

Mayor Bratina and Council of the Whole
c/o Office of the City Clerk
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April 22, 2012

Mayor Bratina and Members of Council

Please accept this letter in support of a petition, submitted to council, of over 500 electors from the City of Hamilton, as provided for under the Municipal Act of the Province of Ontario Part V Section 223 wherein "Electors in a municipality may present a petition to the council asking the council to pass a by-law dividing or redividing the municipality into wards or dissolving the existing wards"


I do so, convinced that it is now time to consider the redefining of Hamilton's ward boundaries to more equitably assure a distribution of council seats and an alignment of ward boundaries that more fairly represents the actual distribution of the population of the City of Hamilton.

The principal of fair representation is a fundamental principal of the mechanism which we call representative government within a free and democractic society.

I ask the council to reconsider its decision to postpone a full and open discussion of the inherent inequities found in the current alignment of ward boundaries. Having done so in 2008 and again in 2012 another postponement of this matter represents an abandonment of our responsibility to ensure that in our democracy every vote counts and every vote counts equally. Fairness postponed is fairness denied.

I look forward to your fulsome discussion and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Christopher Cutler