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Dear Vaughan Council,

I am writing to ask Council not to support or endorse the private ROPA request from developers. I am specifically referring to the Committee of the Whole item no. 9 "Response To York Region's Request For Comments On Regional Official Plan Amendment 7" scheduled for June 22, 2021. I have already submitted my comments to York Region in favour of these lands' "Agricultural" designation as well as informed media outlets about this agenda item on June 22, 2021.

Vaughan is in an enviable position regarding its natural heritage and its position to protect it. Opening the door for development on Greenbelt-protected to be developed further erodes the intention of the legislation that exists to protect it. Instead, Council should be requesting action on what can be done to strengthen the biodiversity that already exists in the city's natural heritage. Not re-designating Greenbelt Fingers and Greenbelt Corridors to facilitate more low-rise residential development.

By supporting this council item, Council is discrediting its efforts to intensify development in the City of Vaughan. Over time, it is costlier to service low-rise residential areas than mid or high-density ones. I encourage you to continue prioritizing reasonable intensification efforts as opposed to supporting re-designating these lands from "Agricultural" to "Rural".

Protecting natural heritage does not just give us cleaner air, but it has economic benefits. It provides mental health benefits, which over time would mean less visits to Vaughan hospital; and, encourages local tourism and spending. There is increasing international, national and provincial interest in financing the conservation of natural heritage/green spaces/biodiversity. The recent G7 communiqué expresses support for private finance to play a role in this. The City of Vaughan should look at Greenbelt Fingers and Greenbelt Corridors as financial assets as well as natural ones, not liabilities.

While I can imagine that support for this item is not unanimous on Council, I hope that the majority

of you do not vote in favour of this item.

Thank you,

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