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

**Re: 1298 Salsbury Drive Development Permit Application DE414450**

We are writing in support of this development, which includes a Heritage Revitalization Agreement that will preserve the historic Jeffs Residence. We understand the developer is proposing to restore and convert the Jeff's residence into 7 multiple conversion units and construct 15 row house on the balance of the site. The proposal is very similar in form, character and density to the project constructed at the Northeast corner of Salsbury Drive and Napier Street about 10 years ago that resulted in the restoration of the historic JJ Miller residence. The additional density contemplated in this development is considered to be a reasonable incentive to ensure conservation.

The Jeffs Residence, built 1907-08, is one of the landmark early turreted houses in the Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood, which were built on prominent corner sites. The house is of heritage value for its architectural, historical and contextual importance. Although currently altered in appearance, it will be substantially restored as part of this development, and retain its corner orientation. This project will ensure the preservation of this neighbourhood landmark, which has now been evaluated as being worthy of inclusion in the B category of the Vancouver Heritage Register. The fact that it was not previously on the Heritage Register also indicates the urgency of the long overdue Heritage Register Upgrade that we hope will begin in 2011.

Heritage Vancouver supports this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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