

**AFFIDAVIT OF HENRY K. TATUM**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §**  
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**COUNTY OF DALLAS §**

Before me, the undersigned notary personally appeared Henry K. Tatum, who being duly sworn did depose as follows:

1. My name is Henry K. Tatum. 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 and based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I retired in 2004 as Associate Editor of The Dallas Morning News Editorial Page following a 35-year career that included stints as the Municipal Affairs reporter and as A Viewpoints Page columnist covering local politics and city issues.

3. During my career, I was closely involved in coverage of City Hall when efforts were underway to create the Swiss Avenue Historic District ("SAHD"). I spent months interviewing city planners, elected officials, residents in the neighborhood and urban pioneers who had dedicated themselves to restoring Old East Dallas to its former glory.

4. In my mind, there were two critical things that ensured the successful creation of the historic district -- a court battle that turned back plans to build a high rise residential tower on a lot in the center of Swiss Avenue, and the protection of the Aldredge House as a centerpiece of the SAHD.

5. The Aldredge House was one of the few remaining houses on Swiss Avenue that still retained the trappings of the original homes of Dallas' civic and business leaders who lived on this street in the early days.

6. The Aldredge House was also an important symbol that encouraged others to move to Swiss Avenue and restore the exteriors of their homes. Aldredge House today is one of the only homes on Swiss Avenue that is historically accurate both inside and out.

7. The Dallas County Medical Society Alliance (the "Alliance") has been able to maintain Aldredge House through fundraising and rental of the home for weddings and special events. The cost of maintaining such an expensive historic treasure requires the Alliance to raise revenues in this manner.

8. I not only have a professional interest in the SAHD; I have a personal one as well. My great grandmother, Carrie Munger Long, was a member of the family that developed the Swiss Avenue neighborhood. As a young girl, my mother played in the Aldredge House with her cousins.

9. I support the guidelines set forth in the planned development for the Aldredge House as a way to ensure that events at the house will not be disruptive or disturbing to nearby neighbors. The proposed PD will subject the Alliance to city regulations and enforcement.

10. I do not believe the Alliance can be expected to generate the income needed to maintain the Aldredge House through fundraising alone.

11. I know from personal experience after serving for six (6) years on the board of the Lee Park Conservancy that the events at Arlington Hall are vital to maintaining Lee Park in its outstanding condition.

12. My hope is that the Board of Adjustment will give the Alliance the opportunity to pursue a planned development for the Aldredge House that will meet the needs of the

neighborhood without taking away the financial means the Alliance relies upon in order to retain the home as a Swiss Avenue centerpiece.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Henry K. Tatum  
Name:  
Title: Retired

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Henry K. Tatum, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 7 day of Oct 2015.

Robert Omar Vera  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: September 02, 2019

