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

Mayor Robertson and City Council Members;

Re: Gordon T. Legg Residence, 1241 Harwood Street

On behalf of Heritage Vancouver, I am writing with a great urgency to urge you to support this Heritage Revitalization Agreement that will effectively stop the threat of demolition currently hanging over the very important A listed Legg Residence. The current owner has made it clear that he intends to proceed with demolition and will build an 11-storey tower if the current proposal is turned down. **If you do not accept the proposal this afternoon, this will be the first potential demolition of an A-listed site since the Georgia Medical Dental in 1989.**

The refusal of this proposal would be a disaster for the Legg Residence and would also send a very negative message to other owners contemplating saving a heritage building. On-site density is the only remaining heritage incentive that this owner has as his disposal. The proposal follows all of the city's own guidelines, has been approved by the city's Heritage Commission and Design Panel and is supported by city staff. Heritage Vancouver is at a loss to understand why all of these conditions would not lead to automatic support from Vancouver City Council. **Refusal to approve this Revitalization Agreement would spell the end of any credibility of the city's heritage program.**

We urge you to do the right thing this afternoon.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Patrick Gunn", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Gunn
Board of Directors
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cc. Penny Ballem, City Manager
Marco D'Agostini, Senior Planner, Heritage Group
Brent Toderian, Director of Planning
Members of the Heritage Commission