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Good afternoon Mayor and Councillors,

I have been a resident of Weston Downs since 1996. Needless to say that I have seen all the changes that have come to the City of Vaughan, both good and bad. Unfortunately, the application at 4101 Rutherford Rd., in my opinion, would have to fall in the category of the bad.

Aside from all the exceptions that this landowner is requesting, I find it unconscionable that the City staff would provide a favourable report regarding this application.

The park that abuts this proposal, and I don't use the word "abuts" lightly since the landowner is asking for a variance to allow zero clearance to the property line. My adult children are avid tennis players and when they were young, competed in tennis tournaments and used the tennis courts daily. They, to this day, continue to use the courts. This monstrosity of a building will now cast shadows on the tennis courts, as well as the open space in the park. City planners have indicated that the difference between a four storey building to a six storey building is a "subtle" change. This again reiterates the ongoing problem with the planners for the City of Vaughan wherein they continue to be "textbook" planners and not take into account the importance of maintaining the character of established communities.

Do you feel it is appropriate for the residents of Vaughan to lose their sunshine in order that a developer can fill his pockets deeper?

Thank you Lisa Durante Babak Blvd, Vaughan, ON