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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am a Hamilton tax payer and am writing to ask you to please vote no to the upcoming MZO re. expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary.

Trump's tariffs make it more important than ever that we grow our own food at home. We can't do this if we pave over our precious greenbelt. We need to save the rich farmland in this part of Southern Ontario and support our local farmers. When we do this, we support ourselves and Canada as an independent, self-sufficient country. We don't need to import produce, we can grow it here!

As a taxpayer there is no support for Hamilton to expand given we have a \$3.8 Billion deficit in funding and maintaining our existing crumbling infrastructure. Adding more roads, watermains, etc. on farmland will exacerbate this deficit making **taxpayers pay more**.

We are in a climate crisis and biodiversity crisis and must preserve our prime farmland, wetlands and the habitat they provide.

The six Upper West Side land speculators [listed on page 3 of the MZO](#) took a gamble in buying the land and wish to expand solely for their own profit.

UWS claims to have a memorandum of understanding with Habitat for Humanity giving them first right of refusal to build a mere 2% of affordable housing but it has not been provided.

This is the third attempt by UWS force Hamilton's urban boundary and is a phenomenal waste of Planning Staff's time and resources, and taxpayer money.

Indigenous consultation was deemed insufficient by staff

The MZO map includes no parks or schools

The MZO conflicts with the City Council approved firm urban boundary growth strategy in the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and the City is actively implementing land use policy and zoning changes, incentive programs, and process improvements to meet the City's housing needs within the existing urban boundary.

The MZO proposes to convert 99 acres of employment land to residential, within the noise exclusion zone of the airport.

Field studies to determine species at risk and natural habitat are outdated and don't conform to city requirements that they be no less than five years old.

The 2023 Subwatershed Study and Stormwater Master Plan provided is not based on an approved Terms of Reference and appears to be missing a number of items.

Sincerely,

Lois M. Corey