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Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

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Re: Fire Hall #15 Staff Report

Dear Mayor Sullivan and City Councilors;

I am writing to you on behalf of our membership to express our complete disappointment, and vigorous opposition to the Staff report on Fire Hall #15. This report is clearly slanted to ensure demolition of this significant community heritage resource. Not only has an option been proposed that reflects the most callous and minimal conservation, Council has not even been offered the requested heritage tools to financially preserve the structure.

This report is a blatant repudiation of the clear direction given by Council, and is also a complete failure of the neighbourhood community that clearly supports the retention of this landmark. Heritage Vancouver strongly recommends that council reject the staff report submitted on these unacceptable options for Fire Hall #15, and request that staff go back to the drawing board and develop alternatives for this City-owned heritage building that reflect what Council and the community desire.

What has come forward to you is a massive failure of the process and does not reflect your directions to staff. There are other alternatives for Fire Hall #15, and there are heritage tools that can assist in its preservation. We urge you to not to make a final, irreversible decision at this point based on such obviously biased, incomplete and self-serving information.

Sincerely,

Donald Luxton, President