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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments Regarding Agenda Item for Tonight's Public Meeting

To:

Ms. Heather Lysyinski  
Committee Clerk  
Planning and Environment Committee

And

Mr. Steve Lehman  
Councillor Ward 8

Re: Agenda Item For Tonight's Meeting Relating to the Sale or Distribution of Farm Food on Lands Not Zoned Agricultural

Dear Ms. Lysynski and Mr. Lehman,

As a resident in Ward 8, I am writing to express my support of a proposal of the Urban Agricultural Strategy adopted by Council in 2017, File Z-9060. I understand that this proposal will be discussed tonight, however I am unable to attend due to childcare commitments. I would appreciate if these comments would be considered during the discussion in my absence.

It is my understanding that regarding farm food distribution on lands not zoned agricultural, "The purpose and effect of this zoning change is to possibly **ADD** a new definition and/or **ADD** new permitted uses to various zones to allow the retail sale of urban agriculture products on non-agricultural lands. "

I am a member of an organic agricultural co-operative called HOPE Triple Cord CSA, which is based near Aylmer, and currently distributes food in London. I understand that this practice is not protected by law and that the co-operative is therefore vulnerable to being prohibited from delivering food in London.

My family purchases a share in the farm at the beginning of the season, and in return we receive a box of harvested food each week throughout the growing season. This is a highly beneficial undertaking that should be protected by bylaw for the following reasons:

- It supports the most environmentally sustainable form of food production: organic production that is consumed locally
- It supports a regional enterprise (in the case, and Amish co-operative farm enterprise)
- It is consistent with London's efforts to establish itself as a regional food hub
- It provides an easy source of the healthiest and freshest food available to my family

- It allows my family to be able to afford to purchase organic produce at a very reasonable price

The program works by allowing the farm to deliver the food to a residence in London, to which members such as myself drive (and carpool) to retrieve the food. It is one of the simplest, healthiest and most sustainable ways to purchase food.

I was surprised to learn that this practice is not supported by law in the City of London, and I am pleased that it is now being considered. I urge you to promote the protection of this practice in City bylaw to help ensure the continued supply of fresh, local, and affordable food within the City of London.

Sincerely,

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