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Subject: Safe streets Hamilton

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my support for the motion that councillors Nann and Wilson will be putting forth to increase safety on the streets of Hamilton.

I live on Jackson St near Jackson Park and can tell you that my family avoids walking on Main & King Streets for fear of being hit by a car. When I have to go to Shenai or Hungry Ninja I am ALWAYS worried about being hit. When I walk to Fortinos I stand well back from the crossing and check before, during and after crossing. This has not prevented some close calls or cars purposely driving around us while crossing!

Riding our bikes as a family anywhere outside our street is too hazardous to do from our house due to the traffic on Main/Dundurn & King so we drive our bikes to safe areas by Chedoke golf course or the waterfront to go for family bike rides.

We have been very concerned about the number of pedestrians hit lately as my oldest daughter walks to and from middle school alone and my youngest walks with me to and from Elementary. I try to use my car no more than once or twice a week so walking is my main method of transport.

Today (Friday May 6th) I witnessed an elderly man trip and fall while crossing with his groceries at Main and Dundurn. Right after he fell the light turned green for cars coming down Main and if it wasn't for the quick action of two men who had just crossed that ran back to stop traffic and help him he could have been yet another collision casualty on our streets. The road is uneven and there was simply not enough time for this man to cross during the "walk" time and there was certainly no buffer time for falling and getting back up.

Please, I beg of you to make our streets calmer & safer for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle traffic. There are so many proposals and ideas in place in other cities that we can review and adopt to make this happen. Please make this a priority.

Thank you,

Fleur McGeoch