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Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Council
Vancouver City Hall
453 W. 12th Ave.
Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor & Council:

Re: Temporary Protection for Walkem House & Coach House, 3990 Marguerite Street

On behalf of Heritage Vancouver, **I would like to congratulate the City of Vancouver for granting temporary protection for the Walkem House.** At the December 18th, 2013 City Council meeting, councilors voted to grant temporary protection for the house for a 120-day period. A Development Permit Application to demolish the existing house and coach house and replace them with a new single-family dwelling had been submitted on January 30, 2013. The applicant commissioned a Statement of Significance and the building was considered to be in the "B" evaluation category and staff determined that the building can be considered for addition to the Heritage Register.

We believe this action sends a serious message that demolishing homes in First Shaughnessy will not be an easy process. By putting First Shaughnessy Houses on our Top Ten Endangered List for the past two years and working with city staff, this is the message that Heritage Vancouver has been hoping to send out. In 1982, 369 heritage houses in First Shaughnessy were identified on the Shaughnessy Architectural and Landscape Inventory. Of these, 51 pre-1940 character houses have been torn down. We do not want the Walkem House to be #52. If demolition continues at this rate, First Shaughnessy will no longer be one of Vancouver's treasured Heritage Neighbourhoods.

The March 18th deadline is little more than a month away and we look forward to hearing from the City of Vancouver regarding actions they have taken to preserve this house and this neighbourhood. We look forward to working with the city on preserving this important heritage neighbourhood. We thank you for your consideration of this most important heritage issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Leduc", written in a cursive style.

Janet Leduc, Executive Director
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cc. Penny Ballem, City Manager
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Walkem House; 3990 Marguerite Street (1913-1914)
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