

August 16, 1968

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor - City of Atlanta
City Hall
68 Mitchell Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Browntown Rd/"Turnkey" Housing Site.

Dear Mayor Allen:

This is to briefly review our past efforts and future plans as regards rezoning for multi-family development the 51-acre tract known as the "Browntown Road" public housing site. Bill Woodward and myself, as agents for the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, appeared before the Aldermanic Zoning Committee on August 10, 1967 to present our reasons why we felt the subject property should be rezoned. Our request was denied at that time, however, our case was again heard in November of '67 with the Committee's decision being deferred until July 1, 1968 to determine what could be done by the City in response to the recommendations contained in the "Northwest Area Study".

While waiting for this final decision, it was recommended by the Housing Resources Committee and the Planning and Zoning Department that we not request this decision but rather include this site in the "package" of sites recommended for rezoning for low and moderate income housing development. It now appears that this "package" approach is not feasible and the recommendation is to present our case again on an individual basis.

Our major concern, considering further delay, is our ability to continue to make this property available for "Turnkey" development. Understandably, the property owners have become more reluctant to continue holding their property in abeyance based on possible rezoning for this purpose. Considering this, we are anxious for a final decision as early as possible. Therefore, it is our intention to speak informally with the Aldermanic Zoning Committee after their next scheduled public hearing on Thursday, August 22,

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At that time we will review what positive action has been taken by the City in response to the recommendations contained in the before-mentioned area study and will ask that the Committee act favorably upon our request for rezoning.

Realizing your personal concern in the area of low and medium income housing for Atlanta, we sincerely hope that you and your office continue to support our efforts in this regard and will do all within your power to influence a favorable decision from the zoning Committee.

Yours very truly,



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