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Save the Iconic 1950 Paschal House A Petition on www.change.org

<http://www.change.org/petitions/save-the-iconic-1950-paschal-house-in-raleigh-nc> (NOW CLOSED)

The 1950 Paschal House on Alamance Drive is Raleigh's most important endangered mid-century Modernist house. TMH (Triangle Modernist Houses), a preservation nonprofit for Modernist houses, has learned the Paschal family has solicited a proposal for deconstruction, which means the house could be destroyed and recycled.

Designed by NCSU Professor James Fitzgibbon, a colleague of Buckminster Fuller, the house was occupied for almost 60 years by the original owners. Even Frank Lloyd Wright observed after visiting the house in 1950 that "it does the cause [of modern architecture] good." Read more about Fitzgibbon at: <http://www.trianglemodernisthouses.com/fitzgibbon.htm>

When the last owner moved out, the Paschal heirs priced the property at a whopping \$5M+. Over about the last five years, this excessive price has attracted no offers, even considering the value of the accompanying land.

Since that time, the family has refused public tours, which would bring in many interested parties; refused to subdivide the land, which would make the house much more affordable and attract buyers; refused a design competition, which would tap into the local architecture community; refused to meet with TMH and other interested parties to discuss options.

The heirs also insist the house is "too far gone" to feasibly restore, citing a lack of heat and air conditioning ductwork and systems, among other problems. TMH is assured by several sources that not only is the house restorable (and it will be stunning when finished) but advanced technologies make heating and cooling it no problem and in complete alignment with the Modernist design.

Finally, earlier this year, the heirs lowered the price to \$3.3M, which is still too high. TMH estimates the value the land and the house somewhere between \$2M and \$2.7M.

Please encourage the heirs to lower their expectations and work with TMH and other preservation organizations to save the house. We support the family gaining from the sale of their beautiful property, but this is not the pre-mortgage-crisis era where it was a seller's market.

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- Stan Fowler RALEIGH, NC

- 1 day ago

I toured it as a student when the original owner Mrs. Paschal lived there in 1999. Wow! It is the closest thing we have to a FL Wright masterpiece in NC.

- William M. Harkins GENEVA, IL

- 2 days ago

This is a stunning example of the Mid-Century Modernist era, not only because of the architecture itself but the site was well developed as well. It just plain deserves to be saved..

W. M. Harkins

- Patricia Niehues RALEIGH, NC

- 2 days ago

If I won the lottery tomorrow, I would purchase this home and bring it back to it's glory. It is a treasure not only for the City of Raleigh but to mid-century design.

- Marge Yanker CHAPEL HILL, NC

- 2 days ago

- Mary Brady RALEIGH, NC

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It is an important piece of architecture that needs to be saved.

- Marimar McNaughton WILMINGTON, NC

- 4 days ago

Homes are sacred space for the human spirit -- for recreation, refuge, rest. This house is a stunning example of the form that celebrates that human spirit in harmony with nature. Its architecture frames the natural landscape that surrounds it. It is a gem. Someone will step forward and make the right offer before it's too late.

- Brian Back PALM BEACH, FL

- 7 days ago

Why would you want to destroy such a significant piece of history and architectural sculpture? Why not allow others to have the opportunity to enjoy this if it is at all possible?

- [Joy Haas](#) RALEIGH, NC

- 9 days ago

This important architectural residence should be saved for future generations who will appreciate its worth to NC's heritage. Raleigh has lost too many architectural treasures. Let's not add this one to the list.

- [nicole baxter](#) DURHAM, NC

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We've lost so much of Raleigh's quality history, and have replaced it with suburbs and track housing, or parking lots and strip malls. We can no longer afford to lose the little bit of quality, history, and beauty that is left. Once this building is gone, it can never be rebuilt, and yet another piece of our past is gone. Where's the line?

- [Jenny Brewer](#) HIGH POINT, NC

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I am a realtor and believe it is critical that landmark homes be preserved. Many of my clients are selling or looking for unique, modern, contemporary or historical homes. The quality of their design and craftsmanship is something that is rarely matched today. It would be a great loss to allow this home to be destroyed.

