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My name is Gagan Nijjar. I live at 1 Princess Isabella Court and strongly object the proposal to build townhomes behind my home. As a law and society student, we are constantly taught to examine our day to day relations with the law in regards to our surroundings.

I'm currently taking a class called perspectives on human nature. What I've learned is that it is in our nature as human beings to adapt, and persevere. We are exceptional beings when we work together towards a common goal. I've also learned that we are greedy, narcissistic, money mongering creatures as well. As Karl Marx once said, commodity is something created by human labour. Commodity fetishism is our attachment to these products. Money was created by humans and we have seemingly become obsessed with it.

It seems that builders and companies alike wish to not leave a stone unturned now a days. Every square inch of land is no longer off limits rather, it's a commodity and a resource to make money off of. Let us not forget our past. The First Nations people treated the land as their deity and had a special spiritual connection to it, which has seemingly dematerialized. It is really sad to see the state of what we have become and the founders of these lands would be ashamed.

I feel that the proposed plan would be a gross detriment to our rights as homeowners if brought into fruition. The constant manufacturing, beating and filling of a ditch for the sole purpose of building homes on it, feels like pure, abuse proposed on us. I like my sleep, my peace and quiet and waking up and hearing the birds. I love waking up in the fall and seeing the beautiful leaves and trees. What I don't love is waking up to see builders, machines and hearing the proposed THUMPING of filling the ditch.

I want the city, builders and all gathered here today to remember that. As human beings we are remarkable when working together towards a common goal. Let's not forget our moral compass and those that owned these lands before us. Let's not turn into money mongering, greed filled creatures.

There's no doubt that the landowners have every right to do with their land as they please. But as the city, as our voted representatives that represent the communities concerns, you have the final say and hold all the power.

Please take these points this into consideration,
And thank you for hearing me out.

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