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On March 29 city council will be receiving a report on land use and a plan projected till 2051. Reading the proposal I am shocked that city staff is presenting a plan based on the very restricted guidelines of the government.

A long term plan covering 30 years is nonsense. Circumstances can change within 10 years let alone 30 years. The fact that city staff and council are not allowed to consider factors such as climate change, the need for farmland and an environment assessment makes this process flawed and not sustainable.

It is clear that this government only wants to ensure that developers have time to buy up parcels of land so they can continue to make their millions.

As it stands the current farmland within Hamilton boundaries is not sufficient to feed us. We are so dependent on food imports that once imports are reduced we will have a serious food shortage. I believe that will happen within 10 years. I ask that city council delay any discussion of the proposed plan and request more time for a complete and informed study that includes all factors. I do hope that our council will not be swayed by the powerful lobby groups that have been putting pressure on you.

The time has come for all municipalities to stand up against a very undemocratic government that is gutting your powers and consider the needs of all Hamiltonians and not just the developers.

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