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Chief Bergen, Members of Hamilton Police Services Board:

It is illegal for police to take direction from government. Neither City Council nor the Police Services Board can direct police to remove the homeless camps. It's not police business.

It's City Council's responsibility to provide funding for housing for people unable to house themselves. **City Council can't evade their responsibility by directing police violence at the people they failed to serve.**

The recent violence of your officers towards the most vulnerable people in our community is despicable. A fascist, violent police state taking orders from government is not a democracy.

In a democracy it is the duty of police to uphold every person's Constitutional rights, to preserve democracy.

You do not take orders from City Council to use violence against the public.

You work for the people. You uphold the law, and your first duty is upholding the Constitutional rights of every person in every situation every time.

You are not hired thugs paid by City Council to cover up the City's abuse of housing funds. You are paid by the people and your duty is to protect the people from corrupt governments. Taking orders from City Council is a violation of the law and your duty.

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