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City of New Westminster
511 Royal Avenue
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To: Mayor Cote and Councillors

Re: 323 Regina Street - Heritage Designation,

We would like to register our support for the proposed HRA with a laneway house at 323 Regina Street. It is has benefits for not only the home owner and his family but more important for the City of New Westminster. Approving the project signals to the residents of this city that we as a community are proceeding with practical solutions to heritage preservation, the housing crisis and climate change.

The community of New Westminster has easy access to the ever expanding Translink system. Downtown Vancouver, Surrey, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond and even the North Shore are a quick Skytrain/Seabus/bus ride away. This system represents an immense investment by the cities, the provincial government and the federal government. This reason alone means the community of New West has a responsibility to encourage more densification. Heritage can be preserved while neighbourhoods like Queens Park can be gently densified with proposals like the one at 323 Regina Street.

Laneway houses can make our laneways as attractive as our beautiful heritage streets. Currently, many alleys in Queens Park are choked with garages, high fences and recreational vehicles. The introduction of small houses along a alley immediately improves the appearance with small trees, porches, baskets of flowers, and tidy front facades.

It is for these reasons and many more that we support this project. Please vote to approve. Thank you

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