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Committee of Adjustment, City Clerk's Office
2 Wellington Street West
Brampton, Ontario L6Y 4R2

Attention: Secretary Treasurer

RE: Application Number A-2024-0419, 91 Desert Sand Drive, Brampton
Legal Description: Plan M1068, Part Lot 179, RP 43R21345, Parts 1 and 3, Ward 9

The application for minor variance, as it reads, is for a below-grade stairwell and entrance, located at the rear of the quattroplex townhouse at 91 Desert Sand Drive, that will lead into a basement apartment, in order to turn the house into a two-unit dwelling. This application is misleading, for the work on the below-grade entrance and apartment has long been completed, against applicable bylaws, and the apartment is occupied.

House 91 is not a two-unit dwelling. In addition to the basement apartment, the upper two floors of the property are a rooming house with individual rooms rented out to a number of transient tenants. Further, the owner has confided to us that she is planning on doing "some renovations" and will "adjust the front porch, make it smaller, and later build a second unit in the basement". (Please refer to Item 1, attached to this submission.)

The drawings submitted with the application do not take into account the existence and location of the neighbouring houses, as they relate to House 91. Our home, House 101, is the most affected due to being directly adjacent to House 91, and all of the comings and going of the tenants. The space between the two rear quattroplex townhouses is very narrow. (Please refer to Items 2, 3, and 4, attached to this submission.) Making an exception to the bylaw to allow this pedestrian path of travel will have a direct impact on the existing storm drainage swale that has been in-place since the construction of the houses, over 27 year ago. Four houses are served by this very long and effective drainage swale: our House, House 95, House 89, and House 91.

The situation is already bad, and is about to get worse. We are also very concerned about how these by-law adjustments will affect our property value, especially once the owner constructs the second below-grade entrance at the front of the house, leading to a second basement unit.

The existing by-laws that protect our quattroplex townhouses are crucial to maintaining the original vision and livability of our high-density neighbourhood, including the in-line driveways with permanent concrete curbs which limit the number of vehicles allowed per house. The by-laws are in place to protect homeowners, property values, and the neighbourhood, and the by-laws adequately reflect the reality that these houses are not meant to be further subdivided.

We fully understand Ms. Dasilva's desire to maximise the profit she sees from her property, but she does not live in our neighbourhood and she does not have to live with the impact of her actions on our community and on the people, like us, who call Desert Sand Drive their home.

Please do not allow further damage to our community; please restore the harmonious lifestyle of our neighbourhood.

We give our permission to post this correspondence and the related supporting items/pictures on the Agenda.

Respectfully,
Mr. And Mrs. Klaus Asmus
101 Desert Sand Drive, Brampton

Schedule "L"
Lot 178-24 Desert Sand Drive

The red outline identifies House 101 and its property lines





