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**Subject:** Notice of motion for 22 March 2022 Planning ctte meeting

Dear Councillors Farr and Danko, Legislative Assistant Kelsey:

Good morning. Hope this finds you well. I would ask that this message be placed in the public agenda for the 22 March 2022 Planning committee meeting. I write in regards to Councillor Farr's notice of motion presented at this meeting, brought to my attention by the Hamilton Encampment Support Network.

This motion, if passed, would place further pressures on unhoused people to evacuate public parks and their tents but would provide them, as the Network and others in the city have noted repeatedly, no free, accessible, public housing for all in need. A mere 12 hours after a trespass notice has been issued--whether such a sense of trespass is even justified, when there's nowhere else to go--in which time the encampment eviction is to be completed is not nearly enough time to find and secure public housing and, to be frank, there is never enough time when, again, there is no public housing to secure. Stop encampment evictions! Provide free, accessible, public housing for all in need.

I would ask that you withdraw this motion for this meeting. Failing that, I would ask that the councillor for the ward in which my family and I live, Ward 8, speak and vote against the motion. Instead of tearing down encampments, build up alternatives, led by those who need and benefit from them most of all. I look forward to your humane and compassionate actions in these regards.

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