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Subject: Modifications and Updates to Existing Secondary Dwelling Units and Secondary Dwelling Unit-Detached Regulations

To whom it may concern,

Please add my letter to the agenda for the Planning committee meeting dated May 31, 2022 regarding item 9.1.

I am a resident of Ward 12 and I support the proposed staff changes regarding the rules for secondary dwelling units (SDUs) in Hamilton's urban neighbourhoods. Facilitating approval of SDUs is crucial to mitigate the housing crisis and to keep our urban boundary firm. We have seen a drastic increase in the price of homes and SDUs are an important option for affordable housing. Be it a first time home owner who wants to add an SDU to collect rent to finance their mortgage; or an elderly citizen who can't manage a single detached home on their own but would like to stay in their neighbourhood or close to their family; or even a adult child who can't afford a home so their parents build an SDU allowing them to have their own independent living space. SDUs will gently intensify our neighbourhoods, and with this intensification comes advantages. Intensification supports a more vibrant and prosperous community for local businesses, justifies more reliable and frequent public transit and creates more inclusive and welcoming neighbourhoods.

The city should also be providing Hamiltonians education on the advantages of SDUs and promote them so that citizen feel comfortable and less opposed to them.

Thank you,

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