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Dear Mayor & Councilors,

I would like thank the Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Barrow & Councilors to allow practicing our religion. Now we fear that high-rise condo towers disturb the importance of maintaining peace around the Temple.

The Richmond Hill Hindu Temple was architecturally designed in accordance with Hindu scripture & the spiritual significance of the Towers great height to the practicing the Hindu faith. The north east portion of the property contains wetlands and a natural heritage system associated with a tributary of Rough River which we shower the idol gods and drench ourselves in this river however it will be affected by pollution due to increase in traffic & high density population. The high density also increases the traffic aswell as crime in that area. Hindu women & children wear jewelry during the festival times to the Temple & that is our tradition.

The Richmond Hill Hindu Temple has been the only monument in the area for 50 plus years, at the time it was middle in the of nature, it was meant to be a place for people come and experience peace and tranquility. Over the years the surrounding areas have been more dense yet maintainable however most of the Hindus fear if the High-rise condo builds higher than our Temple Tower which is against our belief. Blocking our Temple is like blocking the St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica or the Vatican Church.

The Richmond Hill Hindu Temple is proud to be one of the largest Temples in North America and the Hindus visiting The Greater Toronto always a make pilgrimage to our Temple.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,
I hope Dave Barrow & the councilors understand our feelings to stop this high-rise condo building & prove Richmond Hill is one of the multicultural societies & allow us to practice the religion according to our belief.

Thank You
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