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Subject: Secondary Dwelling Units, and Urban Boundary Expansion

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Dear Councilors,

I'm a Ward 4 resident and homeowner here in Hamilton, and would like to express my concern about a possible motion to ban construction of 2-storey Secondary Dwelling Units, and units above existing garages.

Banning these makes no sense to me and I strongly oppose this move.

There is a severe lack of affordable housing in this city. The alternative - paving over critical farmland to build homes far away from jobs, transit, shops, social supports, and existing infrastructure - is not going to improve affordability, is bad for the climate, and represents a massive expense to the city in the form of new infrastructure.

The only people that stand to benefit from an Urban Boundary Expansion or a ban on SDUs are greedy developers, the same people who let a downtown heritage building rot and collapse just days ago. Someone could easily have been killed. It's a vivid example of how little they care about anything but themselves and their pocketbooks. They want to gain at the expense of everyone else.

Don't help them win. Reject a ban on 2-storey SDUs, and keep our urban boundary intact.

Sincerely,
Dan Shannon
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