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From: JAMES MAYNARD Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 12:22 PM To: Clerks@vaughan.ca; Council@vaughan.ca Subject: [External] Highway 413

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am requesting that members of Council reaffirm their motion and vote yes to ratify opposition to the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413.

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This Highway will not benefit Vaughan, contrary to the misinformation that has been given to the public.

The <u>expert advisory panel report</u> which led to the cancellation of this highway in 2018 outlined a number of reasons that the Highway is not a good option to move people in the GTA West Region. This report is still relevant.

Mississauga, Brampton, Halton Region and Orangeville have all chosen to oppose Highway 413. Thank you to Councillors lafrete, Carella, DeFrancesca, Racco and Shefman for their opposition to Highway 413.

I implore the Mayor and Regional Councillors to do the same.

I feel that we are at a pivotal moment in Vaughan's history, as we deal with big decisions related to the long term future of Vaughan. If we allow the paving over of more of the City, there is no going back. For generations to come, we will regret the preservation of vitally important green space. We need to protect the best farmland in Canada. We also need to recognize that as the population of Vaughan increases, green space will be cherished more than ever.

Please, vote for a future which protects these lands.

Thank you,

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