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Gerry McGeough, Senior Heritage Planner
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Dear Mr. McGeough

Re: 2936 W. 4th Avenue ("Black Swan Records") DE 409471

We wish to add our voice to others in expressing concern about the imminent loss of this landmark Kitsilano structure. Remarkably, this Edwardian commercial building is not listed on the Register, a fact which underlines yet again the shortcomings of the present Register document.

It is interesting to note that a mid-block brick-faced building of the same era (2904-2906 W. 4th, aka Topanga Café) is listed as a 'C'. The 'Black Swan' building at 2936 is arguably superior architecturally (albeit a frame structure), and has greater prominence as a corner building. Moreover, 2936 W.4th has a storied history in the neighbourhood (as Black Swan Records) and is a valued heritage resource in the community.

We urge the City to exhaust all avenues to retain this valuable resource – one of the last is its kind on 4th Avenue. At the same time, we look forward to upcoming discussions to ensure a reworked Register fully reflects community values in heritage preservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Luxton".

Donald Luxton, President

cc.
Richard Keate, Chair, Heritage Commission
David Lee, Project Coordinator