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To the ward councillors in Hamilton, Ontario:

Hope this finds you well. I write as a life-long resident and home-owner in Ward 8 in Hamilton, Ontario.

Last Tuesday, on March 22nd, 2022, the city's planning committee heard over forty delegates speak to the committee in behalf of and with unhoused folks, asking the committee to vote against Councillor Farr's motion to direct staff to:

- (i) complete their activities under the Encampment Process, including notifying the Hamilton Police Service that a Trespass Notice has been issued, within 12 to 72 hours after staff receive the first complaint regarding unauthorized camping in a City park or public place;
- (ii) enforce the Encampment Process 7 days per week;
- and (iii) report any staffing feasibility/service levels impacts to Council at their March 30, 2022 meeting.

The motion was carried, with 4 councillors voting in favour, and 2, one of whom was Councillor Danko, voting against. 6 councillors on a planning committee effectively decided the fates, though not the destinies, of unhoused people in this city.

I ask you, as more than 6 councillors on this council, to overturn the planning committee's motion, Item 15 of Planning Committee Report 22-004, which one of the city's legislative coordinators has informed me can legislatively be done. People in need need rest and care, not the constant motion that endless surveillance and eviction provides.

Regards,

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