

To: City Council Members

Re: **OPA-23-0003** Proposed Official Plan Amendment

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment currently under consideration. As a resident/commuter/patrons of this city, I believe that this amendment would have a detrimental impact on the community and should not be approved.

Specifically, I am concerned about the potential impact on our environment:

- Insufficient consultation with the community: as a resident/commuters, we have the right to know more about the development. As we have only received two 2- page document regarding this matter, it is deemed necessary to hold a public information meeting.
- Overcrowding: The proposed development is expected to create an overcrowded community characterized by an exceptionally high population density, which contradicts the green area recommendations.
- Increased traffic: The proposed development will result in increased traffic on already congested roads, Hwy 7, Leslie Avenue and the tiny East Beaver Creek. During the reconstruction of the Viva bus station located at the intersection of Hwy 7 & East Beaver Creek, the travel time between the north exit of Hwy 404 & Sheraton Parkway Hotel increased from the typical duration of 5 mins to close 30 mins.
- Infrastructure: The high density population resulting from the proposed development could put significant strain on local infrastructure and services, particularly with regards to transportation, other than private cars, given the only available option in the area is a Viva bus stop.
- Negative impact on environment: the construction of such a large development could have a negative impact on the environment, including air and noise pollution, and increasing energy consumption.
- Buttonville Airport: Given the continued operation of the nearby airport, will there be a potential safety risks associated with constructing a high-rise building.
- Fire hazardous: Are Fire stations in Richmond Hill have sufficient manpower and equipment to effectively respond to emergencies in high-rise buildings.

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