- [mark rossbach](#) RALEIGH, NC

- 23 days ago

because modernism is an essential part of Raleigh's past and future, especially where such a masterpiece is at stake.

- [Ron Crider](#) CHARLOTTE, NC

- 23 days ago

This exquisite example of the mid-century vernacular cannot be lost to memories. Please rethink your plans and save this masterpiece for generations to come.

- [curtis kasefang](#) RALEIGH, NC

- 24 days ago

The house is a masterpiece.

- [sally johnson](#) BRUTON, UNITED KINGDOM

- about 1 month ago

Vwry important Usonian house, praised by Frank Lloyd Wright, should be preserved as an historic monument.

- Betty Stoddard RALEIGH, NC

- about 1 month ago

Modernist houses are treasures. The Paschal House is Modernist treasure. We save treasures. Therefore protect the Paschal House!!!!!!

- Mary-Owens Fitzgerald RALEIGH, NC
 - 4 months ago

Such a beautiful home is a treasure to be preserved. Beth Paschal loved the house and shared it with so many folks in Raleigh. It should also be shared with future generations.

- brigid hogan DURHAM, NC
 - 4 months ago

Please don't destroy a beautiful building!

- DENISE DICKINSEN COLUMBIA, SC
 - 4 months ago

A home that reflects mid-century modern architecture and design should be preserved. Let those that are willing help this family. I hope that this family will see the inherent value and change their pricing strategies.

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Reasons for signing

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or the Colonial homes of early America.

- Brad Murray RALEIGH, NC

Im a Realtor and respect the architectural interigity of Raleigh

- Susan Tice-Lewis CHAPEL HILL, NC

The landmark home needs to be saved and preserved!

- Katheryn OldShield HURST, TX

I enjoy and am inspired by the architecture of this era, and would really like to see it preserved and experienced by future generations.

- Andrew Blair RALEIGH, NC

I agree with restoring the unique architectural culture of Raleigh.

- Scott Ogden WILMINGTON, NC

I love & cherish MCM architecture and it's general demise & lack of appreciation in our society is tragic.

- Cynthia parkerCynthiaParker HAMPSTEAD, NC

Mid century homes are so beautiful, truly an art form! I appreciate so much the vision of the artists who dreamed of living sharing the indoors with the outdoors. I was raised on a farm with a true appreciation of nature and in my opinion the mid-century homes celebrates the union most!

- Matthew House DURHAM, NC

Beautiful design. Nothing like it anymore. Deserves to survive.

- Jeanette Benjey RALEIGH, NC

A house with this kind of timeless beauty needs to be saved!

- Anthony Paré MONTREAL, CANADA

History must be seen as well as recorded, and the built environment is where history is most obvious. We don't think twice about the preservation of ancient buildings, but too frequently demolish recent examples of extraordinary design, like the Paschal House, because they seem unexceptional to us.

- Dustin Strickland HICKORY, NC

I have saved two homes in danger (my current Deck House included), and value them for aesthetics as well as the environmental savings of living in an existing home.

- Carolyn Miller RALEIGH, NC

This home is an important cultural legacy that deserves to be restored and given a new lease on life. It belongs to the Paschal heirs but, like a work of art, it has value to many other people and to future generations.

- alexander isley REDDING, CT

I grew up in the area, know and appreciate Modernist architecture, and believe this is a vital part of Triangle cultural history.

- Sheila Duncan HICKORY, NC

I live in a historic district, and feel that preserving our heritage is important.

- Heather Rand RALEIGH, NC

There is a historical connection to modernist style to the Inside the Beltline area in Raleigh. It is important to recognize and save these designs.

- Becka Powers CLAYTON, NC

Iconic work of art that needs to be saved.

- carey collins HILLSBOROUGH, NC

NO ONE benefits if the house goes down; better to sell at a reasonable price, or allow someone to move it before it deteriorates.

- Stephen Powers WHITSETT, NC

This house is a unique example of mid century architecture. Many such houses have been abandoned/destroyed in the name of progress. This house needs to be saved from the wrecking ball and preserved for the future of the Triangle area.

