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Subject: Special Council Meeting on April 20, 2022 item 3.1

Attention: Richmond Hill Clerks and Council Members

We join our neighbours in Richmond Hill in condemning the Bridge and High Tech TOC developments both in form and considering the process that the government of Doug Ford has mandated for specific developments in Richmond Hill and Markham.

We request that Richmond Hill Council bring a motion to also condemn the TOCs planned for these areas and others in York Region. The planned TOC projects assume that any sites within 800 metres of any form of “rapid transit” should see dramatic increases in density on the assumption that most new residents in such areas will be able to rely on transit for access to their jobs, schools and other activities. This was not the case in North York City Centre, the first and most successful suburban downtown in the Greater Toronto Area, and is less likely to be the case in more remote suburban downtowns in York Region for reasons that have been explained to staff.

The EMZOs issued for the TOCs bypass the Ontario Planning Act and our duly elected local and regional officials, and infringe on the individual rights of citizens. We ask the clerk to ensure that our letter is included in the public record is sent to the provincial government and the MPPs for Richmond Hill and Markham.

Yours truly

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