to be able to find housing in the rental market in Hamilton. There's almost nothing that is suitable for my family myself , my husband and my 2 adult one of whom has mental health issues and children and our dog. Our lease is coming up soon and we are desperate to find housing within our budget . There is virtually nothing that is within our budget just under 1900.

There needs to be some serious changes to the housing market in Hamilton to help people who are struggling to find more variety of types of housing to meet this desperate need .

Jacqueline McCann



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

The important issue of and relevant concerns about affordable housing has become a crisis in Hamilton.

It has been a crisis for some years.

As a 62 year old woman on a fixed income, I have been fortunate enough to have a comfortable apartment. The personal cost of this stability is at times crushing. Even with careful and mindful budgeting, I do not have anything left for clothing, for healthy food on a regular basis, or for some needed personal items. I live alone. As a senior alone, it is often recommended that we (seniors), have a companion animal to help with loneliness and/or anxiety and depression. For seniors like myself, this is not an option; it is completely unaffordable. My rent continues to climb. I worry about what will happen to me when I turn 65. I will not be able to stay where I am. Wait lists for senior apartments are years long.

Living in fear of what will be is no way for any person to live. Whether a senior, a person with disabilities or a young family.

My daughter, who is an epidemiologist with two masters degrees, has recently had her first child. Her husband is an architect. They are struggling with finding an affordable place and home in which to live. At her age, I had already owned two homes.

It is completely unacceptable for our city not to address the continuing and immense problem of affordable housing.

This council must choose to take bold and innovative action immediately.

This council must say no to corporate greed and choose instead to listen, engage and partner with its citizens.

We have a beautiful city. It could be a great city. One where young families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and

hard working people would be proud to call home. I am not proud of Hamilton any longer. Rather, I feel discouraged. I feel unheard. I feel little hope that things will change.

You, as my city council, have an opportunity to change that. You have the ability to create positive change. Change that will benefit your citizens; those that elected you. You have, by your very job, the responsibility to act in our best interest.

Take-charge, be enterprising, become driven and energetically find solutions for this massive issue.

M. McDougall

Maureen McDougall



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

It is absurd that we would not expand the urban boundary for more housing. The idea that home ownership should be beyond the reach of the anyone in a country of our size with our population is ridiculous. The argument that this expansion will in any way impact on farmland to any significant degree is fallacious. EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

John Meneok



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

WE need more housing for the younger generations and those looking to move into accommodations that are more age sensitive. Designate more land for expansion, but also limit building to a maximum 1000 square foot single story housing. This will provide affordable accommodate both to young families and the more mature who want to maintain their independent lifestyle.

John Meneok



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

enough with the expensive condos ... have you forgotten that this is a working class town so make living here affordable

Karen Montesanto



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need smaller more affordable housing, perhaps some tiny house areas. We can't keep building mega mansions. They hurt the environment, destroy farmland and are unaffordable for the average person, especially seniors and younger folks.

I would love a small home or Tiny home, but little exist, and I can't afford to leave my apartment as rents elsewhere are too high. I am a senior and caregiver in Dundas, so must stay in area. Average selling price 750,000 \$.

Karen Moore



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hi all: Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on the housing shortage. I am 85 years old, live by myself, and am fortunate enough to live in a very nice place. Most of us are seniors and no one seems to have any problems that I am aware of. The only problem, I have, is that it is a privately owned building and the owners are getting older and will probably be selling the building in the very near future. With that in mind I am always looking to see what is available for my income bracket and find that what would be even close to what I have now, would probably be about 500.00 a month more. I don't get anywhere near the extra that I would have to spend, if affordable housing is not in your budget. I know you can't look after everyone's needs, but I think this is an issue you should consider or you will have more and more people living in substandard conditions. Thank you for having the chance to respond to this issue.

Dakota Moore



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

There's enough room for housing, agriculture and nature to live cohesively together in Hamilton. Please don't limit our affordable housing options by limiting what land our local developers are able to develop.

Tyler Moscatel



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I've been living in Hamilton for the past 5 years. 6 years ago, my family and I were living in Brampton. Feeling squeezed financially we looked southwest. We found a fantastic community here in Hamilton that was affordable and automatically felt like home. My family is thriving here Randy I always sing Hamilton's praises to my extended family and friends. I always say that Hamilton is Ontario's best kept secret.

