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Survey Responses: **Larry Di Ianni**, candidate for **Mayor, Hamilton**.

1. Currently, only municipalities can make a request to the Province to grow the Greenbelt, and they are responsible for implementing the Greenbelt Plan. Do you support growing the Greenbelt within your municipality and/or strengthening support for Greenbelt protection in your municipality?

**Yes**

**It is absolutely essential to protect the Greenbelt. Currently, the Greenbelt boundaries are causing development to leap over the existing Greenbelt thereby encouraging urban sprawl. This is counter productive to the concept of a Greenbelt.**



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2. In order for the Greenbelt to remain protected, municipalities must adhere to the Province's Places to Grow strategy, specifically, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, while respecting the protections under the Greenbelt Plan. Do you support concentrating development within your municipality's existing urban boundary, while limiting further urban expansion into farmlands or greenfields?

**Yes**

**Expanding the urban boundary for new residential is inappropriate. However, when considering business parks for potential employment lands if no other options exist, then municipalities may have to consider.**

3. New roads and other infrastructure fragment the natural areas of the Greenbelt, threatening its ecological integrity by destroying connections between natural heritage features. Do you support urban planning that would facilitate enhanced infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians, an efficient public transit system, increased funding for public transit and/or improving links to regional public transit systems?

**Yes**

**Improving public transit is essential. As Mayor our Council approved the purchase of Canada's largest hybrid bus fleet in 2006. I also believe that if new road construction is important the municipality must be obligated to provide natural links between the**

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**green space surrounding the road. Hamilton worked to protect wildlife as part of the Red Hill Valley Parkway project by building natural pathways to facilitate crossings. Similarly trail systems were improved to connect the greenspace in the valley inspite of the road.**

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4. Strong market demand in urban areas near the Greenbelt for locally-grown foods supports a viable agricultural sector in the Greenbelt. Do you support the creation of a policy in your municipality that favours purchasing locally-grown foods for municipal facilities like nursing homes, day care centres and City cafeterias?

**Yes**

5. Do you support stronger recycling and green-bin programs to reduce waste in your municipality?

**Yes**

6. Water is a precious resource, yet Canadians continue to be one of the biggest per capita water consumers in the world, using almost double the amount of other developed countries. Do you support creating the water conservation policies necessary to offset new residential water demand for your municipality?

**Yes**

7. Given the need to reduce Ontario's contribution to climate change and foster the creation green jobs through investment in the green energy economy, will you support the removal of local barriers to facilitate the development of renewable energy projects in your community?

**Yes**

**Anything to remove barriers would be supported.**

8. Although aggregate (gravel) extraction is a permitted land use in the Greenbelt Plan, it continues to have huge negative impacts on the natural environment. Would you pursue a procurement policy that requires the highest level of recycled content allowable in municipal works projects, and situates aggregate extraction in areas away from sensitive natural heritage and source water features?

**Yes**

9. Do you support changes to the Ontario Municipal Elections Act to require that donations to candidates come only from electors in the municipality where the candidate is running, and that union and corporate contributions are banned?

**Yes**

**I am already not accepting union or corporate donations. In terms of contributions from residents outside the municipality, I have a few friends and family members who live in neighbouring municipalities who wish to support me. I don't have an issue with accepting personal contributions from these folks.**

10. The Province issued a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) in April 2010, at the request of the City of Hamilton and the Region of Halton, to stop the first Greenfield quarry in the Natural Heritage System of the Greenbelt and the Carlisle drinking water protection area, proposed by St Mary's Cement.

Will you defend the governments' decision to protect the Greenbelt before the relevant tribunals, such as the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB)?

**Yes I would.**

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**Will you vote on Election Day, Monday October 25, 2010?**

Yes  No

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