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Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 2:28 PM

To: Clerks Richmondhill clerks@richmondhill.ca

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Development at 107 Hall Street in Richmond Hill

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the revised proposal for a 15-storey condominium at 107 Hall Street, which is scheduled for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on May 21, 2025. This development poses significant concerns for our community, and I urge you to reconsider its approval.

Firstly, the proposed height and density of this condominium are entirely out of character for our small, historic residential neighbourhood. The increase from 265 to 300 units and the height of 15 storeys represent an excessive scale that would drastically alter the community's aesthetic and livability. Our streets cannot accommodate the resulting increase in traffic, parking demand, and general congestion that will arise from such a large development, which will lead to a reduction in the quality of life for existing residents.

Moreover, the reliance on Hall Street as the sole access point for residents, visitors, and service vehicles will exacerbate traffic issues. Hall Street is a narrow residential road, and adding substantial vehicle movements from this high-density complex will pose safety risks to pedestrians and families in the vicinity. The proposed plans for 328 parking spaces, including only 18 visitor spaces, are simply inadequate for the anticipated population density, leading to overflow parking onto our residential streets.

Additionally, I am deeply concerned about the precedent this proposal sets for future developments in our area. Approving this project may encourage additional developments of similar scale in low-density residential districts, severely compromising the charm and heritage of Richmond Hill. Our community deserves growth that respects and enhances its historical character rather than undermines it.

As a resident of this neighbourhood, I believe that preserving its unique features is vital to maintaining the social fabric and heritage we cherish. The commitment to protect our community should take precedence over the interests of developers seeking to maximize profits at the expense of local residents.

I urge you and the members of the City Council to listen to the voices of the community and reject this development in its current form. I appreciate your attention

to this matter and hope that you will advocate for our neighbourhood's best interests during the upcoming meeting.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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