

Hello City Councillors and City Staff,

My name is Larissa Rickli and I am a member of Hamilton ACORN's Mountain Chapter and a tenant in Ward 6.

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

I live in a townhome survey, 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 beginning to sell off our rental townhouses to condo owners - they claim the units are condominiums, but tenants have been renting these townhomes since they were built in the sixties. We don't have anywhere to go where we could pay what we currently pay in rent; those units are triple if not quadruple the price we're paying right now.

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

Thank you for reading my delegation.