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

Dear Mayor & Council:

Re: Imminent Demolition of the Legg Residence, 1241 Harwood Street

On behalf of the membership of Heritage Vancouver, we wish to express our concerns to City Council about the imminent demolition of the "A" listed **Legg Residence**. The orange fencing, erected in the past week is a signal that demolition of this important heritage landmark is imminent.

Although in 2011, the Development Permit Board approved the demolition of the house following council's directions to save a tulip tree on the site, Heritage Vancouver strongly urges City Council to use any means at its disposal to delay or halt the demolition of one of the West Ends three remaining Victorian-era mansions. It is our strong belief that new developments in the City's Heritage Conservation policies over the past two years since the proposal was approved give the city the opportunity to revisit the decision to demolish this building. Demolition now flies in the face of heritage recommendations outlined in the recently approved West End Plan and in the City's Heritage Action Plan.

We applaud recent decisions on the part of City Council to place a moratorium on the demolition of two heritage buildings, the **Hollywood Theatre** and the **Walkem Residence**. We urge you to place a moratorium on the Legg Residence to allow for discussions to happen with the owner to find a way of retaining the Legg Residence. The owner attempted for five years to find a way to save the house, yet all attempts were rejected by City Council. We believe that this owner would be open to finding ways to retain the Mansion.

As of Friday, March 21, neither a Development Permit nor a Demolition Permit had been issued for this site so there is still time for council to act.

We thank you for your consideration of this most important issue. Heritage Vancouver will support the city in any way possible in its efforts to save the Legg Residence.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Leduc", written in a cursive style.

Janet Leduc, Executive Director
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