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Subject: [External] regarding the proposed development on Steeles Avenue

Dear Mr. Coles,

I am writing with grave concerns about the proposed development on the north side of Steeles between Yonge and Hilda.

It is shocking to me that Council would entertain the construction of a development on such an absurd scale without seeking comprehensive feedback from the community. This development will permanently alter life in Thornhill, and it is troubling that our very own public servants want to push this through with such aggressive zeal during this unprecedented pandemic.

Thornhill is our neighbourhood and our community, and our public servants are there to serve the needs of the community - and not the developers who stand to reap massive financial rewards at our expense. All without providing anything of real value back to our community.

I am aware of no studies measuring how this massive development would impact our hospitals, our roads, our libraries, our community centres, our schools, our parks, and our social services. It is clear that this development will do nothing but drain our resources and cause serious deterioration of our quality of life in Thornhill. It is incomprehensible that that Council is so keen to release developers from all regular obligations to build infrastructure to support such a massive development unlike what happened at VMC or even Promenade.

I understand that the City of Toronto has started to raise concerns about this development, and frankly, the fact that Vaughan would even entertain such a preposterous density and scale here is an embarrassment and affront to residents of Thornhill.

I sincerely hope our City will not trash their own approved planning guidelines, and scorn the will of the residents who pay their salaries.

Many area residents are only now learning of the extent of these developers plans to put up condo towers that you would only find downtown in areas with much superior infrastructure. I have no doubt that as more members of the community learn about these plans there will be mounting outrage.

We fully support development and intensification, but not at levels that flout all expert planning standards.

I urge you to put the brakes to this project until full community consultation can take place and more objective research is available on exactly how these projects will impact our roads, schools, parks, libraries, community centres, hospitals, and all other services and infrastructure.

Thank you for your time,

Suri Rosen