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With regards to Public Meeting dated Tues. Jan 17/23 For RioCan Real Estate INV Trust, please accept the following comments below:

As a resident of Ward 3 in Vaughan for 34 years, I have never felt more moved to have my voice heard in the community as of now. For years, I have sat back quietly and observed the municipal government and developers change the landscape under residents' noses or as you like to say "grow the community" as condos starting appearing in the sky along Hwy 7.

I truly hope that as I write about my opinions and concerns about the proposed master plan for condo development requested by RioCan Real Estate INV Trust, that my voice actually matters, is heard, is considered and followed through to satisfy existing residents such as myself to continue to feel respected, included and a part of the community rather than being phased out by a village of five plus blocks worth of high rise condos where future potential people will live in boxes in the sky.

The reason why Ward 3, Woodbridge is such a desirable neighbourhood is because of its suburban nature, where people can have homes with a front & backyard, where parks and other greenspaces fill community blocks, where amenities, entertainment, retail and restaurants are a short drive away. And everywhere you go, if you look up, you see a bright blue sky. It is the very reason why the majority of homeowners chose to move away from city of Toronto, whether it was 30 years ago, 10 years ago or now. We have a blank slate to create a downtown from the ground up. Why copy Toronto? Learn from Toronto mistakes, don't repeat them!

For years, maybe even decades I've heard City of Vaughan municipal government campaign about reducing road congestion, about improving climate change and other environmental issues like pollution, garbage, etc..., yet here you are, imposing this massive high rise project which claims to be "growing Vaughan" but the only thing growing would be overpopulating the already populated community and the growing of monetary profits in the pockets of the developers and City of Vaughan. All, at the long term expense of current residents having to deal with the repercussions. I understand and I am not ignorant to the fact that yes, the land is valuable. With that being said, keep in mind, future development can be done more tastefully with a design plan where architecturally would reflect the status, standard, and reputation that took 30+ years to attain. Rows on rows of condo

blocks, like a self-contained community in of itself (as per drawing plan) is distasteful and would taint the area in all the wrong ways.

What you fail to acknowledge, or chose to ignore, is the other forms of growth a project of this scale and magnitude will bring, to list a few:

- overpopulation of people in ratio of amenities & services available which already service existing residents
- road congestion in an already congested area
- growth in garbage
- growth in crime
- growth in pollution
- growth of inadequate free parking spaces for ground level commercial (as observed by the already limited parking access to existing mixed use condos in the area)

Let's be honest-the development say "mixed-use" but realistically how many of the existing businesses will return? Personally, I have already noticed that I am being forced to travel more north to shop at commercial establishments that have already moved to another location.

With all that being said, it is safe to say that I am 100% opposed to this project set forth by RioCan Real Estate INV Trust. I am opposed to the request of high-rise residential units, I am opposed to the density, scale & quantity of towers potentially built within the designated area. Most importantly, I am opposed and deeply disappointed that you, City of Vaughan council, would even have let the request go this far as to reaching step two in your four step review process that this public meeting is even taking place.

I not only speak for myself but also my household members who share similar views and agree with my opposition of this project for all the reasons discussed above.(Vincenzo, Anna & Evelyn De Luca) Let their names be included in the decision as well. Also, let me be the voice of neighbours and countless seniors whose opinions are silenced because of their language barrier or lack of computer skills but deserve to be heard because they are part of this community, they have contributed economically to this community and are the pioneers of shaping this community to what and who we are today.

I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak with regards to this matter but I hope it doesn't go on deaf ears; that this public meeting is not a formality to get from one point to the next before shovels hit the ground as you say.

Your future actions with regards to this development will show me and residents if our voice and opinions truly matter. Remember, City of Vaughan is thriving because of the EXISTING people living here now- not future people. WE ARE THE NOW.

Regards,

Sabrina De Luca