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Good day all. My name is Rick Johnson and I live in Ward 11 and today Mark Tadeson is my elected councillor; I counting on Councillor Tadeson to support my views during budget discussions. I am writing to the Mayor and all elected ward councillors regarding the content of currently ongoing budget discussions. I want to make it clear that I do support any and all inclusions in the 2026 City of Hamilton budget which have to do with improving the health of our environment in Hamilton as well as maintaining the existence of our community biodiversity. It is really clear that the provincial government has no interest in addressing our current climate crisis and has no interest in preserving our biodiversity which remains constantly under siege by pro provincial government interests so Hamilton has to do it's best to look after itself at the City government level. Since the 2022 election, Hamilton is fortunate to have elected a progressive majority which has rightly implemented a number of policies that have brought and continue to bring about positive change or at least signalled a welcome to a new direction rather than the same old conservative direction of previous city councils.

I want to make it clear that I support the progressive councillors on City Council and I sincerely hope that they do not compromise their support for budget items which address the laudable efforts to maintain and improve our local biodiversity, maintain and improve our efforts to generate cleaner air and water and continue to address our city need to address our ongoing climate crisis. As a city, Hamilton needs to keep moving forward in terms of any and all environmental programs and whatever costs must be incurred in doing so are well worth the financial investment. I call on all councillors to support any and all health environment initiatives in our 2026 City budget, please. As individuals, what are we all without good health regardless of our financial status and what are we as a City without good health as well, too? Council should and must approve all budget items which can assist us in achieving good city health; we must help ourselves by including any budget items which will improve the health of Hamilton and it's

citizens! Thank you for supporting my position on the importance of supporting budget items which benefit all Hamiltonians!

Sincerely,

Rick Johnson

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