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Hello,

During the May 22, 2024 Council meeting, Vaughan Council unanimously passed Mayor Del Duca's [Member's Resolution](#) that led to City staff developing a by-law aimed at protecting Vaughan's places of worship, schools, childcare facilities, and hospital from protests that intimidate, or incite hatred, intolerance, and violence.

This proposed by-law will be presented to the City Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for June 18th, 2024.

This by-law is essential to stem the growing threat of hateful protestors targeting the Jewish community with vicious demonstrations, including two synagogues in Thornhill, all of which are brazen acts of Jew hatred. This is happening in the context of rising hate crimes targeting Jewish residents across the GTA. No one—from any community—should be targeted for hate outside their house of worship, community centre or school when participating in community life.

I urge Council to pass this bylaw swiftly and hope that this will encourage other municipalities and provincial governments to follow the City of Vaughan's example of leadership.

Sincerely,

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