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Thornhill Woods

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This purpose of this letter is to bring attention the City of Vaughan councillors and the Mayor to the upcoming situation in the Thornhill Woods area. Please understand and pay attention that all residents of the Thornhill Woods are against building high-rise buildings and the gated community in our area. Hope our opinion is matter to you and it will be considered.

However the latest meetings on March 27 and April 4, 2018 showed completely opposite – the councillors expressed full support to the plan of Jaffari Village Development. The organization of these meetings was unacceptable. Was it organized on purpose during the working hours so that the working residents of Thornhill Woods (TW) won't be able to come?

Can I please remind you that you were elected by the residents to represent their interests and support them in order their living conditions are constantly improving. Also would like to remind you that you are PUBLIC servants and are getting paid using taxes paid by residents. We are working really hard to make money to support our families and pay property taxes. And we don't mind to pay taxes in case our money is used wisely and not for making some decision that we are completely disagree on.

How come from another side – people who represent Jaffari community – were brought there by buses and we, the residents, couldn't even find the parking. Doesn't it look like discrimination against the people who elected you?

Just a few points that we would like to get the answers on or more details to be provided:

1. When this land was purchased it was clearly written that the only buildings like schools, fitness, etc. are allowed to be built in the considered area. Why is the re-zoning even considered? Why is it with such a high density? Why the re-zoning from publicly used buildings to the high-rise residential?
2. Where are 3 promised exits from this development? Just a lot of talking but the 3rd entrance on Apple Blossom is still closed. Who has investigated from the safety point of view that 3 exits are enough? Even now during the high holidays the cars are all over the TW area especially on the Ner Israel and Knightshade Drive. Don't you think that it's inconvenient for residents and not safe for driving?
3. The speech of the Mr. Jason Schmidt-Shoukri was very unprofessional. What does it mean the traffic is everywhere? Is it an excuse? So let's make it even worse??? Does he have professional designation that he can express his opinion about planning the city? Can you please disclose his education. Whatever he was saying during the meeting

that the traffic is permissible is unacceptable and his professionalism is questionable. Is he a professional engineer of Ontario? His opinion is very questionable.

4. Has anybody investigated if the schools at TW can accept more students? Please send me the report. Good quality education and safety at schools should be your priority.
5. Has anybody thought of the decreasing value of the full area of TW due to high density and traffic? Why do people who bought their houses 10-15 years ago have to suffer? Please explain the reason.
6. Regarding cutting the trees to build townhouses - rental ??? – the world is going GREEN. The Provincial Government put aside funds to get Ontario green. And the City of Vaughan made a decision to cut the trees – how does it make sense? Do you know how many years are required to grow one tree?
7. Originally 775 parking spots were planned for this side of mosque-this is standard (planning department explained to us 5 years ago) with the only mosque in place. With the current proposal total parking spots are $663+144+31=838$ including parking garage and outside. The total additional parking proposed 63. How would you explain that small amount of parking spots added in the situation when 2 high-rise buildings, school, townhouses (visitors) will be constructed. It's obvious that parking on the streets of TW will be used especially during high holidays.

Looks like that the councillors and the Mayor of our city are elected to make our life miserable. Do you have any hope to be re-elected in case the decision is positive?

The meetings had to be organized during the evening time with the residents and to reconcile our opinions to make final decision. And this decision had to be brought to the meetings by our councillor to defend our interests and present it during the last 2 meetings instead of showing full support to the Jaffari Development.

Just to let you know that the residents of TW and surrounding area are working on organizing the march (5,000-10,000 people will be involved) to show that we are united against Jaffari Development that will deteriorate the life quality for us and our children. We are not going to be silent – and will start expressing our opinion publicly using TV, radio and newspapers.

It's imperative to get all the answers to the questions above straight and not justifying by existing procedures. If the procedures are not good for people it means that the procedures have to be improved or updated.

Appreciate your attention to the above matter.
Thank you.

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