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Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors,

In 1966 when I became a member of Congregation EmanuEl Morris Greene approached me to create a plan of the Jewish Cemetery. A few years later Hodgson and Levinson Architects created a plan of existing graves. A few years after that Orme and Levinson Architects measured the the area where many years ago a brush fire eliminated many grave markers and a full cemetery plan was then created. In early 1980 a young apprentice architect, Alan Lowe (who later became mayor of Victoria) helped me to create a brochure of the Jewish Cemetery and then many years later had his interest peaked with the Harling Point Chinese Cemetery. A decade later Benjamin Bryce Levinson Architect and Karen Hillel Architect got together to create the first digital plan of the Jewish Cemetery showing the extent of future grave sites. This plan included a proposal of this triangle area for burial of intermarried couples Jew and NonJew. The difference between 6 decades ago and today is that the intermarried members of Congregation EmanuEl are now much older, some over 80 years. So the acquiring of this triangle property is more urgent today.

I request Victoria City Councilors unanimously vote in favour of this Bylaw.

I would like to thank the staff of City Hall for their hard work on this project. Also I wish to thank the Jewish Cemetery committees over the decades that have worked diligently to bring this proposal forward.

Yours truly,

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