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Dear Mayor & Councilors,

I am a Richmond Hill Hindu Temple Devotee, life member and trustee of the temple. I strongly oppose the condo high rise building at 0 Elgin Mills road east (Bayview ave & Elgin mills). Our Temple Towers were 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 will be affected by pollution due increase in traffic & high density population. The high density also increases the traffic in the area. It also increases crime in that area. Hindu women & children wear jewelry during the festival times to the Temple & that is our tradition. Richmond Hill Hindu Temple is the largest Temple in North America. We thank our Richmond Hill Mayor & Councilors to allow practicing our religion. Now we fear that high-rise condo towers disturb the importance of maintaining peace around the Temple. Most of the Hindus fear if the High-rise condo builds higher than our Temple Tower which is against our belief. We also fear our children & grandchildren not going to practice our religion in the same manner that we practice our religion. I hope the Mayor & 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 .

You have more than 500 signatures on June19 2019 and now the town clerk will have her email flooded with thousands of email.

This is a very serious issue and it may go viral to the whole Hindu community whom consider this Ganesha Temple as a sacred and holy monument.

I pray all of you are working with your good conscious and respect the values of a religious congregation.

We will all bless you in return for helping us.

Thanking you ,

Regards,

Arul Mylvaganam

Richmond Hill Hindu Temple Trustee