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**Subject:** Message for Agenda Wednesday May 25 Council Meeting

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Hello, City Clerk and City Council.

I am writing in support of City Council ratifying the Official Plan for No Boundary Expansion this coming Wednesday May 25. Please enter my email in the agenda for that meeting.

I think the plan as it has developed is an excellent example of how the various parts of civic democracy work.

I find the staff proposal to be sound and the proposed changes to the rural and urban plans in conformity with provincial planning policy requirements.

I fully support inclusionary zoning for Hamilton's low density urban residential neighbourhoods as proposed. As well as the intriguing possibilities for secondary dwelling units and laneway dwellings, some of which I have toured, this inclusionary zoning will allow the addition of fourplexes in low density neighbourhoods. Whether new or redesigned, these structures will also allow our City to practice carbon neutral construction techniques that will conserve resources and keep people in all income brackets comfortable despite the challenges of Climate Change.

These changes may seem unsettling, but they are necessary and in a generation, will seem natural.

The Hamilton plan abides by the provincial regulations by creating the density we need in a way that is inclusive, just, democratic, and respects the land and its First Nations who have cared for it for millennia. Neighbourhoods that are walkable, safer for pedestrians, and much more interesting and community-based than the huge car-centred streets such as Upper James that lead out to sprawl, are the best way to ensure a liveable future for all Hamiltonians.

I urge you all, as my City Council, to ratify the Official Plan for No Boundary Expansion!

Thank you very much for the opportunity to address you.

Sincerely,

Mary Love

Ward 7 homeowner