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Subject: Please Vote To Maintain Firm Urban Boundary

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Good morning, City of Hamilton

We write to ask you to deny two applications from land speculators to force expansion of Hamilton's firm urban boundary onto 3800 acres of prime soil, wetlands and forests. Elfrida developers are promising exclusively "large luxury homes". Not what we need! Instead, let's continue to protect Hamilton farmland and build affordable homes inside the urban boundary, close to transit, amenities and jobs

We cannot afford to lose any prime soil! Only 5% of the Canadian landmass is arable land and only 0.5% of that 5% is Class One soil. All of the urban expansion areas have been identified by Planning Staff as Class one soil so let's protect it. This is important for food security.

Green space is also vital for biodiversity and protection from extreme weather and climate crisis.

Additionally, sprawl means adding to our already massive infrastructure deficit of \$5.2 Billion. Hamiltonians will be the ones who pick up the tab for the lifetime costs to maintain new roads, sewers, water etc.

You have supported our city's firm urban boundary before- please do so again.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Rose Janson and Family