

Hello City Councillors and City Staff,

My name is Kayla Leet and I am a member of Hamilton ACORN's East End Chapter and a tenant in Ward 4.

I am writing to call on the Planning Committee to implement a strong Rental Housing Protection Bylaw that protects tenants against displacement through demoviction!

I live in a low-rise apartment building, and since I am a long-term tenant, I do not pay market rent for my home. Recently, we have heard rumours about our landlord planning to demolish our homes, and have received bad faith buyout offers well below what we would need to find another place. We don't have anywhere to go where we could pay what we currently pay in rent. If the landlord follows through with the threat of demoviction, we will move from our apartments to tents.

Hamilton doesn't need more luxury housing, we need affordable rental homes that can fit families. We urge council to take action on keeping demoviction from reaching crisis levels.

Thank you for reading my delegation.