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Vancouver Heritage Commission for  
CITY OF VANCOUVER

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Mayor and City Council  
435 West 12th Avenue.  
Vancouver

Re: Upgrade of Vancouver Heritage Register and Terms of Reference

Your Worship and Councillors:

I am writing on behalf of the Vancouver Heritage Commission in support of the Heritage Register Upgrade and in particular, the work of staff and the Commission's focus group in producing the report and the Terms of Reference.

A year and a half ago, Council unanimously endorsed the need for this long overdue upgrade. The Commission felt that strengthening the Register would go a long way to prevent the city's need to scramble for a reactive stance because the disputed sites were not flagged as having heritage merit - think Evergreen building, the Kogawa house, Fire hall #15 - all late participants in the development process and thus far more costly and time consuming.

Six Commissioners served in the focus group advising staff on the drafting of the Terms of Reference and there is unanimous support for these Terms of Reference. Therefore, on behalf of the Vancouver Heritage Commission, I urge you to approve the staff recommendations so that the upgrade program can commence.

Yours truly,

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Chair  
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