

J McKenna MPP

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Dear Jane,

We are seriously concerned about urban sprawl. It is for this reason we oppose the building of highway 413.

We need to protect our remaining excellent farmland so we can have local food raised by local farmers.

Moreover, a farm belt around urban centres provides much needed green space for the city's inhabitants, reduces pollution and contributes to their mental health.

Single family dwellings in traditional suburban style are car centric, increase commute times, and similarly increase the burden on existing taxpayers since each new single family house adds \$1000,- in cost in additional infrastructure, schools etc.. We understand you are under pressure from developers who are keen to cash in on the land they acquired cheaply decades ago.

Following local planning rules, on the other hand, leads to decisions grounded in policy and scientific evidence rather than political favouritism.

Increasing density by means of the missing middle, raising 5 or 6 story buildings in existing subdivisions, parking lots, strip malls is a much better alternative, using existing infrastructure.

Your excessive use of MZOs strips citizens of the right to consultation, transparency and accountability. It is not a democratic way to make decisions that affect everyone.

Please stop forcing unlimited growth and sprawl on your constituents.

Thanks!

Sincerely,

Marianne Singh-Waraich

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