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Dear Vaughan Council,
42, 000 homes in the City of Vaughan by 2031 is achievable if the City of Vaughan develops and implements a MISSING MIDDLE housing policy and action plan, prioritizes infill development (including brownfield opportunities), and prioritize infrastructure spending that will not encourage car-dependent sprawl. The Missing Middle takes advantage of the existing infrastructure. We do not need to build on the Greenbelt or the Oak Ridges Moraine. Save our Farms and Forests.

To get there, it's abundantly clear that the status quo approaches that have reigned supreme on housing for many years are no longer viable The City of Vaughan must build more Mixed Use Developments (shops or commercial establishments at the street level and residences on the floors above). I have provided pictures of such a development located on Hwy 7 and Kipling. There are so many single retail establishments in the City of Vaughan, that should have had residences built above to add affordable housing. Going forward, we must do better and be more creative in our planning!

Planners and our city government need to take a more aggressive approach to address the acute affordability and housing crises facing our city. We need to bring our city into the 21st century by removing exclusionary zoning. The only solution to meeting our housing target is not just the status quo of single-family units that promote car-dependent sprawl.

The citizens of Vaughan must have housing choices.

I urge the city of Vaughan to develop and implement a MISSING MIDDLE housing policy and to end Exclusionary Zoning.

Sincerely,
Angela Grella (Ward 3)

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