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Subject: In support of Density and stopping sprawl

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Hello Council,

I am reaching out because I want you to know that I support farmers, and avoiding paving our most precious resources with more sprawl. This is related to the upcoming vote to ratify the no urban boundary expansion proposal.

I also want to make it clear that duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes do not ruin neighbourhoods. I live in a duplex, and lived in a triplex prior to this. I live on a street of single family homes, small 2 and 3 storey apartment buildings, and many multi-unit buildings.

These alternate living options mean that my neighbourhood has families, singles, young couples, seniors, and people who are blue collar, white collar, and a broad range of income levels. I have spoken to, and made friends with my neighbours from all kinds of lives. It makes my neighbourhood rich with culture and experience. Multi-plexes allow people to enter a neighbourhood that is otherwise exclusive to certain types of people.

I love living downtown, but have many friends who want to live further out but have no smaller options. They don't want a full sized house, but with few apartment, duplex or townhome options they are only able to find housing in limited areas of the city.

For this reason, and reasons related to a climate emergency, stopping sprawl, tax efficiency, I support allowing 4-plexes on all properties in the city of Hamilton, I support staff recommendations, and that their proposal conforms to provincial expectations, and I support inclusionary zoning, and by-laws that encourage affordable homes.

Regards,

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