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To whom it may concern.

I am writing this letter regarding new proposal for 3300 Rutherford Development. All our neighborhood have consensus about new proposal which not resolving any problems that were raise by all members of our neighborhood last May 2023. In some degree this new proposal is even worse because it even eliminated road entrance/exit to Canada's Wonderland service road.

We decided new proposal at community meeting and everybody is strongly oppose this new proposal for many reasons that goes against urban planning goals and ideals (eg. NOT easing transportation throughout the city, NOT creating more community spaces, improving citizens' quality of life etc.). Development is very bad for already unbearable local traffic which already put majority of our neighbors at risk with most of the streets in our neighborhood without side-walks at all. It puts more stress on people, mental problems and on neighborhood as whole. We all agree that people who have lived in finished residential area with finished commercial plaza for more than 20 years has to be priority in the mind of City of Vaughan mayor and all councilors.

Moreover this directly affects below social determinants of health:

1. Education and literacy - adding more residential units will put additional stress on already overwhelmed and overcrowded schools in the area. as far as this proposal goes, there is no mentioning about adding new school in the area to address this issue.
2. Childhood experiences - not enough childcare and playgrounds in the area; children will be living not in the green and quiet residential area, rather it will be not safe d/t increased pollution, vehicle traffic, nosy environment for the children.

3. Physical environments - additional stress on the roads, increasing traffic, additional time spent to get to and from work which directly affects physical and mental well-being. increasing traffic (which is already a matter of great concern) will add risks for road accidents, noise that affects mental health on a daily basis.
4. Access to health services - eliminating current plaza with walk-in clinic, pharmacy will affect all neighbors who are currently using their services. a lot of older adults who cannot drive themselves to get to another location. many years of this clinic providing service and becoming a close and valued member of the neighborhood. this will definitely add additional stress on the health of the residents and also on the hospital's system, as we will end up using ED services more in case walk-in clinic will be closed. as we all know, increasing number of inappropriate ED visits and addressing the long wait times in ED can be addressed by maintaining walk-in clinics in the neighborhood, and not eliminating them. moreover, having medical services accessible to our neighborhood helps with preventative medicine which is imperative for everyone's health.
5. Employment and working conditions - a lot of jobs will be lost if local businesses will be closed at this location. at the times of economic distress this does not show support for local business, rather sending businesses and employers to the unemployment market and using a welfare system more than necessary.

We all agree that land at 3300 Rutherford Rd is simply unsuitable for this type of development due to its drastic negative impact on our neighborhood in every way, shape and form. We hope that City of Vaughan is in touch with this reality and our strong opposition to new proposal and will reject it.

Sincerely,
Anna Antsipovitch