May 2, 2019

City of Victoria Council Chambers 1 Centennial Square Victoria, BC

<u>Re: Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1141) No. 19-010 Ref. 224 Superior</u> <u>Street</u>

We are owners of 223 Kingston Street and are situated, directly, behind 224 Superior Street ref. Heritage Alteration Permit, see above. We are writing in response to the City of Victoria's request for input, dated April 26, 2019,

Our understanding is that there are 5 variances requested. We have no objection to 4 of these variances.

However, we are opposed to the variance that would reduce the rear yard setback from 4.0m to 1.36m. We are concerned because the rear deck is already very close to the property line and overlooks our backyard. We are very concerned about changes that would move the deck even closer to our property. On the basis of reduced privacy and increased fire risk, we are opposed to the variance regarding the rear yard setback.

Thank you for the ability to provide our input regarding the proposed changes prior to the City Council meeting of Thursday, May 9, 2019.

We would be pleased to provide any clarification or additional comments that may be required to assist with City Council's decision making.

Please provide a reply indicating that this letter has been received. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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