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To: Bedioui, Ida

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Here is a generic email we created that we feel would be best.

Dear Members of Council,

My name is Michael Giftopoulos and I have been living in Ancaster for the past thirteen years, as long as I have been a teacher, coach, neighbor, community supporter of this wonderful Ancaster Community. With a name like Giftopoulos you can tell that my family were not one of the founding members of Ancaster whose family came over in the early 1800's. We were immigrants who came to a welcoming country, province and City. The thought that somebody is even remotely suggesting that I end up living in a gated community makes my skin crawl. As an educator at Bishop Tonnos, we eat, sleep, and breathe inclusivity. To put up a barrier such as a gate at the entrance of our community is shameful on so many levels. I am sure you can figure that out for yourself.

As someone who is going to go into retirement and have to deal with a fixed income the last thing I want to be spending my retirement money on is more condominium fees, to keep a gate operational because I can guarantee you it will. The logistics of how this gate is going to be operated speaks volumes to me of a nightmare waiting to happen. I have been to many common element subdivisions and have never seen a gate. Who in their right mind would be trying to remotely suggest that a gate is needed in our community. Especially when my home is situated closely to Garner and will be using John Fredrick to access Garner to get to Bishop Tonnos Catholic School.

I urge council to truly think on this one as it does not promote community at all, in fact it speaks of exclusion, and a not in my backyard mentality. As an owner of a unit I am reaching out to the members of City Council to allow my Condominium to be registered as it was presented to me, and according to all of the legal documents and parameters that applied to my purchase of this unit.

Wishing all of you all the best in striking down the motion to have my Community Gated.

Respectfully,

Michael Giftopoulos