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Subject: Upcoming Decision on Weston Downs Traffic Study

Dear Mr. Clerk and Members of Council,

I am in receipt of the staff report coming before Council on November 1st, 2016 at 1pm. I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with many of the recommendations and my distrust of the public consultation process by the City of Vaughan with regards to the Weston Downs Traffic Study community consultation.

My first concern has to do with why this meeting is taking place during the day when all other consultations took place in the evenings when people could attend outside of working hours. To have this meeting when most of the public is unable to attend suggests a lack of respect for community citizens and a lack of interest in hearing their input.

Secondly, the staff report indicates that there was "no short-term preferred technical solution and a lack of consensus within the community" and therefore none of the solutions considered by the community would be implemented. This is factually incorrect and a disrespect of the public consultation process. Table 4 in the staff report indicates that 30% of respondents preferred the Regional Road Turning Restrictions and an additional 22% of respondents preferred Regional Road Turning Restrictions with a permit. This indicates that at least 52% of the community prefer Regional Road Turning Restrictions. To ignore this fact, indicates that you don't care about the community's input. Furthermore, to expect a consensus is ridiculous. We live in a democracy where majority rules. If a consensus was expected in municipal elections, none of you would have been elected.

I appeal to you to consider the community's input and demand that you implement Regional Road Turning Restrictions. Should you choose to move forward with the staff recommendation and not implement the Regional Road Turning Restrictions, I can tell you without a doubt, that come the next municipal election, this issue will be of primary concern and at the forefront of the campaign and I will be sure to support any candidate that respects the wishes of the majority of the community which is to implement Regional Road Turning Restrictions. Make a wise choice and vote to support the implementation of Regional Road Turning Restrictions to address the traffic infiltration problem in Weston Downs.

Respectfully,

Diana Ruberto