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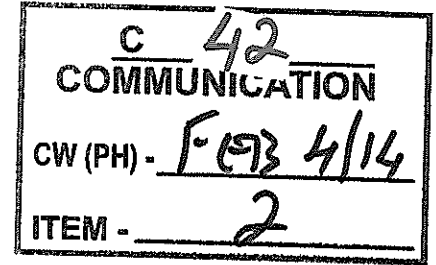
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ATTENTION CAROL

My husband and I moved into Thornhill Woods about 9 years ago knowing that our neighbourhood was going to be a nice mix of different religions and cultures. We were informed that there would be public schools, catholic schools, a synagogue and a mosc. We were very excited that we as Canadians would be living in such a diverse neighbourhood with such a mix of cultures. We also moved here because of the nature of the woods and the quiet neighbourhood which was at that time far away from the mid-town traffic. Over the years the 'woods' has continued to be developed with new houses being built and in addition to this a new subdivision was built slightly north of the woods with schools, and medical buildings and more. This on its own has increased the traffic not only within the subdivisions themselves but also on Bathurst street. Now having the Mosc in the neighbourhood which is also close to Bathurst, acting as a place to prey, as well as a school for children, has added a tremendous amount of traffic on the main street and in the area. When there are programs going on the side streets are packed with cars and living on Strauss I can really feel the impact. Now, with the new idea of having an entire development being built has become very concerning to me. First of all the traffic is going to increase. Second of all from what I was informed this development is going to be for low income families, and ONLY for the Islamic population. This on its own completely changes the dynamic in the woods. There are talks around town houses, a condo, a medical building and more just for these families and this once again is concerning. This will not only decrease the value in our homes and neighbourhood tremendously, but the traffic will just be impossible to manage. The side streets once again are already jammed with cars, and on Bathurst during rush hour the cars are already not moving. Putting the traffic aside, living in Toronto Canada which is a democratic city and country how can it be allowed to build such a complex where you close it off to specific families and cultures. I am really upset and worried about this situation. I once again moved here for the quietness and it was sold to me as a nice quiet neighbourhood in the woods. Where can you find this anymore? This neighbourhood has already changed so much and so much of the nature has already been destroyed why are we going to destroy more and add more congestion to this area?

Sincerely and Concerned,

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