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**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca **Cc:** Council@vaughan.ca

Subject: [External] Council Meeting March 10, 2021 (#7, Item 12) GTA Highway 413

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As a resident of Vaughan, I want to thank and applaud Councillors Iafrete, Carella, DeFrancesca, Racco and Shefman for taking a stand and opposing Highway 413 last week. Today, I write to ask that members of Council reaffirm their motion tomorrow and vote yes to ratify opposition to the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413.

The benefits of this Highway are questionable, at best. It would be a far better use of taxpayers' dollars in the short and long-term to invest in transit-oriented development at GO train, subway and bus rapid transit stations. This investment would have long-term payoffs in concentrated economic and residential development as well as reduced GHG emissions.

If freight transportation congestion is a concern then, I would encourage you to ask the Minister of Transportation and the Minister Without Portfolio to respectively consider designating truck-only lanes on Highways 400 and 407.

Please do the right thing and follow the lead of municipalities like Mississauga, Brampton, Orangeville, and more. End your support for the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Jean-François Obregón Laurel Valley Court, Concord, ON,

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