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January 21, 2014

Dear Mayor & Council:

## Re: Retention of Hollywood Theatre, 3123 West Broadway

On behalf of Heritage Vancouver, I would like to congratulate the City of Vancouver on the serious actions it is taking to preserve the iconic Hollywood Theatre on West Broadway.

Further to our letter submitted on November 5, 2013, our position is that we support the retention of Vancouver's historic theatres, and in particular the Hollywood built in 1935 and one of our most intact early surviving movie theatres. These unique cultural and social community-gathering spaces contribute to the identity, character and vitality of our city's neighbourhoods.

The city has worked closely with a Community group, "Save the Hollywood" and the owner of the Theatre, Dino Bonnis, to achieve a solution that would retain the interior of the building. We have consistently supported maintaining this important art deco heritage building as a community space and are confident that the City is on the right track to achieve this outcome.

We look forward to working with the City of Vancouver and the community in securing a longterm use that will ensure the retention of the Hollywood Theatre into the future. We thank you for your consideration of this most important heritage issue.

Sincerely,

and sel.

Janet Leduc, Executive Director Heritage Vancouver Society

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