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From: Clerks@vaughan.ca
To: Jacquelyn Gillis

Subject: FW: [External] Proposed plan from RioCan Real Estate RE: Meeting Jan 17,

Date: Thursday, January 5, 2023 9:11:20 AM

From: MARY SCALISE < Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2023 4:54 PM

To: Service Vaughan - VOL <Service@vaughan.ca>; Clerks@vaughan.ca;

DevelopmentPlanning@vaughan.ca

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this email in regards to the proposed plan and permit to remove existing businesses and build on 3555 Hwy 7, Weston Rd, Colossus Drive and Famous Rd by Rio Can Real Estate. My family moved to Woodbridge in 1998 when a was still a teen. The only thing that was on Weston Rd. was a Drive In Theater and there were a few stores on Hwy 7. I then got married and bought my own home in Woodbridge. I loved the area and convenience of having stores and businesses so close by. I wanted to raise my children in a familiar area that was safe and quiet. Woodbridge has definitely become busier since 1998 with more businesses, homes and condos. The traffic congestion on Weston Rd and Hwy 7 has increased dramatically over the past years.

This proposal to remove all the businesses and replace them with condos is ridiculous! Not only will the traffic and congestion be unbearable but many people will lose their jobs, their livelihood. Many teens in the past and today rely on part time jobs at the local businesses. The close proximity to go to work after school is ideal for any young adult. We also have an ageing population in Woodbridge. These elderly citizens need to have local businesses nearby so that they can live independently and have easy access to basic needs. Many families left Toronto to get away from the traffic and chaos of the city for the suburbs and now City of Vaughan is thinking about bringing it to Vaughan. Let's not forget that crime is on the rise pretty much every where and if this proposed development goes through, crime will increase in Vaughan.

The Woodbridge community has been a safe and peaceful community for generations. Please keep that in mind for all our children and future generations to come.

Sincerely, Mary Scalise