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Muslims who believe in the Messiah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}
and promote "Love for all, Hatred for none"

May 24, 2013

Honourable, Your Worship Maurizio Bevilacqua
Mayor - City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, L6A 1T1

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Communication
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Item: 1

Dear Honourable, Your Worship Mr. Bevilacqua:

Assalamo alaikum wa Rahmatullah! (Peace be on you)

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the Ontario Lottery & Gaming Corporation preliminary decision to approve a Casino in Vaughan. I have learned through the media that OLG made this decision last year in the fall but didn't alert your office and council. This news is troubling as to why the OLG waited six months to publicly acknowledge this decision and with no consultation with local leaders.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at would be against any decision or support to bring a casino to Vaughan. Being a faith based community, we are fully aware of the social evils that accompany gambling and its addictive and destructive nature on families and societies. We feel an obligation to voice against a casino due to the importance of safeguarding our Vaughan citizens as a whole in any society. We are aware of the potential economic advantages and revenues that a casino would bring, but know that the social ills on society will far outweigh any economic advantage.

I have received feedback and concerns from my own community members and I can, unequivocally say that all of our members are against the idea of a Casino in Vaughan. I am requesting your office and Council wholeheartedly oppose building or issuing studies to explore building a Casino in the City of Vaughan.

Sincerely,

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