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## **Josh Mandell appointed to the Alabama Historical Commission**

In January, Governor Bob Riley appointed Josh Mandell to the Alabama Historical Commission.

Appointed as a member at large, Josh Mandell has been involved in the re-development of historic buildings in downtown Montgomery that feature loft living above ground level commercial and retail spaces. A member of Montgomery's Historic Preservation Commission, he developed his interest in preservation while studying law at Loyola University in New Orleans.

"I've always loved history, but being in New Orleans was what kicked off my interest in historic preservation," Mandell said. A Montgomery native, he received a BA in history from the University of Alabama in 1996. He is employed by Summit America as general counsel. He replaces AHC Commissioner Steve Martin whose term expired.

According to Executive Director Frank White, "I am grateful for the dedication and expertise Commissioner Martin shared with us during his service. And we look forward to working with Commissioner Mandell. He is an excellent addition to the board."

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama's state agency for historic preservation.*

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