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Subject: [External] June 16 Committee of the Whole Addendum Item 32 Motion to Approve Ministerial Zoning Order

Good day Mr. Coles

Please place this communications as it relates to the agenda item for tomorrow's meeting.

Mayor Bevilacqua

I am formally and respectfully requesting that you remove your motion to approve a request for a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) for Block 41.

https://pub-vaughan.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=36470

While MZOs are considered to be undemocratic and an abuse of the planning process, it is further disingenuous for any member of council to bring a motion for an

MZO as an addendum item and further cutting the public out of the process.

It is astonishing to see that most requests from the development sector are promptly acted on without delay at the expense of the public's rights to participate while residents group's requests wait forever.

The Block 41 development should follow the legal planning process just as other developments have in the past. I urge you not to follow into the undemocratic practice that the provincial government has chosen to follow by handing out MZOs to developers which has the effect of undermining the public's right to participate in the planning of our city.

Recently the province has issued MZOs to developers as if they were handing out candy. I remind you that proceeding with this motion will make you and Vaughan Council complicit with the province's abuse of the planning process.

It is incredibly disturbing that residents have to fight now for the right to be heard. Your motion is an act of bad faith, please remove it.

Regards Richard T. Lorello