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His Worship the Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, PC And Members of Vaughan City Council City of Vaughan 2141 Major Mackenzie Road Vaughan, ON, L6A 1T1 Canada

COMMUNICATION
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ITEM - 2

Your Worship and Members of Council,

## RE: Vaughan International Commercialization Centre (VICC)

We have been briefed by the City of Vaughan Economic Development Department that the City is considering the creation of the above-named Centre.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help drive Vaughan's economic growth through technical innovation while taking advantage of the international resources and access to the global markets Vaughan represents.

While living in DC, I had the privilege of working with the man personally responsible for the phenomenal growth of Israel as "Start-up Nation" (Dr. Bruce Merrifield). As such, I definitely understand the merits an initiative of this scale.

To my mind, this is exactly what the City needs to set it apart from both Toronto to the south, and the rest of York Region. Not to say those other jurisdictions don't contribute to the ultimate success of the VICC, but it is the geographical location of Vaughan and its unique demographics that is so advantageous.

These developments are often once-in-a-lifetime occurrences and I encourage you to exploit it to its fullest extent.

Sincerely,

Dan Wasserman

Founder, Mammoth Health Innovation