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**To:** Todd Coles <Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca>; Mayor and Members of Council  
<MayorandMembersofCouncil@vaughan.ca>

**Subject:** [External] Rejection of Weston/Retreat Ozner high rise

Hello,

I am a concerned resident who lives in close proximity to the proposed high-rise development at Weston Road and Retreat Boulevard. I have lived in this area for 11 years and I was very disappointed to learn of this proposal to re-zone from low-rise to high-rise. The quality of life concerning the existing residents should take precedence over maximizing the profits of any land developer.

A high-rise development in this area would not only be an unwelcome eye sore, it would also contribute to hazards in and around this small plot of land, such as greatly increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic congestion. The immediate area, not to mention the width of the side streets surrounding it, are inadequate for what is proposed. Weston Road is already busy enough and will become even busier with more air pollution and encroachment on local wildlife once the Canada Drive/America Avenue bridge is completed. A high-rise building at Weston and Retreat would look very much out of place and would diminish the enjoyment of property for existing low-rise homeowners. Views from their properties and the amount of sunlight would be adversely affected because this building would be far too close to surrounding homes. This plot of land was zoned as low-rise for good reason. It was never designed to accommodate such a large building. Please do not let the land developer fool you into believing otherwise by how rosy they make things appear on paper.

Vaughan City Council must recognize that it is their primary responsibility to safeguard, respect and put the interests of its citizens before any land developer, especially when so many have already voiced their concerns against this development and have come together to sign petitions. Ontario is a very large province. There are countless other places to build high-rise buildings with much larger lots which would not encroach on surrounding communities as much as this development will. Vaughan doesn't have much land left to develop, hence City Council must approach all proposed land developments with much deliberation and caution. In this case, it is crystal clear. The people have spoken. They do not want this development to move forward. Please do the right thing and put a stop to this proposal once and for all.

Feel free to contact me if you wish. I will come speak in person if necessary to voice my opposition to this plan.

Thank you,

Mark Haljaste

