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Dear Mayor Horwath, City Councillors, and staff,

I am writing to request you oppose the requests for urban boundary expansion and new developments outside the current boundary. We voted overwhelmingly against any urban boundary expansion already. Expansion would be extremely costly for the city and all taxpayers as development charges do not recover the cost of additional services including roads, water, sewers, transit, schools, etc. Development within the current boundary is much more cost effective, and would also support local business, schools, etc that are closing due reduced residents of various areas of the city. Prime agricultural land is part of the requested expansion area; such land is extremely limited and required to ensure a stable food supply in the future. As such, any development reducing potential farmland must be rejected. Wetlands are an essential part of the environment, act as a buffer against extreme weather events, and provide habitat for many species. Reduction of wetlands is know to lead to many unintended consequences, including flooding that has already occurred in other areas of the region. Studies have shown that residential needs in the area can be met within the current urban boundary. Further, the most extreme need is for affordable housing, including apartments and smaller houses in areas close to other services. Housing costs need to be reduced substantially. Proposed developments would do little to solve this problem.

I think it clear that any urban boundary expansion would be primarily to benefit profits of developers and not be in the best interests of the city and its residents. As such, please reject these proposals.

Sincerely,

Glenn Fletcher