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Hello,

My name is Dinah and I'm a local resident in the "D" section of Bramalea. I grew up in the "A" section, moved to Toronto for a few years, got married, and recently moved to the "D" section in 2021.

I live a 5-minute walk from the Southgate Plaza, where my husband and I often walk to for groceries and community events at Earnscliffe Rec Centre. As a teenager, I worked at Earnscliffe pool, so I know the area well. I am excited that the city of Brampton is investing in Bramalea and **I always support more affordable housing, density, healthy communities, and neighbourhoods designed for walkability.**

However, I am concerned the new developments will worsen the problem, with its current design proposal.

The plaza is an important "third space" for students, young families, the elderly, and local residents, many of whom are not able to afford luxury developments. A condo development with a large parking lot **does not add to our community, but robs from us** our much-needed and beloved [third spaces](#).

It's important to have an **affordable grocery store** (like No Frills), a **pharmacy** for our health, a **laundromat** for residents, and **small, independent businesses** (like Sam's Hoagies and Back-A-Yard Kitchen) that are vital for building healthy communities. The current proposal does not have space for this.

There is also no promise of truly affordable housing (it should not be based on today's over-inflated market value, but below-market based on median household income). The city of Brampton also needs to mandate that the units will not simply be sold to investors who leave it empty for Airbnb units, which does nothing to solve the housing crisis.

This is a huge disruption to our community which will take up a lot of resources (both financial and environmental). It's not necessary, but if the city is truly forward-planning, then it should consider the local environment, residents, and health of the community.

Thank you for reading this through,

Dinah