



January 23, 2026

The Reverend Simon Mainwaring
All Saints Episcopal Church
634 West Peachtree St. NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

RE: Support for the renovation of historic Eggleston Hall

Dear Reverend Simon Mainwaring:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a privately funded nonprofit dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the power of historic places to inspire connected, vibrant communities. Chartered by Congress in 1949, the National Trust works nationwide with partners, friends, and champions to steward, advocate for, and revitalize the places and stories that make communities unique, while shaping a shared future. Through this work, we help drive economic growth, foster healthier environments, and strengthen a shared sense of civic duty and belonging.

The National Trust has been informed by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation that All Saints' Church is pursuing the demolition of this important landmark. In my role as Senior Vice President of Preservation Initiatives Division of the National Trust, it is my great hope that the church leadership will change its course and undertake a sensitive rehabilitation of Eggleston Hall.

Eggleston Hall, constructed in 1908, is a highly significant structure and an excellent example of the Akron Plan of educational buildings that was influential in American ecclesiastical architecture in the early nineteenth century. Eggleston Hall and the church sit on the last intact block from the first decade of the 20th century and together represent, as a set, the Neo Gothic style selected by the congregation when it was constructed. Constructed of the same high-quality materials links the two structures—with the church appropriately sized to dominate the city block and landscape.

Through our long-standing work with congregations, it has been our experience that buildings such as Eggleston Hall anchor their congregations to their religious and spiritual heritage and serve as a physical reminder of the commitment that these institutions have made to their communities. The erasure of this heritage destroys the physical connection of the commitment to racial justice work, support for LGBTQ rights, refugee ministries and other good works that All Saints parishioners have previously undertaken in and through this building since 1908.

The National Trust has worked with numerous religious institutions of all faith traditions to successfully rehabilitate and adapt their historic buildings. Creative reimagining of historic spaces

can yield workable spaces that meet the modern needs of an evolving congregation. We heartily encourage you to take this course of action to avoid the opposition that you are receiving and to preserve this important link to the local community's past. If we can provide examples of reimagined educational spaces or answer any questions about our work with religious institutions, please call upon us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rob Nieweg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rob" and last name "Nieweg" clearly distinguishable.

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