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Dear GIC Committee,

I, Navdeep Sandhar, am writing to inform you of the impact that the odours from the GFL landfill have had on my family's quality of life over the last (almost) two years.

I moved here - St, within the Victory community, with my family in view of the great community, few friends and colleagues were living here already and spoke highly of the community consisting of young families like ours. We put our hard earned savings to buy a house here. We were so happy to call this place home and settle in our First home. It was all going well until the spring-summer of 2023.

As a part of our daily routine we would take our 6 month old daughter out for walks and to the park everyday, more than once. In April 2023, one day my wife and I noticed a disgusting, awful and unbearable smell in the air, the winds were bit Gusty than normal calm day and flowing down the hill. We were super worried and immediately went back into our house, we could also notice it within the house- that ugly smell. I asked my neighbour if they could smell it too? and yes they would as well. I remember it was so bad that someone called the gas company suspecting it was a gas leak. They arrived and did an inspection and investigation and informed us that it was a sewer backup likely caused by something happening at the landfill.

Since that dreadful day this smell has not stopped and we have experienced countless days of horrendous odours (rotten eggs, garbage, burning tires) coming from the landfill only for GFL to initially deny their role in the smell to later confess that it is coming from them after intense pressure from the community to be truthful. GFL lies and gaslights residents by telling us that they do not smell it when they investigate reports that are filed, or that it is mild and intermittent. They have promised a "leachate treatment facility" for over a year that has been delayed and delayed with no ETA for completion. I have spent over thousands of \$ on our backyard which we were only able to use and enjoy only maybe 10 times since 2023, those are the days we couldn't smell this horrendous stench. I feel like we are trapped in our homes. I'm scared of what me, my wife and my daughter are breathing in only to have concerns brushed off by GFL. We are unable to enjoy our property, allow our kids to play outside, have family and friends visit and enjoy fresh air or even open our windows overnight for fear of the smell returning while we are sleeping.

I am requesting that the City of Hamilton please consider some sort of financial compensation for the residents of my community as we have suffered long enough mentally, financially and emotionally and should not have to suffer even more financially because of this due to increased property taxes when we cannot even enjoy the property we're paying for.

GFL cannot be allowed to continue to accept new waste until this matter is fully and completely resolved.

The City of Hamilton has a responsibility to protect the people who live in this city and to do everything in it's power to stop GFL from continuing to torment their neighbours.

Regards,
Navdeep Sandhar