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Committee of Adjustment
City of Vaughan
2414 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1P7

Reference: Minor Variance Application A148/20
Louise and Steve Cohen
34 Franmore Circle, Thornhill ON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We wish to express our opposition to the granting of a Variance Application (A148/20) which has been presented by the City of Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cohen of 34 Franmore Circle in Thornhill.

We are one of the original property owners to have joined the beautiful Spring Farm Community in 1985. Franmore Circle was and is the most attractive piece of real estate in the development and we, along with our neighbours, paid a premium in order to enjoy the deeper lots that were only available on Franmore Circle.

Every one of these property owners worked closely to respect and enjoy the extra green space that was available and we have fond memories of our children playing with the neighbour's children when we shared back gardens. It was only when a few neighbours decided to install swimming pools that we worked **together** to build fences that were all within the prescribed law.

We were proud to be a cohesive group of citizens who were dedicated to community through education, leadership and pastoral support where required. Even today, while many of the original owners have moved on, the abiding respect for our neighbours has continued unabated. We were indeed pleased to welcome the Cohen's to our neighbourhood and have had no objection to their decision to build a swimming pool which is completely their right to do as long as appropriate permits were issued.

We do believe that to proceed further with the construction of a building or extension, as detailed in the variance application documents, will affect the community in several ways. We believe that the green space that their neighbours currently enjoy will be greatly obstructed and we further believe that property values will be negatively affected. Further, if the City accepts this proposed variance it will set a precedent that will have a terribly negative effect on the community.

It is incumbent upon every property owner to exhibit good will, good manners and to avoid acts of pride greed and cruelty. Many property owners in Thornhill adhere to a strict Orthodox code of conduct in accordance with religious law and they deal with the modesty issue in less obtrusive manners to protect their privacy, and in so doing still remain good neighbours.

Sincerely,

