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Chair Thoem, Members of the CDC

BurlingtonGreen supports the formation of this citizens advisory committee.

Burlington is fortunate to have an extensive exposure to Lake Ontario, from BurlOak Drive in the East to the Burlington canal in the west. The protection of this feature is worthy of extensive and intensive advice from Burlington citizens.

In Ward 1, we have the public beach, board walks, a well used public bikeway/walkway and some areas, which have been naturalized, providing a habitat for many bird and mammal species and indigenous plants. In Ward 2, we have some of Burlington's earliest heritage buildings and in Wards 4 and 5 there are some beautiful "windows on the Lake" parkettes and a potential for a beautiful park on the Burlington Oakville border.

The only recommendation for change is in the Appendix, 7. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION. BurlingtonGreen respectfully recommends a change in the composition to read: "12 citizens with representation primarily from wards 1, 2, 4 and 5".

In conclusion BurlingtonGreen supports Mayor Jackson's proposal for this new advisory panel.

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