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## Save the Aldredge House!



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Dallas Board of Adjustment: Save the Aldredge House!

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### SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE ALDREDGE HOUSE

The Aldredge House, which was built in 1917 and is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (1982), was donated to the Dallas County Medical Society Alliance & Foundation (the "Foundation") by the previous owner, Rena Munger Aldredge in 1975. The House maintains its original interior, and is one of the finest and few remaining examples of the French Eclectic architectural style in Dallas. The Aldredge House is also the only residential landmark of its kind that is currently open to the public.

For the past 40 years, the Foundation has peacefully co-existed with our neighbors, making Aldredge House available, at no charge, for meetings and events of the Swiss Avenue Historic District and over 50 non-profit organizations throughout Dallas.

Rental income from special events is the primary source of funding for taxes, upkeep, and operations of the House.

**CURRENT CRISIS**

In May, a few neighbors raised some concerns about operations at Aldredge House...concerns immediately addressed by changes in our policies and procedures. So we were stunned to find a Board of Adjustment sign in our yard - our only notice that an application had been filed with the city to revoke the "legal non-conforming use" status under which Aldredge House has operated within the Swiss Avenue Historic District Planned Development District for 40 years.

**If that application is granted...**

- Aldredge House will revert to single-family use and will have to be sold; it will no longer be open to the public
- the Foundation will lose its home, its property rights, and their 40 year investment in preservation of the Aldredge House
- the neighborhood, community and non-profit organizations that utilize our facilities at no charge will lose that venue
- the City of Dallas will lose one of its very few historically and architecturally unique houses that is open to the public

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

It is our hope that we can maintain our long-standing relationship with the Swiss Avenue Historic District through a 2-step process:

1. Defeat the application for revocation of our legal non-conforming use status at the Dallas Board of Adjustment hearing on October 21st.
2. Develop a new planned development district (PD) by working with neighbors to define the uses and requirements of the Aldredge House. The new PD (if granted) would codify how and when Aldredge House could be used and would provide an enforcement mechanism through the city.

**Here's what you can do to help save Aldredge House:**

- Please sign our petition lending your support to preserving the history of the Aldredge House, and to encourage the Dallas Board of Adjustment to deny the application to terminate the legal non-conforming use status at its hearing on October 21.
- Plan to attend the Board of Adjustment hearing on Oct. 21

**Thank you so much for your support!**

Letter to

Dallas Board of Adjustment

I urge you to deny the application to terminate the Aldredge House's legal non-conforming use status at the Board of Adjustment hearing on October 21, 2015.

Updates

1. 6 days ago  
**Petition update**

**[Another Victory for the Aldredge House!](#)**

[Thanks to all of the supporters who showed up at City Hall yesterday for Step 2 in the Planned Development application for the Aldredge House. In a unanimous vote, the Landmark Commission voted to approve the new...](#)

2. 1 week ago  
**Petition update**

**[IMPORTANT UPDATE!!! SUPPORT US AT THE LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING THIS MONDAY!!](#)**

[UPDATE\\*\\*\\*On Wednesday, 9/23, the Designation Committee of the Dallas Landmark Commission met to determine whether the Aldredge House, located at 5500 Swiss Avenue, should continue to hold landmark status...](#)

3. 3 weeks ago  
**2,500 supporters**
4. 4 weeks ago  
**Petition update**

**[Aldredge House Named One of Dallas' Most Endangered Landmarks!](#)**



[The Aldredge House has officially been named one of Dallas' 'Most Endangered Landmarks' by Preservation Dallas. Click the link below to read the article published...](#)

[cityhallblog.dallasnews.com](http://cityhallblog.dallasnews.com)

- 5. 4 weeks ago  
**2,000 supporters**
- 6. 4 weeks ago  
**Petition update**

#### [Almost 2,000 signatures in less than a week!!](#)

[For those of you who have already signed our petition to Save the Aldredge House, thank you so much!! We are almost to 2,000 signatures in less than a week! Help us hit our next signature goal of 2,500 by copying and pasting...](#)

- 7. 4 weeks ago  
**1,500 supporters**
- 8. 1 month ago  
**Petition update**

#### [What an amazing show of support!!](#)

[Thanks so much to all of you for showing your support of the Aldredge House! We will keep you all up to date on any new developments as we lead up to the Board of Adjustment hearing on October 21st. In the meantime...](#)

- 9. 1 month ago  
**250 supporters**
- 10. 1 month ago  
**Aldredge Friend started this petition**

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- [Sissy Cullum](#) DALLAS, TX
  - about 1 month ago
  - Liked 4

This was my great grandmother's house! She specifically gave it to the Medical Alliance Foundation for them to use as they saw fit. It is a remarkable house! Please preserve this historical treasure that provides so much happiness.

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- [Parker Aldredge](#) DALLAS, TX
  - about 1 month ago
  - Liked 3

As a descendant of the Aldredge family, I am extremely proud of the commitment and dedication of the DCMSAF members that have not only maintained this architectural masterpiece, but have kept the spirit of community alive by making it open to the public.

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- [Matthew Aldredge](#) SOUTHAMPTON, NY
  - about 1 month ago
  - Liked 3

My father grew up here! It needs to be maintained as a historical part of Swiss Ave. and Munger Place!

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- [Don Averitt](#) DALLAS, TX
  - about 1 month ago
  - Liked 2

We must all stand together and stop a few wrongheaded and agenda driven people from shutting down a 40 year+ publicly beneficial and historically significant East Dallas landmark home! These few disgruntled neighbors would be better served supporting efforts to clean up the surrounding area and along Gaston Ave. Swiss Avenue works, that's why they bought there, long after Aldredge House was in its current form!

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