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Dear Sir or Madam:

As the President of Canada's Largest Private Sector Local Union, it is with a great deal of enthusiasm and commitment I feel a strong need to write this letter to you as a member of the planning committee.

Our Membership comprises of approximately seventy thousand (70,000) Members. I am so proud to report to you that mirrors the cultural diversity found throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

It is my fervent belief that this very spectrum of diversity is what not only makes our Local strong but makes the GTA celebrated, not only within Canada, but around the world.

It was several weeks ago, I was contacted by Mr. Pannirshelvan Kannuthurai, the President and CEO of Metro Zen (Canada) Inc., along with Mr. Gary Walker, Director of Development.

Our original conversation was around the proposed Zen Sanstha Centre at 189 Milner Avenue which is currently, as I understand it, designated Employment Area by the Toronto Official Plan.

Rather than me delving any further into your area of expertise, I wish to speak in support of this new, progressive initiative which I view as a long overdue and much needed project for all of our citizens within the Greater Toronto Area.

This Centre for social innovation will encompass two hotels, convention facilities, commercial and retail complex, a non-denominational Temple, mediation centre, natural healing and wellness facilities alongside of an independent retirement centre for our senior citizens.

I am ardently of the belief that if this project is granted and approved by you and others within the planning committee it will be utilized by not only the South Asian Community but by many others, of all communities and religious beliefs within the City of Scarborough and the surrounding GTA.

After meeting with Mr. Kannuthurai and Mr. Walker at length, I only feel more charged in advocating on behalf of such a truth-based project.

The services will be provided to all of the Greater Toronto Area citizens by up to eight hundred (800) workers which will be based on non-denominational spirituality and meditation, working hand-in-hand with a wellness centre, hotels and a retirement facility for our esteemed seniors.

I fully believe that the services rendered will not be a watered-down or plagiarized version but rather the traditional practices of South Asia which have been practiced for thousands of years.

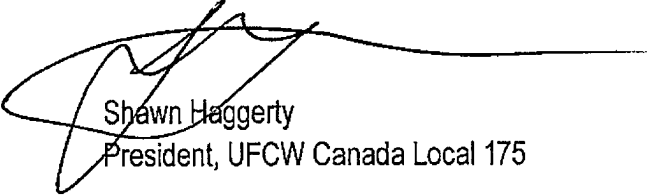
I believe passionately that if this project is approved it will be welcomed with open arms by all of the many citizens of the GTA.

I sincerely hope that you will give observant consideration to this respectful request of consideration.

If you or any assistant or any other member of the planning committee should wish to discuss this matter further or possibly meet with me, please do not hesitate in calling me at anytime at 1.800.565.8329 ext. 2243.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration in this most important of matters.

Best regards, sincerely,



Shawn Haggerty  
President, UFCW Canada Local 175

cc: Pannirshelvan Kannuthurai, President and CEO, Metro Zen (Canada) Inc.  
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