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To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>

Subject: File no: OPA-23-0003 - Objection to developer's application to build 9 35-42 storey condo buildings on Highway 7 & Leslie

Dear clerks of Richmond Hill,

Please accept below as my official objection to File no: OPA-23-0003 - Objection to developer's application to build 9 35-42 storey condo buildings on Highway 7 & Leslie which will be presented to the council on May 16 public meeting, thank you!

I stand before you today to express my deep concern about the proposed development of File# OPA-23-0003, 9 35-42 storey condo buildings on Highway 7 and Leslie Street. This development would have a significant impact on our community, and I am urging you to oppose this application.

One of the most significant concerns with this proposed development is the impact it would have on our community. With over 3,400 units proposed, the development would add thousands of new residents (14,000+) to the area, leading to increased demand for services such as healthcare, education, and recreational facilities. This would put a severe strain on our existing infrastructure and could lead to overcrowding, longer wait times, and decreased quality of life for residents.

Furthermore, the proposed development would have a significant impact on traffic in the area. The addition of thousands of new residents would increase the number of vehicles on the road, leading to congestion, longer commute times, and increased pollution on Highway 7 when it's already congested, even not during rush hours right now. This would not only impact the quality of life of residents in the area, but it would also have a ripple effect throughout the city.

It is essential to note that the proposed development is also out of character with the surrounding area. The area is currently zoned for mixed use: commercial and low-rise residential use, and the proposed 9 35-42 storey condo buildings would tower over the surrounding buildings, completely disrupting the aesthetic harmony of the area. This would not only be visually unappealing but could also impact property values for those living nearby.

Moreover, the proposed development would pose a significant threat to the safety of the residents in the area. With such a massive development, emergency services would struggle to respond to any incidents in a timely manner. Additionally, the building's height would increase the risk of fires and other hazards not to mention the Buttonville is still operating nearby.

Given these concerns, I urge you to oppose the developer's application to build 9 35-42 storey condo buildings on Highway 7 and Leslie Street. Instead, we should focus on promoting sustainable and responsible development that will benefit our community.

It is crucial that we prioritize the needs of our community and work towards preserving the character and integrity of our city. We need to ensure that any development is compatible with the existing landscape and infrastructure and Master Plan and that it will not negatively impact the quality of life of our residents.

In conclusion, I implore you to consider the long-term impact of this development and to put the needs of our community first. Let us work together to promote sustainable and responsible development that will benefit all of us. Thank you all for rejecting this application for the benefits of all residents in the City of Richmond Hill and nearby City of Markham & Vaughan.

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