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Subject: In support of affordable family housing

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Dear Councillors and Mayor,

If Cllr Danko asks for a separate vote on ADUs, please vote NO.

Don't waste staff time asking them to explore ways of reducing affordable housing when Hamilton just did an extensive re-zoning, and already did a ton of public consultation on ADUs when they were first passed.

ADUs can cost as little as \$175K to build if a non-profit builds them for a homeowner in exchange for reduced rent.

They can be constructed in a factory off-site and assembled on-site in only 3 months with little noise and disruption to the neighbourhood.

Two-storey ADUs (as opposed to single storey ADUs) are the only realistic way to house a single parent and kids affordably within neighbourhoods and walking distance to schools.

We need to move forward with building MORE of these, not move backwards and impose restrictions.

Applying for a minor variance at the Committee of Adjustment to allow a two storey would be very expensive and people won't bother. It's not a realistic option to expect people to jump through hoops.

Thank you,
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