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TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: JEFFREY A. ABRAMS, CITY CLERK

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2014

SUBJECT: Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) Item No. 2
Official Plan Amendment File OP.13.013
Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.13.036
Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Toronto
WARD 4 – Vicinity of Bathurst Street and Rutherford Road

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The City Clerk's Office has received 51 submissions on this application generated by a form letter, the text of which is reproduced below. The purpose of this communication is to present these submissions in the hope that organizing them in this manner will assist the Committee in its deliberations.

"As a resident of the City of Vaughan and a member of the Islamic Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of Toronto (the ISIJ of Toronto), I would like to express my strong support for the zoning application that is before the Council for approval.

This project is very important to us because it is a realization of a long awaited dream and the vision of the members of the community most of whom initially participated in the purchase of the 28 acre property some twenty years ago and those who have joined later to develop it. For a young organization to reach here, it took a lot of courage, sacrifice, perseverance, and absolute faith in the values of justice and equal opportunity typical of all Canadians who wish to better themselves. We believe this development will contribute directly to the local economy by way of creating jobs and incomes to the residents as well as to the Municipal and Provincial Revenues. It also aims to provide for community based social and other ancillary services that will lessen the burden and free up the resources for local government agencies and social organisations.

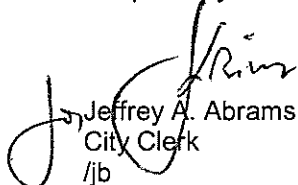
The ISIJ of Toronto is a community of over 5000 strong and the majority of its membership resides in the City of Vaughan and the Town of Richmond Hill. We have a long and proud history of community involvement and a very good track record of excellent neighbourliness. We have received recognition and awards even going back to our days at the old Center on 7340 Bayview Avenue. The guiding principles our organization espouse and promote the core Canadian values of equality, fairness, tolerance and peace for all. We are known to be a very progressive and socially responsible community that is a role model for other faith based organizations in the area and abroad.

We are extremely grateful for the cooperation that we have received from the City of Vaughan in the past and we consider ourselves fortunate to be part of the milieu that contributes to its diversity and richness. We have every confidence that the Council will look at this application in light of its past decisions that have allowed similar communities as ours to thrive and bring prosperity to the City and do us all proud.

Sincerely"

Appendix 1 contains the names of persons identified as having 'signed' the form letter.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk
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| Sr. No. | Name | Address |
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| 1 | Kazeem Merali on behalf of Parviz Ladak | Harvest Court, Richmond Hill |
| 2 | Kazeem Merali on behalf of Nasim Merali ¹ | Harvest Court, Richmond Hill |
| 3 | Kazeem Merali on behalf of Jamila Merali | Harvest Court, Richmond Hill |
| 4 | Masumali Merali | Harvest Court, Richmond Hill |
| 5 | Kazeem Merali | Dean Burton Lane, Newmarket |
| 6 | Kazeem Merali on behalf of Fehmida Merali | Dean Burton Lane, Newmarket |
| 7 | Rukhsana Jessa | Painted Rock Avenue, Richmond Hill |
| 8 | Marziya Nasser | Painted Rock Avenue, Richmond Hill |
| 9 | Firoz Jessa | Painted Rock Avenue, Richmond Hill |
| 10 | Fatima Jessa | Painted Rock Avenue, Richmond Hill |
| 11 | Shelina Jessa | Painted Rock Avenue, Richmond Hill |
| 12 | Shairoz Jessa | Painted Rock Avenue, Richmond Hill |
| 13 | Zainab Manji | Serene Way, Thornhill |
| 14 | Kaniz Amir | Spadina Road, Richmond Hill |
| 15 | Shelina Panju | Silver Linden Drive, Richmond Hill |
| 16 | Mariam Hudda | Daniel Reaman Crescent, Thornhill |
| 17 | Rustomali Hudda | Daniel Reaman Crescent, Thornhill |
| 18 | Fatima Jamal | Daniel Reaman Crescent, Thornhill |
| 19 | Sukaina Jagani | Bush Ridges Avenue, Richmond Hill |
| 20 | Salim Dhirani | Bayview Avenue, Thornhill |
| 21 | Uzma Naqui | Van Horne Avenue, North York |
| 22 | Nargis Jagani | Bayview Avenue, Thornhill |
| 23 | Shelyna Khalfan | Grey Alder Avenue, Richmond Hill |
| 24 | Rubina Rana | Delevan Court, Richmond Hill |
| 25 | Imtiaz Alibhai | Falling River Drive, Richmond Hill |
| 26 | Salma Alibhai | Falling River Drive, Richmond Hill |
| 27 | Shamim Alibhai | Falling River Drive, Richmond Hill |
| 28 | Mujtaba Alibhai | Yonge Street, Toronto |
| 29 | Salma Moosa Alibhai | Yonge Street, Toronto |
| 30 | Asad Raza Alibhai | Red Maple Drive, Richmond Hill |
| 31 | Sukaina Alibhai | Red Maple Drive, Richmond Hill |
| 32 | Sukaina Sherally | Singer Court, North York |
| 33 | Ayaaz Sherally | Singer Court, North York |
| 34 | Masuma Jessa | Farmstead Road |
| 35 | Naushad Jessa | Farmstead Road |
| 36 | Zehra Alibhai | Oxford Street, Richmond Hill |
| 37 | Fernanda Pires, Principal As-Sadiq Islamic School | Wicklow Drive, Toronto |
| 38 | Sukaina | Mavrinac Boulevard, Aurora |
| 39 | Tahera Patel | |
| 40 | Sukaina Sadiq | Noel Street, Markham |
| 41 | Sukaina Panju | Anvil Court, Richmond Hill |
| 42 | Noorjehan Faiyaz | Joe Persechini Drive, Newmarket |
| 43 | Mr. Mohammed Reza and Mrs. Nargis Mohammed Reza | Bayview Avenue, Thornhill |
| 44 | Mumtaz Najarali | Dewberry Drive, Markham |
| 45 | Sarah Manek | Isaac Murray Avenue, Maple |
| 46 | Akhtar and Arifa Manek | Isaac Murray Avenue, Maple |
| 47 | Mohamedali Rashid | 16 th Avenue, Richmond Hill |
| 48 | Illegible name | Thornhill Woods Drive, Thornhill |
| 49 | Liakat Ali Parpia | Big Rock Drive, Vaughan |
| 50 | Mrs. Naheed Liakat Ali | Big Rock Drive, Vaughan |
| 51 | Muhammad Mehdi Parpia | Big Rock Drive, Vaughan |