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**Subject:** 7509-7529 Yonge Street Redevelopment Proposal - Written Submission, Development Services Committee

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Dear Markham Council and Markham City Clerk:

**Re: Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications submitted by Grmada Holdings Inc. to permit two 60-storey towers, 1,330 residential units, an eight-storey podium and ground related retail uses on the 0.72 ha (1.78 ac) lands located on the southeast corner of Yonge Street and Elgin Street at 7509-7529 Yonge Street, known as the York Farmers Market and Octagon Restaurant properties.**

Please accept this as a written submission in opposition to the above-noted applications in advance of the Development Services Committee Meeting on January 23.

This proposal is massive in relation to the current Official Plan. We have serious concerns about a development this significant being undertaken without the Secondary Plan being completed to address the impacts on infrastructure such as roads, traffic, sewers, schools, utilities, park land, parking etc. We support the findings of the Staff Recommendation Report that calls for the Applications to be rejected.

We note that, according to the Staff Report, many important related concerns were raised with the applicants and have, to date, not been addressed. These are fundamental issues for the safe and effective functioning and liveability of our community and cannot be ignored.

We remain unconvinced that the Applications, as is, are acceptable. And they certainly are not, without acceptable solutions to all of the concerns, including service and infrastructure issues, raised by the proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Elizabeth and Robert MacLean

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