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Clerk at City of Vaughan, Members of Council:

Please find attached letter to Council members pertaining to Council Agenda Item Sept 26-23.

Mayor DelDuca  
RC Jackson  
RC Ferri  
LC DeFrancesca  
LC Martow

Sept 2023 -Partial Aerial View of Treeline at Southern Border of CCGC:



Be Well,

Julie DeCicco  
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September 25, 2023

TO: [Clerk@vaughan.ca](mailto:Clerk@vaughan.ca),

Members of Council – council@vaughan.ca

**RE : Redevelopment of Block 55NW – known as Copper Creek Golf Course lands**

**Files Z.22.029- 22.032 & 19T 22V06-22V09**

Dear: Mayor DelDuca, Regional Councillors Jackson & Ferri, Local Councillors Martow & DeFrancesca;

I am a long-time resident of Vaughan, since the mid 1970's, currently residing in Kleinburg, and as such am reaching out as one of a multitude of concerned members of our community who hold a deep appreciation for the environment as well as the welfare of our residents. As a collective, we are keenly aware of the role you, the elected officials play in shaping the future of our city and would like to request your support for all residents immediately abutting future residential developments.

Public Service as an elected representative can be a noble career. Having strong and empathetic advocates on the city council who take into account the concerns of the community you serve is vital for our collective prosperity. We value your role as an elected Public Servant.

The redevelopment of the CCGC lands under discussion transcends it being just a piece of valuable land; it serves as a lifeline for the local environment and its greenspaces that rely on your ability to protect it. The prospect of irresponsible development (focused only on profits) poses a substantial threat to the delicate equilibrium of our regional ecosystems. Such over-development can result in dire consequences, including habitat destruction, heightened pollution, disruption of wildlife migration patterns, and a loss of biodiversity. These issues can have long lasting and far-reaching repercussions for the well being of not only our community, but for future generations. Overreaching densities also impact every aspect of municipal and regional services.

It is essential to understand that in your role as an elected official, you represent the voice of all residents, not solely the interest of a specific developer who donates richly each campaign season as per the data that is readily available on public records.

Ontarians, including Vaughan residents are united in their determination to safeguard our Greenbelt, preserve our mature trees, forests, rivers, and to maintain our ecological environments. We also expect safe delivery of basic services such as water and adequate transportation corridors.

It is clear to all of us in this Province that the voice of the people is gaining strength. The consequences of not acknowledging this will impact everyone's future. Please understand this issue is not going to be ignored. For the younger generations, the future voters, the uppermost issue is sustainability. We elect our officials with the expectation that you will protect our interests, and we earnestly hope you will stand strong with us in our mission to safeguard our community standards. We implore you to endorse measures that prioritize the preservation of the Greenbelt, that guarantee the protection of the mature tree eco-corridor by leaving it in public ownership and serviced by a single loaded road, in order to allow all season municipal services to maintain it into perpetuity. We expect the delivery of all municipal and regional services to rely on triggers prior to development decisions or approvals.

Your decision must align with your elected responsibility to maintain and sustain our city. It is worth noting that you may put forth a desire to follow "staff recommendations", which on this re-development file significantly differs from comparable past developments bound by OP601 and VOP2010. Upholding the democratic principle, especially representing the voice of your constituents should be your guiding foundation.

It is evident that this specific applicant holds a significant influence over not only some elected members of this council but also over staff, who are influenced to submit reports contrary to past historical practices and without regard to policies in place.

Public outcry is not diminishing, and the consequences of ignoring the collective will of the people is well documented and will continue to have long reaching repercussions.

Your support for responsible regulated development that respects Vaughan's mission statement and values will leaving a lasting positive impact on our corner of the world. The time has arrived to seriously evaluate your position and implement the policies in place as enacted; OP48, OPA601, VOP2010 and all other governing municipal and regional policies.

Thank you for taking the time and making the personal decision to consider our collective viewpoint. Optimism springs eternal – we will be watching and look forward to your response which will be evidenced by your votes on this matter, in this moment and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Julie DeCicco