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

Re: 1250 Salisbury Drive (the Jeffs Residence)

On behalf of Heritage Vancouver, I am writing to urge your support for the proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement that will ensure the retention and protection of the historic Jeffs Residence. Although the Residence is not currently on the City of Vancouver's Heritage Register, the Heritage Commission has concluded that the Jeffs Residence has heritage value and supports its addition to the Register in the "B" evaluation category. The house was built in 1907-08 for Dr. Thomas Jeffs, a physician and coroner, city alderman and a City Police Commissioner. It is considered a landmark in this neighbourhood, and is one the area's unique turreted houses. This building is a good example of the Queen Anne Revival style and many of its original features remain and will be restored.

We believe that the proposed townhouse development is appropriate for this particular site and is complimentary to the existing heritage building. On-site density is the only heritage incentive that the city can offer this owner to compensate for the cost of restoring the Jeffs Residence. The proposal follows all of the city's own guidelines, has been approved by the city's Heritage Commission and is supported by city staff.

Although it is recognized that there will be a loss of existing rental units, this will occur regardless of whether the heritage development proceeds or not, as there is no mechanism to prevent their removal. Not allowing the heritage agreement will mean not only the loss of the rental units but also the loss of the heritage building. We therefore feel that, on balance, the proposed HRA best achieves City objectives and conserves an important aspect of our heritage.

With the retention of this building, an important piece of Grandview Woodlands history and heritage will remain for future generations. Thank you in advance for your support for heritage conservation in Vancouver.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Gunn".

Patrick Gunn
Board of Directors

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cc. Penny Ballem, City Manager
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Members of the Heritage Commission