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Special Committee of the Whole
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To Whom It May Concern,

As concerned citizens of Vaughan, we are quite disheartened to hear that our provincial government has been issuing Ministerial Zoning Orders to bypass normal planning processes and therefore silencing our democratic right to ask for an appeal. Back in early March of this year, an extraordinarily large group of concerned citizens descended on Vaughan City Hall and demanded that an Interim Control By-law be granted to allow further and more complete impact studies of the proposed development of the Board of Trade lands. By bypassing the normal planning processes, saying that these development projects are needed to help the economy recover from the COVID-19 pandemic is ingenuous. City Council needs to step up and flatly reject the possibility of an MZO for the BOTGC.

We continue to demand openness and transparency from our members of City Council. Do not use the current circumstances of Covid-19 to trample our democratic right to appeal decisions that will greatly affect our community in the years to come. Do not allow the province's short-sightedness and its propensity to bend down to the whims of high-heeled developers drag you down this environmentally toxic path. If City Council allows the rezoning of the BOTGC under the umbrella of a MZO, it would be yet another example of backroom dealings and political underhandedness. Our rights to be part of the planning process and to play a key role in assessing how the proposed Board of Trade Development application will impact our community must be protected. Once again, we need transparency, openness, accountability, and integrity in our elected officials. The residents of Vaughan have the right to be heard.

Sincerely,

Rose and Frank Troina