C3.

Communication

CW(2) - June 18, 2024

Item No. 23

From: <u>Clerks@vaughan.ca</u>
To: <u>Assunta Ferrante</u>

Subject: FW: [External] Proposed Bylaw to Restrict Demonstrations near Religious Institutions and Other Community

ocations

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 12:35:13 PM

From: Zachary Dulberg

Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 12:16 PM **To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca; Council@vaughan.ca

Subject: [External] Proposed Bylaw to Restrict Demonstrations near Religious Institutions and Other

Community Locations

CAUTION! This is an external email. Verify the sender's email address and carefully examine any links or attachments before clicking. If you believe this may be a phishing email, please use the Phish Alert Button.

To the members of council and the city clerk:

I am a family doctor from Vaughan, and I would like to send my strong support for this proposed bylaw which is essential for protecting our community.

I would call attention to one important gap, which is revealed in <u>this linked video</u>, in which community members are harassed and intimidated *outside their own homes*.

The current list of vulnerable social infrastructure includes "a Childcare Centre, a Congregate Care Facility, a Hospital, a School, or a Place of Worship." This leaves open the opportunity to bring nuisance protests straight into residential areas, a tactic already being used as seen in the video.

A person's dwelling is in fact the *most* vulnerable social infrastructure, because a home should be the point of maximum safety for families and community members. Imagine your children could not leave the house because hateful protests aiming to intimidate them and their family were allowed to proceed outside the front door?

For this reason, I would add *residential areas* to the bill somehow. I do not have the legal expertise to know how to put this in. But I do believe it must be added and that we are going to see this tactic used more and more if it is not.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Zack

Zack Dulberg, MD Neuroscience PhD candidate Princeton University