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Hello All,

I live in Ward 2 and am writing to express my support for ADUs in Hamilton.

The Province is attempting to force new car-dependent suburbs on prime agricultural soil in a land grab for their developer friends.

To avoid bulldozing farmland, to meet population forecasts, Hamilton can instead choose to allow for 'gentle' density with a mix of housing within the existing urban boundary.

ADUs can **increase the availability of rental units across** urban suburban neighbourhoods and in rural settlement areas. They increase the range of rental options available in a municipality, opening the door for someone to live in an already established residential neighbourhood in a house with a yard and garden access.

ADUs can help **people become or remain homeowners**. A rental unit in or on a residential property might make a home purchase viable for a first-time buyer with rental revenue helping to pay for a mortgage. An

ADU might also be what enables a current homeowner to remain in their home by providing the revenue required to cover on-going costs.

ADUs can also enable extended families to support each other – The opportunity to establish a suite in an existing home or a backyard, can enable a primary resident to create housing for adult children or aging parents on site but in separate living spaces. This enables everyone to have their own living space on a family property but with supports nearby –something that might be essential in the case of elderly family members.

I hope all City Councillors will consider Hamilton's housing needs, environmental, fiscal, and ethical responsibilities and support ADUs.

Sincerely,
Dr. Megan Saunders
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Hamilton