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Dear Councillor DeFrancesca and fellow Councillor members

My name is Christina Chiefalo, resident of Ward 3, living at Pine Valley and Teston Road, in the Pine Valley Estates.

Along with many other members of my community, it has come to our attention that the above-noted two (2) applications are being considered by City Council. The applications seek to build two (2) condominium buildings, within a residential subdivision.

I write to you first and foremost, to voice my opposition to these applications. I understand that several neighbors within my community and in nearby effected areas, have done so as well.

I moved to the Vaughan area when I married nearly 22 years ago, first at the Rutherford and Weston area and within the past 2.5 years in the Pine Valley Estates.

Our previous area was extremely congested with ramps to the highway on either side of the subdivision and traffic constantly cutting through. This lead us to the decision to move but still stay in the area to allow my kids to remain in their schools. We have enjoyed the more quiet and calm area but afraid with the new proposal that it may end up being as hectic as the

previous neighbour hood which we don't want to happen again.

Below I have provided some legal context that a fellow community member, Jonathan Piccin has addressed which I agree with as well as to why City Council should decline to accept these applications:

- a. The applications require an OP amendment. This should not be taken lightly, considering the City has spent countless hours and millions of dollars creating said OP. While I have not reviewed the current OP, I cannot imagine that same outlines high-density residential condominiums to be built within residential subdivisions, on arterial roads, which have no way of handling the traffic that comes from the increased density;
- b. I have lived in Vaughan for almost 22 years. I cannot think of any areas of the City, where a residential condo has been built within a residential single-family subdivision. Accordingly, allowing this application would set a disastrous precedent for Vaughan in the future;
- c. Traffic is already bad enough as it is on Pine Valley. While the Teston road expansion had eased some of this, the fact remains that hundreds of future houses are planned to be built on Teston, both east and west of Pine Valley. The practical reality is that condominiums would add density to a level whereby the current roadway infrastructure simply will not be able to handle the same
- d. The development that had occurred in the area over the last few years (Goldpark; Lindvest; Countrywide; Mosaik), along with future development on Teston (Greenpark) was always advertised to be single-family homes and certain limited townhomes. The developers in the area, specifically Countrywide, have never advertised to consumers their intent to sneak in the back door and build 450+ condominium units. In my opinion, this amounts to false advertising and manipulative business practices, which Council should consider. Hundreds of citizens purchased homes, in this area, anticipating the area to be filled with single-family homes. If this application proceeds, not only is this promise broken, but undoubtedly other developers will follow suit, and council will not be able to prevent this area from being littered with condominiums;
- e. Practically speaking, a condominium in this area makes no sense. The current OP allows for high density (i.e. Condominiums) to be built near by major intersections, on major roads, and ideally close-by public services (i.e buses; shopping centers; etc).

None of those conditions exist in our area.

I ask that you consider all of the above, and decline to pass the above-noted Applications. I ask that you and the other council members to please take note of these concerns, along with what I imagine is a high level of opposition from other members of your Ward.

Thank you for your time Christina Chiefalo