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To Todd Coles,

I want to voice my opposition to the developments at Yonge and Steeles as they currently stand. The buildings are much too tall for this area. The condos and buildings on the east side of Yonge Street, north of Steeles, are already quite tall, but the proposed developments for Yonge and Steeles will be much taller than those. This is not downtown, where there are many very tall buildings in clusters that are not near residential homes. The buildings will dwarf everything in the area, bring a lot of traffic to the area, put a strain on the electrical grid and wastewater system, and stand out as eyesores compared to the other buildings in the area. Parts of the development that are 20 storeys and below are reasonable given what is already in the area, but the taller buildings (50 storeys plus) are just too extreme.

We need development to make better use of the area, provide affordable homes so young families can send their children to the schools in the area, and make it feasible for mass transit. But we need responsible development that considers the community and resources available. Yonge and Steeles already has a traffic issue, and has often been voted the worst intersection due to the road quality and number of accidents. Adding so many buildings and so many storeys will make it worse.

Please oppose these developments for the sake of the people in your community. Mr. Bevilacqua, please remember that we are part of Vaughan, although we are far removed from the areas of Vaughan that get your attention. Yonge and Steeles is not just a corridor for the future subway. It's where people live and shop and work. It's not downtown Toronto or downtown Vaughan.

David Gargaro