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Application #: B19-017 and A19-121 - 67 Main Street South, Brampton

I want to respond to some of the correspondence the City has received and some of the statements made by certain neighbours at the Committee of Adjustment (COA) meeting on August 18, 2020 and also the prior COA meeting. I have kept quiet up to now, because many of these comments have nothing to do with the actual severance or minor variance application. I don't like to get involved in fictional derogatory statements, but I have been left with no choice but to defend myself and defend people I have tremendous respect for such as our Council Members, Mayor, City Staff, COA members, and my Father.

First of all, I feel that I should apologize to all City Staff whose name has been dragged through the mud by certain neighbours. I feel I need to apologize to them, because they have had to listen to false allegations from certain neighbours questioning their morals and values due to these applications. I am especially sorry to the City Staff who have worked hard on this file and had to put up with this verbal and mental abuse from certain neighbours. We want to state for the record that we have not approached any Council Members, our Mayor, or members of the COA for any favours or special treatment on this file. City Staff has operated honourably and professionally from the beginning. Such requests are well below our moral values.

There are two issues that have clouded this application that are completely without merit. Firstly, the baseless allegations of corruption. Certain neighbours have made some very serious allegations, defamed our reputation, and also the reputation of our City Staff, Council, Honorable Mayor, and members of the COA. They have suggested that we have used political connections to have these applications approved. In other words, they have suggested that members of our City Council, our respected Mayor Patrick Brown, our honourable City Staff, and COA members are all corrupt. They have done this all on public record multiple times.

The statements of corruption, defamation, and slander made by certain neighbours should be withdrawn as they have zero merit and are completely fabricated. These allegations are made-up fiction by certain neighbours and spread to other neighbours. They are wasting the City's time and trying to distract from the completely legitimate severance and minor variance applications. This is libel and I will not be taking this defamation lightly anymore and will be acting upon legal advice.

Secondly, certain neighbours are using bully tactics and are spreading hate and lies throughout the neighbourhood. There were over 10 people that spoke against this application at the COA on August 18, 2020. Many of which I have never met or spoke to in the past. They have absolutely no right to defame my family's character and make up lies on public record in writing and verbally. Some have said verbatim that we "have no ties" to this area. I was born and raised in Brampton, lived here my entire life, invested in Brampton, and have my business in Brampton. This particular neighbour I have never met or talked to and is basing this solely on the colour of my skin. This tone is prevalent throughout several of the letters to the City from certain neighbours. Racism needs to be called out.

COA Members, we hope you please stick to the facts and please do not be distracted by the slander and racism.

Sincerely,

Manoj Kapil, Applicant and Property Owner of 67 Main Street South, Brampton