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Dear City Councillors,

I am an Ancaster resident and candidate for Ward 12 Councillor in the fall election.

I am writing to express my support for the changes to the zoning by-law to eliminate exclusionary zoning. The reasons Councillor Ferguson requested the Ancaster ER be excluded from the by-law are not grounded in fact.

Chief Planner Steve Robichaud made it clear that Councillor Ferguson's concerns about the character of Ancaster and flooding downstream are not warranted. Converting an existing home's configuration to accommodate multiple dwellings will not affect the exterior of a home and building townhouses would be subject to the city's site plan control process and would require a stormwater management plan. We can even impose green building standards like permeable paving, rain barrels, rain gardens and planting of trees and native plants vs turf to mitigate the issues of runoff.

Gentle intensification was necessary even with the 'ambitious density' scenario, and the increase in the annual units required for the Ancaster ER with a frozen boundary are negligible. The proposed by-law is an effective solution that would alleviate the need to build multiple-level units and is something that almost everyone can get behind. If Hamilton is to accommodate another 236,000 people by 2051, changes are required and the status quo will not work. Ancaster needs to be part of that solution.

Sincerely,
Craig Cassar