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**From:** David Baker s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 9:15 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Heritage retention 2655 Maple St.

Dear Councillors:

I write in support of the Heritage Retention Proposal for development of 2655 Maple St.

I have lived in Vancouver for most of my 59 years. Sadly, I have witnessed the steady, incremental, obliteration of our wood frame architectural history.

It seems that every time a wood structure of significance is considered for retention, it ends in demolition.

Examples abound.

I recall in the early 80's the destruction of an old wood frame building at the entrance to Stanley Park, that for many years housed a bicycle rental business and an art gallery. A small protest was ignored. Now we have "The Chapel" in it's place, arguably a tasteless building unsuited to its prime location. And history is lost.

The destruction continues over 30 years later. Much of the architectural history of Fairview slopes, the West End and Vancouver's Westside has been lost, one small structure at a time.

The solution is to mitigate the financial impact on property owners by providing incentives to retain existing architecturally significant structures.

This project is an excellent example of a developer attempting to preserve a heritage structure in exchange for a modest variance. Further, the variation would provide much-needed three-bedroom family housing.

The retention of one small building may seem insignificant, but it would represent a real commitment to preserving our architectural heritage, and to providing housing for families in our city.

I urge Council to save this building and to continue to work with developers to preserve our architectural heritage.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.

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