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Subject: Rental Development 10684 and 10692 Yonge Street

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express concerns regarding the proposed development at the end of Arten Ave / Creekview of a 28 storey apartment building.

We are not in favour of amending the bylaws to allow a 28 storey building at this site in Richmond Hill (or frankly in any residential neighbourhood of Richmond Hill). The reason we chose to move to Richmond Hill many years ago was for the neighbourhood feel and close community that was a primary character feature of the old town of Richmond Hill. Building such a high building would definitely take away from that. We may as well have moved to Yonge and Eglinton in the city of Toronto. Bylaws limiting the height of buildings are there for a reason and typically reflect the character of a community. Developers should not be allowed to ask for amendments to these for their own benefits. City representatives should not allow for these amendments.

Further concerns that we have include increased traffic (on neighbourhood streets in general and on Arten/Creekview in particular), increased parking on Arten/Creekview (the “intersection” of Arten/Creekview already being a concern due to the 90 degree turn which will be even more dangerous with parked cars blocking visuals to the traffic around the turn and additional traffic coming from the apartment site), construction traffic that could cause dangerous situations for the residents (including children) on Arten/Creekview, the unsightliness of a large building at the end of the street (right now, I can stand on my front lawn looking east to see the harvest moon rising on some nights – not gonna happen with a 28 storey building in the way).

Additionally, with all that COVID has brought to light with long lineups at the hospital, lack of primary care physicians, overcrowded schools, etc, the community will be hard pressed to accommodate the additional population that 284 units will bring (not to mention all of the other new buildings being proposed and built in other parts of Richmond Hill).

Please do not allow this project to move forward.

Sincerely,

Mark and Heather Seniow

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