

From: Franklin Dong

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 1:39 AM

To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>

Subject: Re: Request to address the council rwt SPRBS.24.034 on Wed. April 17

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Franklin Dong, a resident of 54 Cartier Cres.

Thanks for providing me the opportunity to present my concerns with regard to the project in my neighborhood.

Here, I express my strong opposition to the proposed condominium project in our neighborhood. As a longtime resident and concerned citizen, I believe that this development would have detrimental effects on our community for several reasons.

First and foremost, our local school is already facing significant challenges due to overcrowding. The recent decision by the school board to relocate students to other schools far away is a clear indication that our current infrastructure is unable to support additional population influx. Adding more residents through the construction of a condominium complex will only exacerbate this problem, leading to further strain on our already stretched resources and potentially compromising the quality of education for our children.

Furthermore, our neighborhood has seen a surge in rental properties in recent years, causing the population to double its original capacity. If you drive through the neighborhood, you can easily notice that many bungalows have 3 or 4 cars parking in front of them. This influx has put immense pressure on our community resources and amenities, such as parks, recreational facilities, and public services. Introducing yet another residential development without addressing these existing issues would only compound the strain on our infrastructure and diminish the quality of life for current residents.

Additionally, the proposed condominium project raises concerns about the impact on property values in the area. Many residents, particularly retirees, rely on the equity of their properties as a source of financial stability. The construction of a large-scale development nearby could potentially drive down property values, adversely affecting the financial well-being of homeowners and undermining their investment in the community.

Given these concerns, I urge the City Council to carefully consider the long-term consequences of approving the condominium project. It is imperative that we prioritize the needs and well-being of existing residents and address the pressing issues facing our community before allowing further development. I respectfully request that the City Council reject the proposal and explore alternative solutions that are mindful of the concerns raised by residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will give careful consideration to the concerns of the community and make a decision that serves the best interests of all residents.

Sincerely,

Franklin