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Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 2:50 PM
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Subject: 66-68 Charlton Avenue West

Attn Loren Kolar. Please forward to:
Alissa Denham Robinson, Chair
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

Hamilton City Hall,
71 Main Street West,

Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5 before the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee meets on
Monday, November 21, 2022, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Dear Ms Robinson and Committee members:

I live in Durand, one block away from 66-68 Charlton Ave. W. My home faces the rear of 66-68 Charlton Ave. W.

I am dismayed and non-supportive of the owners request for a demolition permit.

If the owner use the reasoning that the building is in poor shape and would require extraordinary repair cost, they may very well be correct, but it be because of their own neglect. To own and maintain a century old building does require a concerted financial cost. But I have witnessed the long process of neglect and decay of this empty building for months. It got to the point where I saw human scavengers climb to the roof and tear apart the heating/cooling ventilation for salvaging or parts. Then they went into the building through an open window for a tour.

The style of architecture, the masonry and the windows are of a time and quality that we don't see anymore in how present day duplex homes are built. The heritage of these two homes would be a significant loss to Hamilton and our neighbourhood if Council was to approve a demolition permit.

I hope the Heritage Staff and the Inventory & Research Working Group's recommendation for an **Emergency** Part 1V Designation to prevent the demolition of this solid heritage home is successful.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.
J. Webster