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In support of two-storey ADUs
Clerk please add my letter to the Dec 3 Planning Committee agenda

Dear members of the Planning Committee and Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Councillor Danko's wish to explore ways to limit the construction of ADUs to only one storey in Hamilton. Our City is diligently changing zoning to allow for gentle density through ADUs and other missing middle options thus creating real affordable housing choices for families.

It would be a real waste of Staff time if they were directed to spend even a moment working to undo that progress.

A family cannot live in a one story studio but can and do live in two storey tiny home ADUs. I personally know a single mom and two children who live in such a home and do so affordably and safely.

This mother and her children, as well as others who are at risk of homelessness and who experience housing precarity are the ones who would be negatively affected by a regressive policy based on aesthetics.

We will be fighting urban boundary expansion applications as a city and cannot be NIMBYs who are pushing back on densification in this manner.

Where, in this city can you find a family home that costs less than \$300K to build?

For these reasons and more, I request that you vote to stop this motion in its tracks, save Staff the time and trouble, and allow them to continue with the crucial work of creating positive policies that will house our growing population safely and affordably.

Thank you
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