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**RE NOTICE OF OBJECTION:**

July 25, 2024

C/C Stephen M.A Huycke, City Clerk [clerks@richmondhill.ca](mailto:clerks@richmondhill.ca)  
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Good afternoon,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed designation of my home at 165 Richmond Street as a property of Cultural Heritage Value.

When my family and I purchased this house in 2016, we were informed that it was on an interest list but did not consider it significant as we were captivated by the neighborhood and envisioned raising our family here for many years. Since moving in, we have encountered numerous structural issues with the brickwork and porch. Without any guidance from the heritage committee, we undertook the restoration of these elements ourselves, ensuring that we maintained the original look and feel of the house. Specifically, we invested a considerable amount to rebuild the porch to preserve its structural integrity and historical appearance.

This year, we applied for renovations and meticulously designed our plans to comply with the limitations of the architecturally controlled area. We respected these constraints and adjusted our design to meet heritage and architectural standards. We have consistently made a concerted effort to preserve the historical attributes of the house and intend to continue doing so.

However, we strongly object to the formal heritage designation and will contest it through all available means. I have organized a petition, signed by my neighbors and other concerned constituents, supporting my objections to the designation. Additionally, I am consulting with heritage architects to challenge the heritage value and attributes associated with our home.

My family and I have invested significant time and resources into our house, with the expectation that it will appreciate over the years. We want to ensure that our home remains a valuable asset, both for ourselves and as an inheritance for our three children. The heritage designation threatens to lower the resale value of our property, undermining everything we have built and invested in.

I appeal to your compassion and understanding. Just as many of you have children or hope to leave a legacy for your families, I am doing everything I can to protect my investment and secure the future for my family. Please consider removing our home from the list of properties of interest and help us maintain our investment.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter in person with the council, along with my experts and the signed petition. I have also spoken with my councilor, Mr. Cuio, regarding this issue.

Please confirm receipt of this objection letter and advise on the next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Volpe', enclosed within a thin vertical rectangular border.

*Cathy Volpe*

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