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Dear Minister Calandra,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on Regional Official Plan Amendment 49. When these modifications were first announced, Burlington City Council unanimously endorsed them.

Our position remains the same, and council unanimously endorsed this letter at our committee meeting of Dec. 5. Specifically, Burlington City Council unanimously supports the following:

- Maintaining the 2051 time horizon. The [Burlington Official Plan, 2020, Targeted Realignment Exercise – Initial Work Plan](#) and associated efforts will include technical study, planning analysis and engagement to clarify local growth expectations. Population and employment expectations are likely to be significantly higher than reflected in policy in Table 1 of the Halton Region Official Plan, as modified by the Minister.
- Maintaining the addition of two new Urban Areas, specifically Eagle Heights and Bridgeview. The policies of the Regional Official Plan provide sufficient guidance to undertake appropriate processes to confirm the nature of development in these two areas.
- Maintaining the removal of the Employment Area overlay for Bronte Creek Meadows and 1200 King Road. Both areas are within the ROPA 38 Urban Boundary and may present key opportunities to explore and potentially leverage servicing priority through discussions with the Region of Halton.

The City of Burlington remains committed to meeting or exceeding our Housing Pledge of 29000 units, which council unanimously endorsed earlier this year. As noted in the City's Housing Pledge, while there is sufficient land within our pre-ROPA 49 urban boundary to accommodate 29,000 housing units by 2031, the lands affected by the Minister's changes to the Region's urban structure provide near and longer term opportunities for the City to deliver on a number of Provincial, Regional and City objectives.

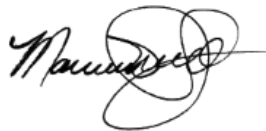
The City of Burlington will continue to work collaboratively with the respective ROPA 49 landowners and the public in advancing the City's interests on these lands. Priority will be given

to achieving the City's community responsive growth management objectives and long-term community development goals related to achieving vibrant mixed-use neighbourhoods inclusive of the following elements as outlined in our May 25, 2023 letter:

- economic benefits including future employment targets that increase future property assessment growth.
- social benefits including affordable and attainable housing, public parks and greenspace and community facilities and amenities.
- environmental benefits including climate mitigation and adaption, natural heritage preservation and enhanced integrated mobility.

Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. We look forward to working together with the Province of Ontario, the public, and the development community on innovative solutions and partnerships to increase attainable housing options for residents at every stage of life.

Sincerely,



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City of Burlington



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