October 8, 2015

Dear City of Burnaby, Board of Variance Committee:

We, Rosa and Simon Alexander have applied to the Board of Variance for a variance to our North Side yard setback to 2.6' for the purposes of replacing our main floor joists and main floor exterior wall and varying the overall permitted height by 12". When we purchased the home on July 19, 1988, the house was already non-conforming with the setbacks as it was built before the bylaws.

We applied to the city for an addition/renovation permit to the home last year (June, 2014) and finally started construction to our home this year. After our contractor started the renovation work to our house, he advised us that the North main floor exterior wall and the main floor, floor joists were not structurally sound and had to be removed and replaced. The main floor was sloping about 6" as well so we had to correct this by sistering the existing wall studs in the basement.

We are hoping that we can be granted this variance so that we do not have to demolish the north side existing foundation wall as the costs for this would ruin our budget. A small excavator would have some trouble accessing this area of the site as the setback is only at 2.6' as mentioned previously.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rosa & Simon Alexander