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Subject: Re Dec. 3 Planning Committee Meeting ADU issue

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Dear Councillor Wilson and Members of the Planning Committee:

I am writing in opposition to a motion that would limit Additional Dwelling Units (Secondary Dwelling Units) to a single storey. I share the concern of Stop Sprawl Hamilton and other concerned environmental organizations that such a restriction could mean that two-storey laneway suites and granny flats in backyards and above existing garages could no longer be built.

ADUs are a feasible way to encourage more housing spaces within existing residential neighbourhoods and a more vibrant urban core. As such, ADUs have taken on increased importance with the growing shortage of affordable housing in the city.

Hamilton's housing predicament requires flexible and innovative solutions to promote gentle intensification with a range of accommodation. ADUs of two storeys can make more rental units available across the city. They are an important part of a strategy that will maintain a firm urban boundary. The proposed restriction on ADUs is ill-timed and would be inconsistent with the city's efforts to prevent costly and increasingly unsustainable urban sprawl.

Thank you.

Gord McNulty