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Subject: BULLYING BY COUNCIL AROUND LAND USE – ME TOO

Clerk City Clerk,

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I live in Ward 12, my Councillor is Lloyd Ferguson.

In 2013 I owned and operated a food truck, Ojo Eat Local, held down a full-time job, and was the Manager of the Ancaster Farmers Market.

In 2014 I was awarded a grant by the Ontario Govt, thru Ted McMeekins local food act.

<https://www.toronto.com/news-story/4487472-ancaster-food-truck-business-opening-local-produce-market/>

I was renting a warehouse space at 1632 Wilson Street West in Ancaster, it was properly zoned for everything I planned to do, it was prior to the Farmers Market ByLaw Guide lines and I was given a reprieve by Council.

<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/5430640-ancaster-s-wilson-street-farmers-market-gets-reprieve-from-city-of-hamilton/>

However, after the “reprieve” I was sat down by Joanne Hickey Evans of the City of Hamilton who informed that I would not be allowed to proceed with my plans. I had already been issued building permits by the City of Hamilton. Lloyd Ferguson was of no help except to recommend I move my business to the Walmart Parking Lot.

My business and the building is now sold and the lands are part of the Greenbelt, I now understand why Lloyd Ferguson opposed my business model. It is because if there is a Farmers Market on the land you can't pull it out of the Greenbelt. At the time I could not understand why I was getting so much push back, it is all coming clear now. I have since moved on and have a new full time career not related to local food, and I personally lost about 75K in my small business endeavours.

2016 – 2018 I was the Publicity Manager for the Ancaster Fair and I also sat on the Board of Directors for the Agricultural Society.

2017 I was asked to join a new Committee to try to Save the Ancaster Well. I was passionate about saving the well and I still am.

My experience with #FREETHWELL and Save Our Spring was and still stands that the Arsenic Scare started by Lloyd Ferguson was intentional to make people believe the Well was not saving, in a successful effort to remove the land use restrictions for the surrounding properties as described in Bylaw 18-068 to open up old Hwy 99 for development.

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<https://www.toronto.com/news-story/7516894-ancaster-coun-lloyd-ferguson-asks-city-to-save-sulphur-springs-well/>

Lloyd Ferguson threatened to sue me in a war of words over the Ancaster Well.

<https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/2017/12/14/legal-action-threatened-in-dispute-over-ancaster-well-water.html>

A City of Hamilton employee tried to derail my plans to save the well, by attending our Home Owners Association and trying to defame my character.

<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/8107024-ancaster-well-activist-still-fuming-over-pot-venture-s-privacy-breach/>

After this episode during an Ancaster Fairgrounds Board meeting I was asked to remain behind for a private meeting with the Executive Team, where I was told that I had to stop speaking out about Lloyd Ferguson. The Head of the Executive is Lloyds Neice. Jill Ferguson.

I refused to give up my rights to Free Speech and I was told I could no longer remain on the Board of the Agricultural Society. I then resigned my position as Publicity Manager also and did not return.

My experience with the City of Hamilton has left a bitter taste in my mouth, and while I do love where I live, I think that the City is rife with corruption especially around Boundary Expansion.

I urge you not to vote for NO Boundary Expansion before further investigation into inclusionary zoning is made. Inclusionary zoning would go along way to making Hamilton a better place to live.

Thank you for your time

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