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February 23, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Robertson and City Council Members;

**Re: The Historic Pantages Theatre**

This year, the Pantages Theatre is #1 on Heritage Vancouver's Top Ten Endangered Sites list that was released during Heritage Week. This extremely significant historic resource had been removed from the list while there was an active Development Permit being considered for the site. With the collapse of that process, the Pantages Theatre is once again under serious threat.

Heritage Vancouver wants to confirm its position to City Council, and to the community, that we support the retention and restoration of the existing historic 1908 Pantages Theatre and do not ***under any circumstance*** support a new replacement Pantages Theatre on the site of the historic theatre.

We cannot lose this historic link to the past, that offers such an amazing opportunity to act as the cultural foundation for the revitalization of the Downtown Eastside. To lose the historic, original Pantages Theatre would be an unthinkable step backwards if we are ever to succeed in our efforts to help this troubled neighbourhood. We must build on – not destroy – its once proud, historical roots.

We urge you to most carefully examine any plans for this site that would jeopardize the retention and restoration of the historic Pantages Theatre. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "don luxton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald Luxton, President

cc. Penny Ballem, City Manager  
Marco D'Agostini, Senior Planner, Heritage Group  
Sue Harvey, Managing Director of Cultural Services  
Brent Toderian, Director of Planning