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I am writing to thank you.

I understand that during the May 22, 2024 Council meeting, Vaughan Council unanimously passed Mayor Del Duca's [Member's Resolution](#), which directs City staff to develop 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 and that City staff have since developed the proposed by-law, which will be presented to City Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for June 18th, 2024.

In recent weeks, we have seen hateful protestors target the Jewish community with vicious demonstrations, including most recently at two synagogues in Thornhill. These acts of Jew hatred and intimidation cannot be allowed to continue, which is why we have called on authorities to ban protests from taking place in close proximity to community institutions.

As the Mayor was quoted, "Enough is enough, what we have seen is not peaceful. It is not respectful. And it does not reflect our values. The right to protest is fundamental to what it means to be Canadian. But this right is not unlimited."

I applaud you and the town council for your strong leadership in combating hate and antisemitism.

Thank you, we really appreciate your attention to this urgently needed policy and I hope it comes to council and gets passed at the next meeting.

Stephen Wise
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