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Committee Requested

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Board of Health

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?

Virtually

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?

No

Requestor Information

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Kim Ritchie

Canadian Drug Policy Coalition: Harm Reduction Working Group

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Preferred Pronoun

she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request

The rationale for the delegation request is simplistic, to prevent death from overdose for those already experiencing the hardships of homelessness. We are collectively navigating housing, drug poisoning, and the pandemic. Our most vulnerable communities have suffered some of the most abhorrent forms of dehumanization over the last few years. Especially those experiencing a lack of housing and struggling with substance dependency. As we see COVID funding being slowly eroded from our public health and social service sector, we're witnessing an unprecedented number of overdoses within the Hamilton shelter system. All these deaths are preventable as substance dependency needs to be met with pragmatic and coordinated solutions, which are available. As an advocate of harm reduction, I hope to delegate to the Board of Health regarding these challenges.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?

No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?

No