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My letter today is in support for gentle density in the City of Hamilton via SDUs. The fear mongering of those who claim their neighbourhoods will be “bastardized” by SDUs is based on fear of change rather than evidence, let alone common sense. The City needs more homes in all price ranges. To discriminate based on what someone can afford is shameful and must be dismissed outright.

Without SDUs, many cannot afford to buy a new home. My two twenty-something children may be able to manage buying a home if there is a rental unit to offset the astronomical costs of a home today.

As well, I sincerely hope to be able to live in a home with an SDU someday as I have a brother with a significant mental illness who will, in future, require our assistance to remain healthy, and live safely, independently and with dignity. Having him live in a unit on our property will save our health care system untold amounts of money for his care. It’s a win-win. The same could be said for those who would like to have aging parents inhabit an SDU on their property, or adult children who are saving in order to purchase their own home.

Hamilton has votes for a firm urban boundary. Now it requires the zoning to match that aspiration. I encourage you to remember that in your decision on SDUs.

Many Thanks,

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