I'd love to share our secret with others. We can only do that if we responsibly develop land in Hamilton into affordable housing. Limiting land use will only drive the cost of housing up, squeezing our most vulnerable residents out.

Let's be the place where people can afford a comfortable way of life without feeling the pinch of expensive housing. Let's allow responsible land development in Hamilton.

Steve Moscatel



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs affordable housing options. Limiting how much space in Hamilton gets developed will only serve to drive housing prices higher and at a faster pace.

Nadia Moscatel



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

i have lived in hamilton my whole 44 years and i would have never thought this city would ever become so scary to live in. rental increases and buying houses has become so ridiculous that its scary. wages have not moved up enough to afford to live and we do have many single parent homes so how did that figure into the rental expectations? it has become a place where survival is key and how can we be sane enough to do this? something needs to be done...its all about greed now in a place where it was nice to call home. we need proper housing where other cities dont get to come in and force the original people out of their safe space. we all have jobs here and have lived here by choice or otherwise. ..it is still home to us but for how long?

christina muise



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am in desperate need for housing, on CCP-D for 20 years, living in a town-house. I am trapped on the main floor, my disability has progressed. I cannot afford a single family home, needing a one floor plan. Looks like I may have to leave the community to somewhere more affordable.

Bonnie Mustard



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hope everyone is doing well. Wanted to send you a quick email regarding your upcoming virtual meeting on housing. I was fortunate to have moved to Hamilton in 2014 when housing was plentiful and affordable. My kids will not have this opportunity. Can our city build affordable housing by using older buildings currently not being utilized to rectify this? Can we retrofit, plan and build new space while protecting the greenbelt? Ask city partners for their ideas to make Hamilton once more affordable. Thanks for all the effort on behalf of all residents. J. Nagy

jan nagy



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

In our family (Dutch back ground, and church community we still have a high birth rate. Some of our children and grandchildren and even now (5 great grandchildren-born during Covid) would like to stay in or near Hamilton. Most of them are hard working and ambitious to own a home. A number of families have moved to Brantford which now also is seeing prices rise.

Please do the right thing and follow your Planning Committee's advice for both in filling and expansion. Thank you

Joanne Neven



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am completely shocked at how out of control the housing market has become. The people in charge have washed their hands of accountability and are oblivious to how much the rise in rent and ownership of property has affected all generations. Here is my story.

I have to have a boarder living with me to help pay my rent. Although the person is family it very much disrupts are way of life as we have to accomodate the person living in the basement who shares the kitchen and laundry. My rent is 1800.00 dollars plus utilities. And this is a bargain for my 3bedroom home considering an apartment is now 1495.00 or more on average.

No basement to have someone pay 500.00.. I dont know how a person with a single income survives in an apartment. At 985.00 every two weeks. After paying the bills.. there's just enough for meager groceries. If the person should own a car and insurance or life insurance, there is no possible way to make ends meet. This is very frustrating and very much a reality for most. When I moved into an apartment, I was told that I was paying the most rent in the building because my unit had been renovated. They put in a mirror in the bathroom and planks on the floors. Because the unit was "renovated" the were able to increase the rent by 300.00 dollars.

My friend was paying 890.00 dollars for apartment and moved in a year prior. A little more than 3% yearly increase. Beyond that, people are struggling to find affordable housing.. only 3 years ago, a townhouse was rented for 1295.00 dollars plus utilities.

I know I almost moved in..it was on Barton and Kenora. Not the prettiest unit too and now it's over 1600.00 dollars and most are no longer affordable to rent as they now are selling all of these units for 400K or more which people are over bidding purposely so they can

"renovate" and rent it out for 1800.00 plus utilities. There is no law that states you cant make money but there needs to be a cap for the size of the unit and what it offers when it comes to renting an home or apartment. Because this will never happen, we need more homes built for the community that can be protected under a government regulation.

