

Hello,

Before I begin, I would like to provide a trigger warning for queer suicide.

My name is a Theo Vittore. I am a resident of Hamilton Ward 3.

I am writing to the Hamilton Police Services Board to comment about the terryberry protest. Please understand that this is a difficult time to be queer and trans. Just recently Bekett Noble has ended their own life due to lack of support and lack of acceptance at Redeemer University.

These acts of hate are unacceptable.

The board should condemn all acts of hate in Hamilton. Silence will further hide the struggle that queer and trans people are facing.

Hate is a hard problem to solve, and I need the board to think differently. Responding with increased police presence will lead to more violence and harm upon the queer and trans community. Police continue to disproportionately target Black and Indigenous queer and trans people.

Please divert resources to chronically under supported queer and trans led organisations in Hamilton. Queer people need to be able to take care of one another.