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Attention: Mayor and Council,  
City of Vancouver  
453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

March 16, 2004

Dear Mayor Campbell and Councilors:

**Re: 1826 Blanca – Heritage Revitalization Agreement for Register “B” Site**

Heritage Vancouver went on record in our letter of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 to Gerry McGeough, Senior Planner, Heritage Group, as being in support of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) to prevent a potential loss of this significant heritage property because of its positioning on a double residential lot.

An individual has come forward who wanted to retain the existing structure under a proposed HRA with subjects involving two new infill buildings plus an extra unit to be incorporated into the basement of the heritage structure. We have reviewed the plans and finish materials of both the infill units and the heritage structures and **we fully support the proposed sensitive solution** that maximizes the retention of the heritage character-defining elements of the principal residence, and the corresponding sympathetic response of the two infill units. In our view, neither the urban design nor heritage values of the area have been compromised. There is a special benefit in this project in that the appropriately-restored principal house will enhance and hopefully secure the retention of the meritorious 1911 house at 4686 West 2<sup>nd</sup>, to the immediate east, setting a design standard to which neighbouring houses can aspire.

We wish to offer our sincerest thanks to city staff, who have been instrumental in bringing this project to a very promising solution.

Sincerely,

Donald Luxton  
Advocacy Committee, Heritage Vancouver

Cc: North West Point Grey Home Owners Association,  
Richard Keate, Chair, City of Vancouver Heritage Commission  
Gerry McGeough, Senior Heritage Planner