Across the street, my son is paying less than 900.00 rent for a two bedroom townhouse because of an organization like Victoria Park Homes. Prior to that he was living in the tiniest apartment and paying over 1400.00 dollars plus utilities. Do we need to wonder why the housing list is a 5 year waiting period or longer? It is because geared to income makes sense. Landlords out there really don't want to hear your sob story.

They will wait for the family who cant afford to buy a nice house because they are sunk in debt from paying too much rent and cant save enough to come up with the downpayment. This family could be paying a mortgage of 1200.00 dollars and own their home. Instead they will settle for this mans offer where rent alone will be over 1800.00 dollars. It's just not possible for anyone with a single income and very hard for young families unless we do something about it. Not only do we need to support the existing housing organizations out there, we need to buy back those homes and make them affordable and build more. If my landlord decides to sell his home, I will be forced to either move out of town or rent a basement apartment for even more than the 1800.00 dollars I currently cant afford on my own. My sister in law is staying with me because she cant afford a 1 bedroom apartment.. PSW in nursing homes. Could not work at more than one due to pandemic regulations and the hours were cut down to part time. She struggles to afford the small sum I require to stay where I am.

I'm not a political science genius so I don't know how to fix this toxic mess we've found ourselves in but there is a room full of people who are designated by the people of Hamilton to make this right. Put their heads together and find ways to lessen the affects of greed and put an end to the pandemic that has been plagued our people. Greedy are those who are overcharging for their broken down shacks. Perhaps a penalty should be in place for their neglect and lack of responsibility. This money could be captured in a housing fund. Set a cap and make them aware that a city adjustor will come in make a valueassessment as

to how much they allow you to mark up the rent. Ministry regulates the 3% why not pull back on the reins when the landlords make a change. The agreements made are legal documents. I beleive the

city should look over such changes and need to approve them. Make owners take responsibility for the homes and if they cant.. make them sell it to an organization who can. "WE WILL BUY YOUR HOUSE" Let that be the city one day and let us all get together as a community to make Hamilton accountable and affordable. We have the knowledge and the people who want to make it happen, what is stopping us? Please take a moment to reflect on how this is really not going to improve but only worsen unless someone lets our voices be heard. Vote Yes to affordable housing and implementing changes in the system. The definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over again and expect different results. Are we all insane? Something has to change and now. Thank you for taking the time to listen.

Chantal Newport



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Everyday I see and hear about people, families and friends that are suffering due to a lack of affordable housing. With the many buildings that are vacant and in need of renovations, the city should provide opportunities and support for builders to ensure housing is affordable to our most vulnerable people.

Claudia Noyes



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Please we need more houses please please

Thank You

Vaughn O'HALLORAN



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Please we in Hamilton need

More houses it would be good for Hamilton

Thank You.

Vaughn O'HALLORAN



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

housing is a hot issue. However I feel that the city is forgetting and neglecting renters. Seniors and low income earners face very high rents in the city, Landlords are showing their greed all the time. Hamilton needs to step up for these groups of people.

Kevin O'Toole



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I personally know people who were priced out as well as persons who moved from Hamilton due to the pricing market.

To live in Hamilton is very expensive, something needs to be done about this immediately before more Hamiltonians end up on the streets homeless.

Mirella Parmigiani



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I'm not too sure what's right but to whom it may concern if you would like to have more buildings to have for apartments for the low-income housing is ODSP and Welfare Welfare cannot afford it please help the low-income people thank you

Sherry Paterson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

More AFFORDABLE housing. What example are we setting for the next generations.

Michael Piersanti



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

As I am sure many of you are aware, the housing crisis is not only in this city but in most cities across the country. These are unprecedented times. The homes we have in the city are going for sky rocketing prices and while there is always the option to move to another city, that is not a viable option for everyone. As a family of 4 with two toddlers I want to work close to where we live and where my kids go to daycare. My husband I both have good jobs. In fact my husband works for the city and I work for the federal government and it still seems like purchasing a house in our life time is just continuously out of reach and while that breaks my heart for me and my family it also has me concerned how future generations will ever be home owners as the prices will never go down. As a young family we do not want to live in a condo or an apartment I want my boys to be able to play outside while I watch them from my kitchen window. Building up is an option for some but not everyone wants to live on top of eachother. We need to consider expanding our boundaries to keep young family closer to their workplaces but also close to their families. As a 9 to 5 employee I already miss out on so much time with my family but add an hour commute to that and my kids might as well raise themselves. As a community we need in investing in affordable housing to keep our communities strong and together.

