

June 27, 1969

Mr. John W. Gardner, Chairman  
The Urban Coalition Action Council.  
1819 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Upon receipt of the draft position paper establishing the National Urban Coalition's role in housing, copy attached (Encl. 1), Mayor Allen, referred the paper to the Housing Resources Committee for review and comment.

The paper was first analyzed by the Housing Coordinator and then assigned, along with the analysis, (Encl. 2) to the Business Participation and Finance Panel of this Committee for study and report back to the Housing Resources Committee.

At the June 12 meeting, the Housing Resources Committee as a whole received and unanimously adopted the report of the Business Participation and Finance Panel, which was as follows:

"The Committee accepted Col. Jones' analysis of the draft position paper establishing the National Urban Coalition's role in housing and added the following recommendations:

1. Greater emphasis should be placed on producing single-family or condominium houses for the middle-income Negroes. These to be in the price range of \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00.
2. The major thrust should be for home ownership rather than rental housing.
3. City Governments should cause the necessary steps to be taken to qualify their citizens, who are not in an Urban Renewal area, for grants and/or loans (Sec. 312) to rehabilitate houses that are now below code requirements, and where the owners have insufficient resources to make the necessary repairs.

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4. That the FHA be urged to approve air-conditioning in both new and rehabilitated housing where it can be included within the maximum loan allowed.
5. That the FHA be urged to encourage the use of row-type housing such as garden-type, condominium houses, patio houses, etc.

I hope that this endorsement may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Cecil A. Alexander, Chairman  
Housing Resources Committee

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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓  
Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr.