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**Re: Public Hearing for Heritage Designation:
4727 West 2nd Avenue (Edith and Pat McGeer Residence)**

We **fully support the Heritage Designation** of the A-listed home at 4727 W 2nd Avenue, and urge Council to support its Designation.

From our understanding, the present owners are not seeking compensation for this action, and we applaud them for undertaking this request on their own volition, for the long-term legal protection of one of Vancouver's built heritage gems. Unfortunately this is more of a rare occurrence of owner-initiated legal protection within Vancouver, especially where redevelopment is not concerned.

We would also hope that City staff gave the owners options of also applying Designation to interior elements/portions—if those elements still exist—otherwise future owners could under the protection which applies only to the exterior, may remove any interior period elements, as has been seen in a large part throughout the City, for instance in key First Shaughnessy heritage without interior protection.

The home was designed by architect **William Alexander Doctor** in 1912, and many of his other period designed homes have or have had exquisite high Arts & Crafts designed interiors, along with the unique exteriors. Sadly, Vancouver has lost many of Doctor's designed homes—his own designed 1912 home still sits in limbo.

Again, we applaud the owners for their initiative, and hope that the Designation is passed by Council.

Respectfully submitted,
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