Lisa Pogue



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been a member of the community for 42 years and seen the changes the city has made. I understand that we don't want this city to turn into a "Toronto" landscape, but I beg you to listen to the people in your city. We have spoken and want to use existing land space and not go into green space. There will be challenges and infrastructure concerns, but the long run results will be a positive one for the city. I'm a proud member of the central mountain community and am willing to assist in anyway possible to make this city great.

Kathy Reddicliffe



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have lived in Hamilton for 3 yrs. I am now due to the last 2 yrs going to be homeless. I am being evicted and i can no longer afford ANY apts in Hamilton or Burlington were i am from. I am 62 yrs old and homeless! The first time in my life having to say that and it HURTS! I work fulltime in Burlington and after 21 yrs make a fairly good wage but can not afford more than \$1000 a month in rent. There are no apts for rent in the core (where my bus to Burlington is) for that amount! If i move farther away then my commute time is more than 2 hrs and cost would put me back up into the over my budget cost! You as the Mayor and Council MUST DO SOMETHING! I am not the only one in this situation but you dont see us because we are not on the streets yet because we have friends to couch surf with. But that is not a permanent position to be in! We deserve safe reliable and AFFORDABLE housing!!

Marnie Roberts



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am a nurse working full-time hours with a husband working full-time hours at home depot. Our parents both were able to buy homes here and raise their families here. We have lived in Hamilton our whole lives and love this city. We are now faced with the cruel reality that we may not be able to raise our own family here because we simply cannot afford the housing markets. My parents 11 years ago bought a large home for 380k with a minimal down payment. Now we are looking at similar homes costing well over 1million requiring 20% down. With ever-increasing food and gas and rental prices you are forcing long-term Hamiltonians to abandon all hope in remaining in the city they love and grew up in. You are forcing out the children who grew up on these streets. You are forcing out the heart of Hamilton.

Liliana Romaker



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Please allow Lands for affordable housing, & please control bidding real estate wars, it should be first preferred offer to sellers /purchasers, Put Reasonably priced caps on size of properties,

Camella Ross



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

HAMILTON HAS NEEDED MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR A LONG TIME. THE PROBLEM IS AT A CRITICAL POINT NOW. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THERE HAS BEEN SO MANY AFFORDABLE PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN BOARDED UP AND NOT REPAIRED. SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED AND THEY COULD BE USED FOR UNITS FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEING ASKED TO VACATE THE PARKS. WHERE DO THEY GO??? I DO NOT AGREE WITH MOVING SO MUCH INTO SUBURBS AND RURAL AREAS, THERE IS A LOT OF AREAS IN THE CITY THAT ARE EMPTY LOTS. WHATEVER THE CITY DECIDES TO DO THEY NEED TO DO IT NOW!!!!

LYNDA RUDY



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With the limited supply on hand and the unrealistic time lines it takes for city hall to approve development, I fear for future generations. Affordability is the issue and the laws of supply and demand is the reality the city planners are inflicting on my children to realize their dreams of home ownership. We have seen an exploding surge in growth because Hamilton was always an affordable place to live. Now that city staff and councillors are strangling expanding developable lands in the effort to appease those of us that don't want development because of selfishness , I would ask of them to place themselves in the shoe of a newly married couple who dreams of homeownership is a pipe dream unless the parent, who are at the pinnacle of their golden years , feel compelled to financially help them. Our future depends on increasing the supply for our younger population, which will increase tax revenues, and businesses throughout the Greater Hamilton region.

John Runino



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am a 34 year old, born and raised East Mountain Hamiltonian who now lives in Binbrook. After getting married and looking to purchase our first home, my wife and I were faced with the reality that the home we wanted, did not exist in Hamilton in our price range.

The big discussion around boundary expansion seems to be about affordability, which of course is important, however the discussion about supply seems to have been forgotten.

My wife and I work extremely hard to be financially stable yet our combined income still isn't able to get us the home type we want. We could move to another city or small town to get this type of home but Hamilton is where we were raised and want to raise of future family.

