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To: Clerks Public, Gold, Laura

Cc: Harry Singh

Subject: Deputation for Council Meeting Feb.25,2025 RE NEW BAHÁ'Í NATIONAL CENTRE AND CANADIAN NATIONAL TEMPLE AT 7200 AND 7290 LESLIE STREET (WARD 1), FILE PLAN 22 262723.

RESENT/PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

Dear Laura,

REQUEST YOUR PRESENTING THE FOLLOWING DEPUTATION TO THE MARKHAM COUNCIL.

SUBJECT : Deputation for February 25th ,2025 Markham Council meeting RE NEW BAHÁ'Í NATIONAL CENTRE AND CANADIAN NATIONAL TEMPLE AT 7200 AND 7290 LESLIE STREET (WARD 1), FILE PLAN 22 262723.

This deputation is being made by Harry Singh on behalf of the German Mills South Rate Payers' Association.

On behalf of the German Mills South Rate Payers Association, I would respectfully urge that there must be some pause for final thought prior to the final vote. The wise dictum of the tailoring profession comes to mind "measure many times as you can cut only once."

The Council is aware of the well documented concerns of the Residents in the neighbourhood and the community at large. Regardless of the compulsions to approve the Baha'i Project that the Council may be facing, we are confident that no one in Markham would like to permanently destroy the peace and tranquillity of the green belt and neighbourhood. We are confident that a "Win-Win" middle path can be worked out in the best interest of the neighbourhood and the community.

Towards that end, we would urge the Council and Baha'i Organization to consider the following to reduce intrusive noise and light degradation in the area because of the mega Temple Complex with Conference Centre and the attached Lodging.

- 1)Further reduce the height of the Temple.
- 2)Reduce the size of the Lodging. There is enough Hotel Capacity in Markham to accommodate visitors. Using existing Hotel capacity is good for the Markham Economy.
- 3)Increase the distance between the current homes on Waterloo Court and the Complex.
- 4)Set out parameters to ensure that there is SAFETY(for Pedestrians,Cyclists,Deer etc), and minimal disturbance to Flora and Fauna during the multi-year construction of the Complex.

We earnestly hope the Council can catalyse such a dialogue between the community and the Baha'i Organization in a non-confrontational format prior to a final vote.

This would result in a "Win -Win" for Markham!

Best Regards,
Harcharan(Harry)Singh
President,
German Mills South RPA.