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Survey Responses: **Judi Partridge**, candidate for **Ward 15, 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**

**We need to recognize there are existing business operations that predate the Greenbelt legislation, in some cases these businesses have operated for more than 50 years and may be secondary income for farmers. It would be unreasonable to expect these operations to shut down, however this also presents an opportunity to encourage and help implement more "green" methods of operation.**

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**

**Aging Cities such as Hamilton which are more than 165 years old, would benefit with more of a focus on intensification with multi-use buildings - the old vision of sprawl development just doesn't work anymore. Creating live work developments, particularly with restoration development of older heritage buildings is an example of sustainable urban development for a more vibrant urban centre - using "green" building standards should be mandated where appropriate and encouraged for environmental efficiencies.**

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,



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increased funding for public transit and/or improving links to regional public transit systems?

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**Yes**

**The movement of people and goods using a more efficient multi-modal system of transportation is essential to job creation/growth and improved standard of living for Hamilton & area residents. Creating walkable communities with connecting pathways and safe bike lanes just makes sense. My vision for our communities would include LRT for Hamilton's urban centre, plus an expanded all day GO transit service from Toronto to Hamilton to Niagara. For future development, there needs to be a GO line extension travelling north along Hwy #6 connecting to Guelph from downtown Hamilton. There are thousands of cars travelling from Hamilton/Flamborough to Guelph every day on Hwy 6 – that presents opportunity for a GO stop/station just north of Hwy 5&6. To continue to pave over the escarpment rural areas is irresponsible.**

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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?

**No**

**We need less municipal government interference in our lives not more. Creating/implementing "a policy" or bylaw is not the answer. What the city needs is to create a partnership/incentive program in partnership with Guelph University environmental science students to create community gardens and potentially incorporate roof top gardens for local nursing homes, day care centres and city cafeterias to grow their own produce. Window gardens are another example of inside gardens and also living walls such as McGill, Guelph and Dalhousie Universities have.**

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

**Yes**

**As a municipality, Hamilton has excellent residential green-bin and recycling programs. Where the city could improve the programs is to implement it in highrise residential and commercial buildings. The local Chamber of Commerce could also spearhead awareness programs to encourage private business to look at recycling programs with-in their business sector to encourage local leaders in reducing the amount of garbage output.**

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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**

**Residential and commercial developments could be mandated to incorporate low flow toilets, faucet regulators, back flow prevention and back water valves in all new developments, not just residential. I would also like to see residential builders using less pavement for**

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**driveways and more mix materials to create a more permeable surface for water run off.**

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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

**Where cost effective and environmental reasonable I would support more P3 private public partnerships to leverage tax money into revenue generating businesses made more sustainable by private investment and management of ongoing operations. Governments should not compete with private enterprise.**

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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

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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

**The politically correct answer is of course "YES". However, the argument that only individual donations should be acceptable doesn't make a lot of sense to me either. Anyone that gives someone a \$750 donation would expect some favour or special consideration in return - it doesn't make sense to think otherwise. A corporation on the other hand, doesn't have a vote and usually makes maximum (\$750) donations to all candidates, as do most development companies. I personally will fund my campaign myself without contributions from unions or businesses.**

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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)?

**From the beginning I have been opposed to the St. Mary's Flamborough Quarry. I do and will strongly support the MZO at the OMB tribunals. As a Carlisle resident for the past 26 years, we spent 16 years living on the 11th Concession where the proposed quarry was to be located. This quarry would have significant negative impact on our already fragile quality and quantity of source water, not to mention the impact on farmers with livestock and crop operations. It is unacceptable for hundreds of truck traffic along rural roads around the local schools. There would be considerable safety issues with farm equipment regularly travelling narrow country roads battling hundreds of trucks each day. It is**

**unacceptable to even consider locating this quarry in the established rural residential and farm communities of Carlisle, Freelton, Campbellville and Milton.**

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Yes  No

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