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**To:** Tari, Alida  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Don  
**Subject:** RE: HOUSE NUMBER DESIGNATION

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and to seriously consider our request.

The number **13** is not used on houses in Canada. In the latest census, the Chinese are now the second largest group of Canadians. In particular, our Markham neighbourhood is fast becoming even more Chinese. It is our hope that considerations related to cultural diversity be given to this large population that make up Canada as well. The number **14**, like **13** in Western culture, is deemed the **MOST** unlucky by the Chinese because its sound resembles the words for **"definite death"**. Even the number 4, which sounds like death, and 24, which sounds like an easy death, are not nearly as significant and yet the Town recently approved changes to 4 Dancer's Drive, among other related changes and efforts in the past.

PLEASE CONSIDER OUR PERSONAL STORY:

After years of saving and without any help from family, we finally purchased our **FIRST** home at the ripe old age of 50 at the height of the market. It was most stressful financially and emotionally. As well, we have had to spend over \$100,000 so far to bring the property and appliances up to proper standards since the house had never been updated or properly cared for by previous owners. As first time homeowners, we had no idea just how expensive and stressful renovations were. This has further added to our stress load. To make matters worse, we have discovered that we are not well suited to home ownership as we found out the hard way that both of us are not handy at fixing things and we had no idea just how expensive it is to hire a handyman to maintain a house, thus, we are considering selling the house in order to literally save our sanity and marriage!

Despite the fact that our house is located in a most desirable neighbourhood and shows beautifully without the need for staging, we have been unable to attract buyers. It is one thing to not make a profit on one's biggest investment but it is quite another to lose out considerably. We had to buy high with nothing to sell high since we were first time homeowners, only to have to sell extremely low if at all, not only due to current market conditions but also because of the number 14! Since we are middle-aged first-time home- owners, it is unlikely that we would ever recoup our investment in the years to come. We certainly would not want to burden government services or society as a whole in our later years due to family breakdown or bankruptcy; therefore, we implore you to please consider changing our home from 14 to 12A Woodman's Chart, Markham. L3R 6K4.

Sincerely,

Frank Caligiuri