

January 30th, 2023

Attn: clerks@richmondhill.ca

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Mike Baldassarra, a resident of Richmond Hill, and I am writing to you in support of an application for a centre for children with autism in Richmond Hill (cite: City File: ZBLA-22-0021).

There is a high need for more services for children with autism and their families in Richmond Hill. Given the prevalence of autism in our community, there is an increasing demand on education, healthcare, and social service systems. A center will meet all these demands. Our children and their families and caregivers need a Center that offers customized programming to help children build essential life skills that can assist them at school, find employment in the future, integrate in the community, and most importantly provide a safe and loving environment for them.

This Center will help not only children with autism and their families, but also the greater community. It will also provide jobs necessary to stabilize the economy today. It will further support a diverse and inclusive community. It is important that all children and families feel a part of the community in which they live. A center like this will help a child and the family thrive and be included in their own community of Richmond Hill.

I unequivocally support this application and urge the city to grant the application so that children and families can begin to access the crucial programs necessary to improve their daily lives.

Sincerely,
Mike Baldassarra
Resident of Richmond Hill since 1990
61 Westwood Lane

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