

**Subject: GIC Agenda - Friday, Feb. 7. 2025**

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Good day Council:

My name is Rick Johnson and I live in Mount Hope and Ward 11. I am writing to you today to register my opposition to any Climate Change Initiatives that would reduce the budgetary allotment to the Office of Climate Change for the City of Hamilton. It has come to my attention that Councillors Pauls and Francis have put forth 2 motions to the GIC meeting of Friday, Feb. 7. 2025 in an attempt to reduce the proposed City tax levy of 5.7% by means of a reduction to that Office as it pertains to Electric Maintenance Vehicles and Climate Change Initiatives. Our climate change challenges are not going away nor are they seeing any improvement so, if anything Council needs to increase the budget for Climate Change and not use this Office as a sacrificial lamb to appease those taxpayers who might be climate deniers or simply don't want to fund the necessary climate change initiatives.

In summary, I urge all Council members to support initiatives for Climate Change management and to turn down any and all motions to reduce the budget of the Climate Change Office in the City of Hamilton.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Rick Johnson