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Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Council  
Vancouver City Hall  
453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC  
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**Re: Support for Temporary Protection of the Walkem House, 3990 Marguerite Street**

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council Members;

On behalf of the membership of the Heritage Vancouver Society, I am writing to **strongly support the enactment of a 120 day temporary freeze** on the demolition of this significant Shaughnessy mansion.

The Walkem Residence is clearly of great significance, due to its superior design by a notable architect, its historic associations, and its contribution to the heritage character of First Shaughnessy. Please refer to our previous letter of February 21, 2013 regarding the high heritage value of this house and further information on Heritage Vancouver's position that it should be conserved.

This temporary protection will allow sufficient time for due consideration of the heritage value of the site and will also enable further negotiations regarding its conservation. The loss of this historic residence would materially diminish the character of the neighbourhood, and we hope that through this process, a conservation solution can be determined.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of temporary protection for this significant heritage resource.

Yours Truly,

George Challies  
Heritage Vancouver Advocacy Committee

cc: Penny Ballem, City Manager  
Brian Jackson, Director of Planning  
Marco D'Agostini, Senior Heritage Planner  
Vancouver Heritage Commission