I hope that the expansion is allowed so that the future homebuyers are given more options and the options that MOST want.

I find it frustrating that the decisions being made are being influenced by a loud group of people who, regardless of their beliefs, DO NOT speak for the city as a whole. I understand arguments and differences of opinion, but I really hope that the City isn't bullied into a decision over fear of backlash by, let's call a spade a spade, radical environmentalists.

Global warming is an alarming thing and 100% needs to be addressed. However, the discussion should be about how we make all vehicles electric and home eco-friendly, rather than destroying all cars and making an entire population live within several city blocks.

Thank you!

Tyler Running



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I live in east end Hamilton where there has been a steady increase in violent and gun related crimes. I believe that population density is a contributing factor and we should not allow for a greater concentration and allow the city to grow.

Peter Schultz



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We are so far behind in getting this necessity off the ground! I'm really concerned about the future of homelessness. I have been on the list for almost 11 years now and things have not changed.

The population is growing so fast and there is just nowhere for these people to go to.

I believe that we are letting too many immigrants in this city, and that's where our housing is being taken.

We need to use as much land as we can and get the housing project under way ASAP!

These home builders should be building more homes for the underprivileged people instead of thinking about putting money into their pockets!

I would like to see the seniors apartments built a little bigger.

The individual apartments are too small.

I for one would like to see a more spacious apartment for seniors.

Thank You

Linda Shelton



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton residential real estate market that is only accessible to the 10% cannot last. The other 90% attempt to keep up with prices by borrowing vast amounts, and the lenders accommodate them for a time, but that cannot work for long.

Young people born in Hamilton can not find affordable shelter that they could call home. They are force to drive out of the city till they find something. With people from Toronto moving to Hamilton and predicted grow by additional 240 000 people it is crazy to think we can squeezed everybody into city boundaries. The only way to grow with out expansion would be to build towers and change the city into Hong Kong looking. Single houses and townhouses would become so expensive that only rich people would effort it. Everybody us would be stuck in 500sgf to 1000sgf apartments that also would cost arm and leg. The housing in Hamilton is insane. The city is more expensive then LA California that is so crazy.

We can change zoning to allowed building few stories structures (missing middle) every where in the city but we can not lock the city in current boundaries.

Les Sieminski



November 9, 2021

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

To whom this get to , to be read . Hamilton is quickly losing its look and becoming more like a mini Toronto with all these building going up . And don't get me started On all the lanes you close for all those imaginary bikes Don don't follow rules and pay nothing to be on roads . LEAVE HAMILTON AS HAMILTON with homes not apartment buildings . WE ARE NOT MINI TORONTO .

Joseph Soares



November 9, 2021

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am writing to ask that Hamilton city council make housing and rentals more affordable.

I myself have been having a hard time keeping up with my rent. Also when driving through Hamilton, I see many people asking for handouts, some seen living on the ground in some kind of coverings. Hamilton needs more affordable housing and lowered rents Now, as winter is coming and people are suffering enough already.

It shows that Hamilton city council is lost and cannot see the real problems.

Rebecca Styres



November 9, 2021

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am worried about the young people who are hunting for homes. We need more affordable housing which needs to be included in residential areas.

I support the city's expert plan.

Gail Sullivan



November 9, 2021

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

in fact, a majority of Hamiltonians in a recent poll said they preferred expanding the urban boundary to accommodate more housing options.

Kathleen Sullivan



November 9, 2021

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

You need to look at this immediately before it gets any worse and then we're going to be more housing on Park property

Randy Taylor



November 9, 2021

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

High density housing in the city boundaries with continued management and development of green and other recreation and leisure that is affordable and contributes to community.

Barbara Thomasson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton is in crisis. Young people live in this city in a constant depressed state as they watch any future housing security become more and more unreachable. Rent is insane and those who have lived here for a long time with reasonable rent are pressured or manipulated or forced from their homes by landlords looking to make even more money. Hamilton is quickly becoming a place of immense inequality and the anxiety and anger that engenders in the have-nots will result in a mass exodus of creatives, young professionals and artists that contribute enormously to the quality of life and reputation that, up until now, have made Hamilton Hamilton.

