

AFFIDAVIT OF JIM ANDERSON

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF DALLAS §

Before me, the undersigned notary personally appeared Jim Anderson, who being duly sworn did depose as follows:

1. My name is Jim Anderson. I am over the age of twenty-one (21), of sound mind and body, and competent to make this affidavit. The statements set forth in this affidavit are true and correct based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I have lived at 4706 Swiss Avenue since 1988 in the Peak's Suburban Addition, the historic district adjacent to the Swiss Avenue Historic District.

3. I worked for the City of Dallas for 26 years from September 1984 until June 2010. I was an Urban Planner in the Historic Preservation section for all of those years. In fact, I was the first urban planner to hold the position of Historic Preservation Planner. My title later became Dallas' "Historic Preservation Officer". I worked on the nominations for all the historic and conservation districts during that time period. I also reviewed the Certificates of Appropriateness for all of the improvements to the many historic and conservation districts.

4. I was involved with the rebirth and restoration of Swiss Avenue during my tenure with the City. The Swiss Avenue Historic District presented me an award at my retirement for my continuous assistance with the district. I worked with the Aldredge House during most of those years, and I find it to be an excellent asset not only to Swiss Avenue, but to the entire City of Dallas.

5. The Aldredge House is open for events that the public are invited to attend. The house is generally available for the public to visit during the Swiss Avenue Mother's Day tour. The Swiss Avenue Historic District meets there for all their meetings. The house functions as a house museum that is used for social events.

6. Not only the exterior has been preserved as required by the historic district guidelines, but the lavish interior also remains primarily unchanged. This house may be the only significant home in the district that has not had the interior altered. Its use as an event facility allows the public to visit this incredible home and see it as it was when it was constructed. The original extensive wood work in the formal rooms and the unusual greenhouse are outstanding.

7. In my several years working with Dallas County Medical Alliance (“the Alliance”), I recall the Aldredge House having a good relationship with the City of Dallas and the Landmark Commission. I see the Alliance as an excellent steward of this exquisite historic property and I applaud their efforts to keep this Dallas landmark open and available to the citizens of the City to enjoy.

8. I also serve as president of the Peaks Addition Neighborhood Association. At our September membership meeting, we voted unanimously to support the continued operation and preservation of Aldredge House by the Alliance in a way that preserves its interiors and opens it to the public for events.

