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Subject: [External Sender] Deputation for June 27 Public Meeting - Helping Homebuyers
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Dear Christine Chandler,
Below is my written deputation for the June 27 public meeting. Thank you.

I am writing to you as the principal of the A.R.S. Armenian Private School located at 45 and 50 Hallcrown Place.

Our school is a Nursery to Grade 12 day school with over 660 students and 75 staff. All our students are driven to school and due to current development, traffic has already become a challenge and issue before and after school for our families as they travel along Victoria Park, Sheppard and Consumers Road.

At times, it takes up to 15 minutes for working parents to drop their children off or pick them up due to the existing traffic.

With intensification in and around the Consumer Rd. employment area, specially what is expected to be approved as future developments at the 2450 Victoria Park Universal property (1150 condo units), and Lancing Square development at Sheppard and Victoria Park, (approx 1500 units) and commercial buildings, our issues with traffic will become worse and will impact our school activity, church and community life.


We are particularly concerned that if the transportation time and waits for the parents extend any longer, it will impact the parents' decision to send their children to our school, and this will create viability issues for the school if the student numbers are reduced significantly over the next few years. As the only Armenian language day school in Ontario, this also threatens the survival of Western Armenian instruction in Ontario, a language that is already endangered according to UNESCO.

Our other major concern is the major interruptions to the traffic flow due to rerouting during construction periods, which may take a few years. City of Toronto staff and officials are and should be responsible for all the negative effects of their decision and they should be accountable for such major impacts on the city's communities surrounding these developments.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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