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Councillors,

As a resident of War 1, which is garage and laneway-rich, I call on you to ensure that 2-story laneway suites and granny flats (ADUs) CAN be built in Hamilton, and in fact be encouraged, for a myriad of reasons:

Disallowing them would be a shortsighted measure, when we know that our city taxes will increase if we cannot prevent sprawl; ADUs are an excellent way to add the desperately needed affordable housing near existing infrastructure, transit, services and workplaces- as well as supportive family; for some, they can make it possible for people to be able to remain at home, and for others, to have an affordable way to rent a home with a garden; the gentle increase in density will improve services for everyone;

ADUs are an important part of Hamilton's plan to avoid adding congestion, pollution, and carbon emissions by increasing dependency on cars; we must protect our farmland and green areas at all cost, as we face the quickly escalating climate change, which Council has declared as an emergency.

It is time that Council unite behind its existing (and hard-fought for by so many Hamiltonians) decisions on these matters; it is sufficient that we have to fight against the Province's attempt to force sprawl on Hamilton - we do not need Councillors attempting to undermine Council's responsible policies and trying to downgrade our future and increase our taxes.

Thank you,
Miriam Sager