- • George Weyrauch DURHAM, NC

Too many of these MCM homes have been destroyed already ! We need to remember there not making any more 50's modern homes , when there goneTHERE GONE !

- Martha Kooles ASHEVILLE, NC

It is such a beautiful house and so historic.

- Lucy Worth DURHAM, NC

Whenever we lose one of these houses, we lose part of our history, our heritage, our culture. House should be preserved and open to public. Family is not being good stewards of property.

- Mary Liebhold DURHAM, NC

Classic architecture of any period, when well done, should be preserved for future generations.

- Tobias Kaiser FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

Involved with preservation and promotion of modern architecture as a broker, I have seen this property and believe it deserves preservation

- Kent Bryant RALEIGH, NC

This is an important piece of NC and US Modern architecture. Can't a way be found to save it?

- Janet Michel KNOXVILLE, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

I would love to live in this house. Too many architecturally significant building are demolished. Please consider other options to preserve this one!!

- Holly Mardis GREENSBORO, NC

North Carolina has long been a "knock it down and build a box" state. Too many architectural treasures have disappeared. Once it's gone, it's gone forever. Yes, you should benefit from your inheritance, but what about the inheritance of future generations to see truly wonderful houses in REAL 3D, not just in pictures or at the movies. Why not allow it to be turned into an income generating property by restoring it and using it as a retreat for designers, architects, artists, etc? I cite the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, which seems to make scads of money, even in economic downturn times. Please, save this house. At least open yourselves to discussion. Thank you.

- Susan Straw DURHAM, NC

This home is a beautiful Modernist design. Please allow someone who will treasure it to bring it back to what it can be. Experts believe that it can be restored - please adjust your price so that everyone will be able to appreciate this building in the future.

- Nicole Sarrocco RALEIGH, NC

As a native of Raleigh and as a former history teacher, I want to see Raleigh's twentieth century art and culture preserved and valued. The house I grew up in was built nearly twenty years later, but its design was like the Paschal house until renovations masked its original Modernist design. Let's keep this beauty alive.

- • Richard Butner RALEIGH, NC

This historic landmark is worth saving.

- Kirk Port RALEIGH, NC

Structures such as the Paschal house need to be preserved as a living testament to the Modernist design movement that was fostered by the NCSU School of Design in the mid-twentieth century. We have already lost great structures such as the Catalano residence. It would be a pity to lose another structure.

- Nathan Maune RALEIGH, NC

Please begin working with all interested parties, in an effort to find the means to save and preserve this North Carolina architectural treasure.

- Cecily Timmons RALEIGH, NC

This price just isn't feasible in today's economy - but this house is a treasure and should be loved by someone.

- va MODERN RICHMOND, VA

Consider this: What if the Kaufmann family heirs had decided that Falling Water was too far gone, too hard to heat or cool, or keep out rain, or bugs, or maintain the site; or otherwise too far gone to restore for America? This home should be restored and become a museum about the legacy of modern architecture in post war North Carolina. That is obvious.

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The mid-century modernist movement is an incomparable asset to the overall history of architecture. As significant as Stonehenge, the Orders of Athens, or the Colonial homes of early America.

- Brad Murray RALEIGH, NC

I'm a Realtor and respect the architectural integrity of Raleigh

- Susan Tice-Lewis CHAPEL HILL, NC

The landmark home needs to be saved and preserved!

- Katheryn OldShield HURST, TX

I enjoy and am inspired by the architecture of this era, and would really like to see it preserved and experienced by future generations.

- Andrew Blair RALEIGH, NC

I agree with restoring the unique architectural culture of Raleigh.

- Scott Ogden WILMINGTON, NC

I love & cherish MCM architecture and it's general demise & lack of appreciation in our society is tragic.

- Cynthia parkerCynthiaParker HAMPSTEAD, NC

Mid century homes are so beautiful, truly an art form! I appreciate so much the vision of the artists who dreamed of living sharing the indoors with the outdoors. I was raised on a farm with a true appreciation of nature and in my opinion the mid-century homes celebrates the union most!

- Matthew House DURHAM, NC

Beautiful design. Nothing like it anymore. Deserves to survive.

