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Mr. Godwin Chan,
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By email to:
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RE: City File No: D01-19005 and D02-19023

Dear Mr. Chan,

Thank you for providing the opportunity for residents to provide their input with respect to the Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for a proposed residential development at Oneida Crescent (City File No: D01-19005 and D02-19023).

I wish to start off by expressing my deep opposition to this amendment request. I have several concerns that I wish to point out.

When I purchased my unit at 65 Oneida Cres., directly across the road from the site in question, the official plan for the property showed a townhome development with units being a maximum of two storeys in height. I specifically purchased a ground level unit because I believed that my sight lines would be quite unobstructed and that I would not have a high-rise tower obstructing the view from my east-facing unit. I purchased the unit in good faith knowing that the developer was going to proceed with the construction in accordance with the site plan in affect.

However, while this is a concern for me, I do not want the major issues related to traffic and safety to be lost in the review of the application for amendment. As you know, there are currently 6 high-rise towers fully occupied on Oneida Cres. with a further three towers in the final phases of completion. In addition to these, Langstaff Square on Red Maple Road, and the Langstaff Community Centre, Red Maple Public School and St. John Paul II Catholic School are also located at the intersection of Bantry and Red Maple. To the south, the Fire Station at High Tech and Red Maple also needs access to Red Maple. And, let's not forget the big box stores at Red Maple and High Tech Road that create traffic congestion. The volume of traffic that accesses this 420 metre stretch of Red Maple Road creates challenges at the best of times, let alone the serious traffic and safety issues during peak times throughout the day. As it is, I've almost been hit by cars not paying attention and gunning it to make the lights while walking my dog on numerous occasions along these streets and have witnessed many cars running red lights. It's a very unsafe area as it is, and I cannot fathom adding an additional 4 towers and occupants to this. There are occasionally speed display boards North- and South-bound on Red Maple, which don't stop people from speeding. I witness people going

upwards of 80 along that stretch, and the south-bound board never works, it's always stuck at 42. I cannot stress enough how unsafe this area already is with only 6 of the 9 buildings occupied. Let alone adding an additional 4 towers. This area will be unlivable.

Allowing an amendment to this site plan that would permit the density to significantly increase is irresponsible and would place the safety and security of Richmond Hill residents living in this area to be seriously compromised.

I sincerely hope that you will act in the best interest of our community and block this application for amendment.

Sincerely,
Katrina De Faveri