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March 13, 2008

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

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Dear Mayor Sullivan and Councilors,

**Re: The Pantages Theatre**

Heritage Vancouver has long supported the retention and restoration of Vancouver's Pantages Theatre, the oldest remaining Pantages Theatre in North America and western Canada's oldest vaudeville theatre. We are now on the verge of seeing this happen. Vancouver City Council has the opportunity to support the restoration of a run down, neglected heritage building as a much-needed, active theatre space.

With your support, the Pantages will be fully restored as the dazzler it once was, and upgraded to modern technical standards. It has a superb acoustic, seats 650, and will offer new lobbies, a rehearsal studio, an enlarged pit, and every modern amenity. It will be restored with meticulous attention to its irreplaceable heritage value. The non-profit Pantages Theatre Arts Society, on long-term lease from its developer, will manage it in the public interest.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "don luxton".

Donald Luxton, President

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