

September 18, 1966
1668 Juanita Ave.
San Jose, California

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

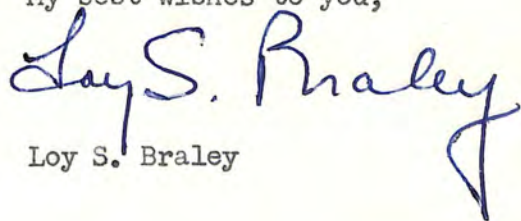
Dear Mayor Allen:

I would like to commend you for some of the attitudes you expressed following the racial difficulties recently in Atlanta (reported by UPI, Sept. 9).

Your awareness of the inequities confronting Negroes and willingness to publicly acknowledge them deserves the highest praise. The endorsement you have given to the 1966 civil rights bill and opposition to the Dirksen amendment requires a good deal of personal and political courage.

The Nation will be indebted to you for whatever counsel and guidance you can offer to your community in ameliorating the injustice that has been done the black man. I hope you will not be sidetracked from the pursuit of insuring the basic dignity and worth of all men by the irrelevant issues of "black power" and "outside agitation".

My best wishes to you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loy S. Braley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Loy S. Braley