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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Aug 10 council meeting

Hello,
Please include the following for the Aug 10 council meeting:

Dear Mayor & Councilors

I'm writing regarding using Hamilton municipal dollars to fund a Commonwealth Games bid. I can't believe this discussion is happening in the middle of a pandemic when people are without jobs, without homes and without food. This is irresponsible, not only of Council but of the business elites (e.g. Carmen's) behind this bid.

This money could be better spent on the multitude of other projects in Hamilton that desperately need attention - building affordable housing, fixing our aging infrastructure - including the wastewater treatment plant, sewer system and roads, supporting local businesses who are recovering from the pandemic, providing a liveable wage to municipal employees, supporting mental health resources, enhancing our library system, etc.

If the idea is to spend money on sport & fitness, how about we spend this money on enhancing sport and recreational facilities as well as our outdoor greenspaces? This would benefit all in Hamilton, rather than an elite group of people. Further, by investing in these spaces, we are investing in kids thus putting action towards making Hamilton 'the best place to raise a child' which could potentially grow homegrown talent who could then participate on the world stage in years to come.

Let's invest in the people of Hamilton.
Angela