

Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr. Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Mitchell Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

In regards to the recent victory of Mr. Lester Maddox, in the election for Governor of our fair State, I believe you have made some rather unfair remarks toward this man and cast a bad reflection on about 400,000 Georgia Citizens who voted for him.

You call yourself a Democrat, I call you a fraud. You have no right as Mayor of this City to put yourself in the position you have by these remarks, simply because your choice of candidate did not win.

You called Mr. Maddox "incompetent, and unqualified" for this office, you also added a long list of other adjectives, to describe this man, the choice of the people. I call on you sir, to show the public, any list of educational, standards, or breeding that a person must have to run for public office.

Our Country was founded on one thing, "the voice of the people;" whereby we have the freedom of choice to run for office, to elect, any person, regardless of race, creed or color, or educational background to any office.

I personally feel that even though I may not have the social position, education, or financial security that YOU have, I am by no means "ignorant and irresponsible". I am thankful that I have the Grace of God in my heart and will go along with the way the majority votes because it is the voice of the people.

You must remember that it was a vast majority of these so called "ignorant" citizens that voted to put you in office and I don't remember hearing you complain then. Furthermore, if you had thought that Mr. Maddox was going to win, why didn't you have the guts to resign and run yourself, and see how the "ignorant" people would have voted.

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I think, you as Mayor of the City of Atlanta should in all due respect, retract your statements and issue an apology. Not only to the man that the people have elected to run, but also to the people of the State.

I have not signed this letter because I have relatives who work for the City of Atlanta and I know what sort of trouble it could cause them. Let's just say that I am one irate citizen who is appalled at your present outlook.

cc:

Lester Maddox
Atlanta Journal
Atlanta Constitution