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Subject: 0 Elgin Mills Road East - City File D03-20003

Mayor, Deputy Mayors, Regional and Local Councillors of the City of Richmond Hill,

Re: 0 Elgin Mills Road East – City File D03-20003

I am writing this letter as a devotee of Richmond Hill Temple. I wish to express my opposition to the erection of high-rise condominium buildings at 0 Elgin Mills Road East (Bayview Avenue & Elgin Mills). Our Temple Towers (Gopurams) were architecturally designed in accordance with Hindu scriptures.

According to Professor George Mitchell, the planometric geometry designs are described in accordance with Tamil traditions. These plans take on a ritual dimension since all the architectural components, especially the focal gopurams (towers) and the most important colonnades and mandapas (halls) are arranged along the axes dictated by the cardinal directions (N, E, S, W). This alignment integrates the routes that devotees follow as they journey unto the innermost sanctum.

Due to the bye-laws governing City Planning, the Founding members of the Temple, have already curtailed/sacrificed incorporating some of the features that are found in the temples of Tamil Nadu, India.

If not for the limitations, a Cathedral-like structure could have been built, cynosure of the City of Richmond Hill.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for lending your ears to our request.

Yours truly,  
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