

Mizrahi Constantine Deputation OP.20.002 - July 13, 2020

Mayor Bevelaqua, Council Members, Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen

My name is Pamela Taraday-Levy and I am a resident of Vaughan, Thornhill.

I'm not going to repeat much of what I said earlier about the concerns, resident input or suggestions for improvement. I just really want you to know and understand that we, the residents, development companies, Council members and staff have a rare opportunity, through all the deputations given tonight, to tap into an invaluable resource, the residents—your constituents.

They have been open to sharing with you the world in which they and their families wish to live and who better to share information than the people involved.

It is imperative for all parties to be in partners at the table and that should mean in all dealings, including the mediation that is now taking place.

I ask that you seriously consider the implications of accepting this proposal in light of the very real fact that, through mediation and LPAT decisions, there will be substantial changes to sections of VOP 2010. Please don't waste the City's Planning Staff's time analyzing and reporting on these proposals when we know the scope is going to change and all their work will be for naught. It is a waste of time, money and valuable resources.

You have a golden opportunity that will never again happen in our lifetime – building a world class, cohesive neighbourhood in southern Vaughan that will draw residents and businesses from all over.

I am again asking that both Council and the developers listen hard to the people who live and work in this area.

I leave you with your own words from June 30, 2020 and I quote.

“our objective is to develop a world class city that encompasses good urban design and public spaces that foster community well-being...that remains top of mind.”

Please listen to those who will live with your decision.