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ITEM NO. 3

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(PUBLIC MEETING)**

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From: Paula Krystina [REDACTED]
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To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Opposition to Highrise Proposal at 5390 Steeles Avenue West

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a homeowner in Woodbridge Park I am strongly opposed to the both the official plan amendment file OP.21.012 and the zoning by-law amendment file Z.21.019, which includes the construction of two proposed structures, most notably a 25 story high rise building at 5390 Steeles Ave. West.

First and foremost, the construction of these buildings will cause unnecessary congestion throughout the community. This townhouse complex only has one road in and out, and the streets are narrower than the current standard to accommodate the parking bays. Roads should be able to safely accommodate all users, which it already cannot do even before these proposed buildings are added. The addition of a high-rise building would greatly compound this already concerning problem.

The complex shares the end part of Gihon Spring with Woodbridge Vista Care Community. This area is already quite congested; the road is very short and the set of lights is also short, as well as very poorly timed. Already without the proposed apartment building, waiting for the light to change can cause cars to back up during busy hours. Adding hundreds of homes and vehicles will compound the problem largely and become even more challenging for me and the other homeowners in this complex to attend to my daily tasks including going to and from work. It also can cause obstructions to the Woodbridge Vista Care Community building, both in terms of their view and access. The extra traffic and congestion would make it harder for visitors and emergency services to access it.

In addition, there are many children in the area who play outside and increasing traffic increases the risk to these children greatly. Not to mention that this building is directly beside the park where they all play, also creating safety issues.

Specific to the apartment building proposed, 25 stories is just far too excessive. The height of the proposed building destroys my view that I paid a lot of money for. I did not invest this money to stare out my window and see the giant side of a building, as my townhouse windows face towards the park and proposed area. It would also block out the sun completely, which again is a detriment to myself and my home (my greenspace and plants).

Ultimately, allowing a by-law amendment which permits the building of high-rises will only pave the way for more high-rise buildings to be developed in the neighbourhood which creates traffic and congestion, which impacts community safety and creates a strain on our infrastructure and resources.

Thank you for your time,

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