

**Bates, Tamara**

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To the Clerk and Councillors on the AF&A committee:

I am writing for two reasons:

1. In regard to public feedback for this Thursday's meeting to express that I am in favour of increasing the DCs for industrial developers, noting the following:

-Hamilton taxpayers should be fully consulted before the final vote in April since any discounts on industrial DCs will be transferred to taxpayers.

-I support the proposed new DC rate of \$41.48 per square foot for all industrial development on greenfields.

-I support a further Industrial DC increase for developers who build on unserviced farmland where there is no existing infrastructure, compared to those that build on [brownfields](#) within the urban area where infrastructure already exists.

-Any developer who is successful in having their lands added to the Urban Area by forcing the expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary must pay the full costs of urbanization.

-Every Councillor on the committee expressed their strong desire to reduce the tax burden on residents during the recent budget period. This is their chance to ensure that developers, not taxpayers pay for growth.

**2. I SUPPORT the staff recommendations in the "*Updates and Amendments to the Low Density Residential (R1) and Low Density Residential (R1a) Zones, and Creation of a New Low Density Residential*" report!**

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback!

Sincerely,

Lois Corey