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**To:** Jeff Healey <[jeff.healey@richmondhill.ca](mailto:jeff.healey@richmondhill.ca)>

**Subject:** 0 Elgin Mills Road East – City file D03-20003

Dear Mayor & Councilors,

I am a Richmond Hill Hindu Temple Devotee and I am opposed to the condo high rise building at 0 Elgin Mills Road East (Bayview Ave & Elgin Mills). The Richmond Hill Hindu Temple has been a part of my life ever since I came to Canada back in 1994. The north east portion of the property contains wetlands that are homes to many wild birds and animals. The natural heritage system associated with Rouge River will be affected by the increase in pollution that is sure to happen due to the increase in traffic and population. Richmond Hill Hindu Temple is the largest temple in North America. We thank our Richmond Hill Mayor & Councillors for allowing us to continue our heritage in Canada. We fear that the high-rise condos towers will be a hindrance to us continuing our traditions and observing our religion in peace because during festivals there are always loud drums and big gatherings. There is no doubt this will not be well tolerated by the residents of the condos. I hope the Mayor & the councilors understand our feelings and can put a stop to the high-rise condo buildings. I hope that you can prove that Richmond Hill is a city that welcomes all religions and cultures and will allow us to continue to practice our religion according to our belief without disturbing anyone.

Sincerely,  
Srivathana Prathaban