Joseph Thomson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

No Canadian must sleep on the streets and be begging at street lights; this reality is a failure on all of you. Those that need jobs ought to be found jobs; those that are mentally incapable need government care in house. Tired of all our taxes never solving this problem which it seems politicians don't really want to remedy. Who can afford a home these days in southern Ontario?; not the average Canada; unless the federal interest rate goes up and foreign investors are taxed at 50%! Instead of Federal Government hand outs being our tax dollars; demand them to raise mortgage rates to at least 5% like it was decades ago when Canadian and new immigrants actually had the opportunity to work to buy their own home instead of living in social housing. The Federal Government using lower interest rates to better borrow to maintain power; disgraceful as it will on the backs of future, more burdened generations.

AnnaN Thow



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

My name is John Vuckovic. I'm part of a family of second-generation farmers in the Hamilton area.

Over the years of farming, we've accumulated a number of acres of agricultural lands from west Lincoln to Hamilton. From our home operation, the approximate radius we travel is about 25 kilometres of these lands.

Like many farmers, we've endured some different obstacles over the years.

To help you understand the challenges we face, here's a look into our lives: say hypothetically a farmer farms for 40 years. Basically, that gives them have 40 chances to build their business, look after their children, and plan for retirement.

One year represents a growing season and one year of income. You invest your blood, sweat, and tears but you don't really know the reward you may receive until the end.

Due to other conditions such as commodity prices, bug infestations, and soil conditions, everything is variable.

We were asked to give our unbiased views on this situation. As a family farm farming some of these lands is in question for many years, we are on ground level for this debate.

As I mentioned before, we farm multiple acres and there are many types of soil conditions and drainage situations across the lands, all of which affect the final outcome. We have lands that are not too difficult to farm, and others that are very challenging to farm. We take the good with the bad, then our farm yield average is produced.

On that note, we have farmed the lands that in question for many years and I would say fifty percent of the time the lands in particular pull our farm yield downwards.

If I were to rate these lands as a farmer for soil structure, 1 being very difficult and 10 being very pleasant, it would be a 4.5 on that scale.

If I were to rate these lands in terms of erosion problems and nutrition problems – needing to add fertilizer, micronutrient problems – with 1 being a mildly intense challenge, 10 being a very intense challenge, as a farmer I would rate these lands as an 8.

Finally, in my experience these lands are not used to grow food that ends up on people's dinner tables in Ontario.

These are my experiences on these lands in question.

Farming is my life, and I'm here to provide you with my unbiased views. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

John Vuckovic



November 9, 2021

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am 65 and retired. My 35 year old son on the autism spectrum, and my 30 year old daughter share my house.

Neither can afford to live on their own. I thought at my age, I would have the freedom to be on my own and enjoy my space.

The young cannot afford to have their own places. It is demeaning for them to live with their mother.

Please help with affordable housing, back yard tiny houses and more geared to income accommodation.

Shirley Walker



November 9, 2021

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been watching the news & how the city of Hamilton is removing the tents throughout the city. These are people of all ages calling this home. I've had to use the shelters in the past and believe me. No one wants to be there. Hamilton is part of the green belt. I have lived in the city of Hamilton all my life. The last thing we need is the to turn into another Toronto or any other large City with no green space. Yes I'm on fixed income. I'm won of the lucky 1's that have help if paying my rent. I would love to see city council live in the shelter system for a week or 2. Forget that you have been elected to office. Actually live like you don't have a job to go to. See what's it's like to be homeless. Try to find a stable and safe place to call home. Not having to worry about do I pay my rent this month and not pay my hydro, counting on food banks & the soup truck to have something to eat. Just to rent a room lately is over 600 dollars a month. Farmers feed the city & we do have farmers in the City of Hamilton. We don't have to harm the greenbelt to have affordable housing

Larry Williams



November 9, 2021

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

High rises are no place to raise kids.

In our high rise which are 1 and 2 bedrooms, we have sometimes 4 or 5 kids cramed in the

tiny second bedroom and the living room.

Town houses with common play areas and fenced in yards will make it easier for parentswith many children.

Shirley Wright