- Jeanette Benjey RALEIGH, NC

A house with this kind of timeless beauty needs to be saved!

- Anthony Paré MONTREAL, CANADA

History must be seen as well as recorded, and the built environment is where history is most obvious. We don't think twice about the preservation of ancient buildings, but too frequently demolish recent examples of extraordinary design, like the Paschal House, because they seem unexceptional to us.

- Dustin Strickland HICKORY, NC

I have saved two homes in danger (my current Deck House included), and value them for aesthetics as well as the environmental savings of living in an existing home.

- Carolyn Miller RALEIGH, NC

This home is an important cultural legacy that deserves to be restored and given a new lease on life. It belongs to the Paschal heirs but, like a work of art, it has value to many other people and to future generations.

- alexander isley REDDING, CT

I grew up in the area, know and appreciate Modernist architecture, and believe this is a vital part of Triangle cultural history.

- Sheila Duncan HICKORY, NC

I live in a historic district, and feel that preserving our hertiage is important.

- Heather Rand RALEIGH, NC

There is a historical connection to modernist style to the Inside the Beltline area in Raleigh. It is important to recognize and save these designs.

- Becka Powers CLAYTON, NC

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- Liked 0

Iconic work of art that needs to be saved.

- carey collins HILLSBOROUGH, NC

NO ONE benefits if the house goes down; better to sell at a reasonable price, or allow someone to move it before it deteriorates.

- Stephen Powers WHITSETT, NC

This house is a unique example of mid century architecture. Many such houses have been abandoned/destroyed in the name of progress. This house needs to be saved from the wrecking ball and preserved for the future of the Triangle area.

- George Weyrauch DURHAM, NC

Too many of these MCM homes have been destroyed already ! We need to remember there not making any more 50's modern homes , when there goneTHERE GONE !

- Martha Kooles ASHEVILLE, NC

It is such a beautiful house and so historic.

- Lucy Worth DURHAM, NC

Whenever we lose one of these houses, we lose part of our history, our heritage, our culture. House should be preserved and open to public. Family is not being good stewards of property.

- Mary Liebhold DURHAM, NC

Classic architecture of any period, when well done, should be preserved for future generations.

- Tobias Kaiser FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

Involved with preservation and promotion of modern architecture as a broker, I have seen this property and believe it deserves preservation

- Kent Bryant RALEIGH, NC

- about 1 month ago
- Liked 0

This is an important piece of NC and US Modern architecture. Can't a way be found to save it?

- Janet Michel KNOXVILLE, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

I would love to live in this house. Too many architecturally significant building are demolished. Please consider other options to preserve this one!!

- Holly Mardis GREENSBORO, NC

North Carolina has long been a "knock it down and build a box" state. Too many architectural treasures have disappeared. Once it's gone, it's gone forever. Yes, you should benefit from your inheritance, but what about the inheritance of future generations to see truly wonderful houses in REAL 3D, not just in pictures or at the movies. Why not allow it to be turned into an income generating property by restoring it and using it as a retreat for designers, architects, artists, etc? I cite the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, which seems to make scads of money, even in economic downturn times. Please, save this house. At least open yourselves to discussion. Thank you.

- Susan Straw DURHAM, NC

This home is a beautiful Modernist design. Please allow someone who will treasure it to bring it back to what it can be. Experts believe that it can be restored - please adjust your price so that everyone will be able to appreciate this building in the future.

- Nicole Sarrocco RALEIGH, NC

As a native of Raleigh and as a former history teacher, I want to see Raleigh's twentieth century art and culture preserved and valued. The house I grew up in was built nearly twenty years later, but its design was like the Paschal house until renovations masked its original Modernist design. Let's keep this beauty alive.

- Richard Butner RALEIGH, NC

This historic landmark is worth saving.

- Kirk Port RALEIGH, NC

Structures such as the Paschal house need to be preserved as a living testament to the Modernist design movement that was fostered by the NCSU School of Design in the mid-twentieth century. We have already lost great structures such as the Catalano residence. It would be a pity to lose another structure.

