

PETITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

Whereas Municipalities are required to produce Official Plans that are compliant with the Places to Grow Act and the Provincial Growth Plan, and

Whereas the Province of Ontario prescribes population growth and intensification targets through the Provincial Growth Plan that must be met by Municipalities, and

Whereas even if the designated growth and intensification numbers are met, they are deemed to be minimum numbers, and

Whereas the Ontario Municipal Board may approve densities to be located in areas not identified in the Official Plan resulting in significant additional costs to the municipality because of required changes to long term infrastructure plans and also disrupts the character of existing communities,

Therefore, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to pass the Preserving Existing Communities Act, 2013 proposed by Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees, that amends the Places to Grow Act, 2005 to provide that a decision made by a municipal council is final and may not be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. **The decision is to refuse a request to amend the municipality's official plan with respect to land that is designated for one or more of the following: Stable Residential Area and Parks and Open Space.**
2. **The municipal council has passed a resolution stating that the requested official plan amendment would not be in the best interests of the municipality.**

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 Return this petition with **original** signatures **by mail or deliver to:**
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