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Subject: Markham's Foodbelt

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From: Lynn Nowicki

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To: fscarpetti@markham.ca

Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley

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Dear Mayor Scarpetti:

As someone who grew up in Markham, and based on some of your past initiatives, I believed in your abilities to uphold the values that we hold dear. You seemed to be someone, who would withstand the economic pressures that offer only short-sighted benefits to our community. I hope you truly are the person whom I believed you were when I voted for you to represent the citizens of Markham as our Mayor.

It is with this same hope that I ask you to support:

1. further public consultation before passing the Regional Official Plan;
2. work with other levels of government to limit Markham's population growth to less than 25% over the next 22 years;
3. a 10 year moratorium on Urban Expansions to protect Markham's rural heritage, foodland and greenspace;
4. the expansion of Greenbelt to protect Markham's "whitebelt" lands as a permanent Foodbelt and Natural Heritage System;
5. the better protection of residential communities from over-intensification by enacting height restrictions near existing residential communities.

Please protect Markham's Foodbelt. This is an irreplaceable and finite National resource. If we lose it to urban sprawl or other developmental pressures, we lose our independent ability to feed ourselves. Will you work towards limiting Markham's population growth and protect this invaluable resource?

Sincerely,

Lynn Nowicki