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Hello Jason Farr and Hamilton City Councillors

My name is Alicia Wilson. I am a current resident of Hamilton Ward 2.

I am also the co-founder of In My Backyard or IMBY; a non-profit that is launching this spring with the aim to utilize backyard spaces and secondary dwelling units to create affordable housing options for those who are at risk of homelessness and isolation. These demographics include newcomers to Canada, youth aging out of foster care, seniors, and those in addiction recovery.

We envision a world where deep needs are met through flourishing communities offering peaceful hospitality and practicing sustainable stewardship.

What if instead of closing our lives and our backyards to the needs of the world - we opened them instead? The changes in by-laws for SDU hamilton could pave the way in making our vision a reality.

In My Backyard (IMBY) plans to design and build secondary dwellings (SDU's ie a tiny house that can be placed in a host's backyard) as an affordable housing unit. IMBY will provide wrap-around support to both the IMBY Dweller and the hosts. We have created a win, win, win financial structure in which the host has financial benefit, the IMBY dweller gains affordable housing while also building savings in an equity trust and IMBY is able to use a portion of the rental income to provide wrap-around support to both the IMBYhost and IMBYdweller.

With development charges waived we would be able to create a stronger structure of wrap-around support as we could direct fewer funds to those fees and more to wrap-around supports.

Thank you for leading the way.

Sincerely

Alicia Wilson

Co-Founder IMBY

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