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

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I would like to thank Councillors Iafrete, Carella, DeFrancesca, Racco and Shefman for their opposition to Highway 413.

The Mayor asked what had changed since the time Council voted unanimously to support the Highway. It's very simple, awareness. Thanks to the ongoing media coverage, citizens have become aware of the detrimental impacts of this project and the people it is actually meant to benefit.

Citizens that are not typically vocal or environmental advocates are angry, getting organized and starting to push back against the Provincial Government and this Council. This push back will continue. These are educated, well off, and well connected citizens that are not used to being told they can't get something done.

I was waiting to see if the Mayor would attempt to sell this project to the public. If it is such a benefit to Vaughan, would we not expect to see the Mayor speak up publically to defend it, speak to its virtues and counter Bonnie Crombie's resistance to it. The fact that he did not do this is very telling. I have no doubt the Mayor has been lobbying Ward Councillors to change their position behind the scene. What he hasn't done in public is very telling.

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

Thank you,

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