

To the city's clerk, and the legislative coordinator of the general issues committee:

Hope this finds you well. Below, please find a letter to the city's general issues committee to address Motions 9.1 and 9.2 of its meeting on the 15th of January, 2025. Please include it as public correspondence on the public-facing agenda of the committee's meeting. Thanks very much.

Kind regards,

Joshua Weresch

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To the members of the city's general issues committee:

Hope this finds you well. I write as a resident, with my wife and four children, in Ward 8 and as a life-long Hamiltonian. I write regarding Motions 9.1 and 9.2 on the adherence to and the rescinding of the encampment protocol.

Please adhere to the encampment protocol and support Motion 9.1 and do not rescind it by supporting Motion 9.2. By-law enforcement is not a compassionate way to ensure that the rights and liberties of people who are unhoused are respected. Further, please amend the protocol, with the direction, not just the advice, of unhoused people, and members of the Hamilton Encampment Support Network, so that people's dignity and agency are upheld and able to be exercised.

Thank you for your time and attention in these regards. I look forward to your actions.

Respectfully,

Joshua Weresch