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Subject: [External] Proposed Development for 72 STEELES AVE WEST & 7040 YONGE STREET

Dear Mr. Coles,

Please register my objection to the subject proposed development plan because:

- Two of the four towers (38 and 44 storeys high) take up 3/4 of the central
 green space designated as a public park in the Yonge-Steeles Corridor
 Secondary Plan, to be used instead as a privately-owned publicly accessible
 space. No buildings should be built on that designated park
 space. Humbold has essentially appropriated public park space for its
 private use.
- Due to the excessive height and number of buildings, in addition to the 3
 adjacent Gupta buildings to the south (from 50 to 65 storeys), the remaining
 one-quarter internal green space will be <u>shadowed for most of the day</u>,
 <u>throughout the year</u>, as well as the surrounding residential
 neighbourhoods to the north and east.
- The developer only proposes to build interim private roads that are half of the required right of way for the extensions of Powell Road to the north and Royal Palm Drive to the west. Since the 7080 Yonge proposal would build the full 23m width Royal Palm from Yonge Street along the northern edge of

- Humbold's property, Humbold must pay for its share of the Royal Palm extension to the western end of its property, at the full width, not a private interim road.
- The proposed population density for the four buildings would result in this
 development, at 1,995 persons per hectare, being the new, third densest
 population per hectare anywhere in the GTA. Council's approval should only
 be given along with Local Planning Appeal Tribunal resolution of the
 Secondary Plan and the recommendations of the Vaughan-Yonge Centre
 Working Group to create an integrated neighbourhood in this area.
- There is no provision for office space in any of the towers facing Yonge Street or Steeles Avenue to justify the density allowed beyond 4.5 Floor Space Index in the Secondary Plan. This only perpetuates Vaughan as a "bedroom community", without adding any economic value or employment opportunities for its residents.
- There is very little integration or connection with adjacent proposals (2 Steeles/7028 Yonge and 7040 Yonge). This proposal must be considered together with the other area proposals to take into account the combined impact on population, traffic, community and social services and facilities, and other factors. As the Secondary Plan for the area, which Council approved in 2010, is currently under appeal with the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT), this proposal (and all others in the area) must not be approved until the Secondary Plan appeal is resolved.
- Regardless of the number and heights of the buildings, they should not be constructed until after the Yonge Steeles Subway station.

Please keep me informed of any actions Council may take on these proposals.

Thank you

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