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“When the City of Haleyville decided to take away all 14 attached city parking spaces from the Historic Feldman Department Store, Judy and I were told that it was all in the name of **safety and beautification**.

Yet, it took letters of support on our behalf from U.S. Congressman **Robert Aderholt**, Alabama Governor **Bob Riley**, Alabama Attorney General **Troy King**, Georgia Speaker of the House **Glenn Richardson**, Georgia Senator **Nathan Dean**, and **Joseph McGill** of the National Trust for Historic Preservation ...

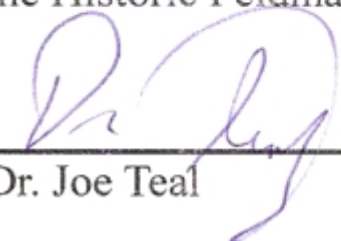
As well as an article written by editors of the *Deep South Jewish Voice* Newspaper in Birmingham, publicizing our struggle with the city; a personal visit to Haleyville on our behalf by Alabama Assistant Attorney General **Graham Sisson**; the urging of **4 local citizens with disabilities**; and almost **3 years out of my life** ...

To persuade the City of Haleyville to finally provide 6 attached city parking spaces at the historic building -- 2 of which are **handicap-accessible**.

Now, we have another problem. The City of Haleyville has provided brand new sidewalks all up and down Main Street ... except at the Historic Feldman Department Store.

Now, I respect the fact that they were preserved for historic value. However, while the City of Haleyville was concerned about having to repair hairline cracks that had developed in the brand new sidewalks, we have **1 ½” x 3” gaps** in our old sidewalk. The City has known about this problem since the Spring, and yet nothing has been done to fix the problem.

Now, a **1 ft. x 6 inch chunk** of our sidewalk has broken off at the top of a step. I showed it to Dateline NBC when they were filming at the building on December 1. You have to ask yourself ... does this look **safe and beautiful** to you? When are you going to fix this broken city sidewalk at the Historic Feldman Department Store?”



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Dr. Joe Teal