- Nathan Maune RALEIGH, NC

Please begin working with all interested parties, in an effort to find the means to save and preserve this North Carolina architectural treasure.

- Cecily Timmons RALEIGH, NC

This price just isn't feasible in today's economy - but this house is a treasure and should be loved by someone.

- va MODERN RICHMOND, VA

Consider this: What if the Kaufmann family heirs had decided that Falling Water was too far gone, too hard to heat or cool, or keep out rain, or bugs, or maintain the site; or otherwise too far gone to restore for America? This home should be restored and become a museum about the legacy of modern architecture in post war North Carolina. That is obvious.

- Jan Schnurr RALEIGH, NC

This is such a lovely property! The house fits into it perfectly. The Paschals were so active in the community and contributed greatly to it. What a shame to demolish their very special, gorgeous home. Surely it was paid for years ago, so it is unimaginable that the owners would not want to preserve the house.

- elizabeth peach BOULDER,, CO

love beautiful homes of all types and this one deserves to be rescued!

- james stivers DURHAM, NC

I hate to see modernist houses destroyed for a lack of vision on the owners part. This house is a wonderful piece of art that should be preserved.

- Susan Kairys-Courech CHULUOTA, FL

Modernist design preservation

- Carl Brickhouse CHATTANOOGA, TN

Preservation of important architectural structures. Showing respect to the designers and builders and demonstrating responsibility to our cultural heritage.

- Andrew Pitner SALISBURY, NC

Support our heritage including modernist structures such as this one.

- Eugene Brown RALEIGH, NC

This is important to me because this house is such an important icon in our state's incalculably valuable stable of really excellent modernist houses which must be preserved.

- Hampton Fields RALEIGH, NC

In order for us to know where we are going we must understand the history of where we have been. This is a fine example of mid-century modern residential architecture. My hope is that in America we can figure out how to balance the essential rights of property owners and the inherent rights of community. If we all care about the constructs of community and not just value as defined by real-estate all of our lives may be enriched.

- John Suddath RALEIGH, NC

We destroy landmarks at our own peril.

- Angela Huffman CHAPEL HILL, NC

Art should be protected!

- Wilson Nightshadow MINNEAPOLIS, MN

This useful structure is simply a work of art and, as such, deserves preservation!

- Lisa Poole RALEIGH, NC

as a lover of all thing Modernist and a native Raleighite, i would be sad to see this gem torn down.

- Mary-Owens Fitzgerald RALEIGH, NC

Such a beautiful home is a treasure to be preserved. Beth Paschal loved the house and shared it with so many folks in Raleigh. It should also be shared with future generations.

- brigid hogan DURHAM, NC

Please dont destroy a beautiful building!

- DENISE DICKINSEN COLUMBIA, SC

A home that reflects mid-century modern architecture and design should be preserved. Let those that are willing help this family> I hope that this family will see the inherent value and change their pricing strategies

- tim mclendon COLUMBIA, SC

I'm a lover of great design and architecture and would be saddened to lose such an icon....

- Sharon Humphreys DURHAM, NC

This home is part of architectural history as well as family history and needs to be preserved.

- Hannah Allen CHICAGO, IL

I believe in the power of modern architecture and its place within the architectural environment. Plus this is just an amazing house, I'd live there!!!

- Alan Higgins EVANSVILLE, IN

An iconic and irreplaceable element of North Carolina's rich modern legacy.

- Joyce Black GREENSBORO, NC

Historical, modern architectural design is an important asset to the soul of America.

- Casey Herbert DURHAM, NC

I have faced a similar problem with my family's home. www.46Beverly.com

- Myra Hogan RALEIGH, NC

We need to save these wonderful examples of mid century modern architecture so that they can continue to be shared and inspire.

- Miller Taylor RALEIGH, NC

Modernism is in the DNA of our city and gives it a unique visual character as well as a connection to a unique period of design-history. We should do everything we can to preserve the elements of Raleigh that differentiate it from other cities.

- James M. Gundersdorff EA DURHAM, NC

I have an interest in modern architecture.

- John R Johnston IV RALEIGH, NC

The demolition of this house is also the destruction of our history and heritage. We should preserve both!