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**Subject:** Commonwealth Games Bid

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to you today to express my concern for the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid our fair city is hoping to make. To host this event would cost our city hundreds of millions of dollars (in addition to taxpayer dollars) that we can surely spend on bettering our own city for the long term than a 2-week flash in the pan.

As you know, our city has a wait list of over 5000 people for social housing assistance, we are facing a housing and homelessness crisis. Hamilton's money would be far better spent helping our own citizens than hosting these games that will likely go over budget and under attended.

Now is not the time for Hamilton to be spending on something like this, especially coming out of (and likely heading back into!) a pandemic and quarantine.

I would appreciate your consideration in the fight to not spend Hamilton's money on this event.

Thank you for reading,  
Victoria Riddell