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Attention: Ms. Marilyn Toft

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council

Re: NY9-27 – Costco store re-zoning application

We object to this re-zoning application on the basis sufficient road capacity on adjacent and nearby streets does not exist to accommodate the extra Costco traffic and Heritage Funeral Centre and our church will be adversely affected.

We are a neighbour of this site at 76 Overlea Boulevard. We have seen how the traffic has significantly grown each year on Overlea with big back-ups all the way from Don Mills Road to our church. It usually takes cars, trucks from the factories and TTC buses 2 or 3 lights to make this left turn. Adding Costco traffic will only exacerbate this problem.

The Macedonian Orthodox Church and our community are most concerned with the impact on Heritage Funeral Centre and its ability to continue to serve our community as it has for many generations. This is the most important funeral home in Toronto to Macedonians. How can there be the continuing good function of Heritage when its only driveway on Overlea is right beside Costco's only driveway on Overlea?

Very serious traffic issues affect us too; in particular at Heritage's driveway and on the adjacent streets. This will greatly affect our people coming to offer their condolences, the funeral procession coming to our church and then to the cemetery. Unsafe conditions in Heritage's

parking lot will result from Costco bound vehicles line-cutting through Heritage's property to by-pass the inevitable Costco line ups.

Heritage is a very busy funeral home sometimes with its own parking issues. We can easily see from our own personal experiences visiting other Costco's there will be a big parking and traffic problem at this Costco. Inevitably this will result in spill-over users expecting to use Heritage's lot.

Traffic congestion, site access and parking issues will increase the frustration for our families. This frustration will undoubtedly adversely affect St. Clement as families many no longer be prepared to come to Heritage and therefore our church for their funeral needs. Heritage has a long-time, very important responsibility serving our Macedonian community.

Thank you for your help in this most important issue.

Yours truly,



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