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Subject: Opposing High Density Hillcrest Parking Lot Buildings - A Caution to the City

City Files: D01-20009 and D02-20018

City Planner: Doris Cheng

I would like to have it on record that I believe high density 26 and 29 storey buildings are inappropriate for within a parking lot. These parking lots are already in use, and are typically at capacity already around holiday times and weekends. As the area continues to grow in size, this will be problematic, as the parking space is already in use for Hillcrest Mall shoppers, and for surrounding businesses. I'd like to use Yorkdale Mall (Toronto) as a comparison. It is not uncommon for Yorkdale's parking lot to be at full capacity. I'd like to point out that our planning does not need to mirror Toronto's. We do not need to approve every proposed plan, especially when these plans are detrimental to residents, and are in conflict with their needs and rights. I do not want the area to suffer in the future from poor decisions and planning. I do not want the physical or mental health of residents to be invaded upon, along with wildlife, and the environment that we all share. The plans set forth do not benefit the residents of Richmond Hill.

Additionally, I am concerned in regards to the additional traffic this will bring to the area. The area is already suffering from traffic congestion.

I am also concerned about the noise pollution. I own a unit directly across the street at XXXX. Sources of noise pollution include construction, electrical generators, traffic and transportation, and people.

It is furthermore unwise to build high density buildings during a pandemic where direct contact with people is discouraged.

Additionally, high rise buildings are distasteful. Richmond Hill has a beautiful landscape, and this would compromise that. Once again, our planning does not need to mirror Toronto's. Richmond Hill has an identity of its own, and this project would compromise the identity of this City.

Furthermore, I do not want high rise buildings impeding my view.

There are many new development projects being built within the area. This development is unnecessary, redundant, distasteful, and does not benefit residents in the slightest. In fact, this development would be counterintuitive and destructive to the area. High rise buildings should not be built within a parking lot. This is capitalistic greed, and does not contribute positively to the City of Richmond Hill or its residents. This is putting the wants of a few before the needs and rights of many. If this is something that is going to go forward regardless, I would ask that the city consider a low rise building in its place. However, my ultimate position is that this entire project is counterintuitive and problematic.

I believe this project in and of itself to be an example of poor urban planning, and ask that you firstly reconsider building within an already established and used space. The area is already in use, and is developed. This decision does not benefit Richmond Hill residents, and furthermore is harmful to the area, its residents, wildlife, and the environment. The use of the land as it is right now benefits residents

more than the proposed plans. The needs and rights of many to a safe, and healthy environment should come before the wants of a few.

I would like to request my personal information be removed when submitting my written comments as per the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R. S. O. 1990 c. M.56. However, I do want my comments to be made available to the public.