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I am very pleased to hear that the Vaughan Council unanimously passed Mayor Del Duca's member's resolution to develop a by-law aimed at protecting Vaughan's places of worship, schools, childcare facilities and hospitals from protests that intimidate, or incite hatred, intolerance and violence. I have been a resident of Vaughan for the past 33 years and always felt safe in my community, until March when I witnessed the masked protesters on Clark Avenue.

Having read the proposed by-law, I would like to see that the protests are unequivocally not permitted within 100 meters of these institutions. I would also like to see that the protesters would not be permitted on residential streets or be permitted to block roadways. On vital thoroughfares in Toronto, in residential neighbourhoods, and at the U of T encampments, I have seen supposedly "peaceful" protests embody menacing, intimidating and malicious rhetoric, yet be fully condoned. Cynically it seems as if the very core values of democracy are being corrupted to propagate hate.

I thank-you for your leadership and initiative in addressing this significant issue and I look forward to the implementation of this by-law.

Sincerely,

Shari Braham