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Mr. Robert Dobbs, Chairman
Citizens Neighborhood Action Committee
Northwest-Perry Homes Service Center
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Dear Mr. Dobbs:

As you know, the City of Atlanta has responded in a positive manner to improvement of deficiencies in community facilities in the general Perry Boulevard - Hollywood Road, N. W. area, which were so ably pointed out by yourself and neighborhood groups in the area.

The proposed re-zoning of the Browntown Road site for a well planned multi-unit housing development was deferred last fall and is currently being delayed in consideration of the objections then raised by the citizens of the area, because of the lack of community facilities.

You are, of course, aware that as a direct result, the Planning Department prepared a special study of the area, pointing up the deficiencies that then existed and making specific recommendations for improvements in the area. These recommendations were set forth on pages 24, 25, and 26 of the Browntown area report.

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A survey of the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Browntown area report has recently been made and it was found that many of the recommended improvements have already been accomplished, others have been initiated and are now being carried out, while plans are in existence for making additional improvements as soon as circumstances and funds permit. A copy of this status report is attached.

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3 I think you will agree with me that considerable progress has been made. The credit for these improvements is due in a large measure to the helpful assistance and cooperation of the responsible citizens of the area, whom you represent.

4 If Atlanta is to continue to progress and provide decent housing for all of its citizens, we cannot afford to wait indefinitely for all desirable improvements. Many of these will have to be developed simultaneously with development of the housing to serve the areas involved. The City of Atlanta is committed to such a program.

2 The Browntown Road site location has been approved by both HUD and the Housing Authority. It is designed to house 450 low and moderate income families for which decent, safe and sanitary housing is desperately needed. We cannot indefinitely deny these families a suitable place to live.

In view of all that has already been accomplished and currently planned in the nature of improvements for this area, I would very much like to see you and other responsible citizens of the area:

1. Write a letter to the Chairman of the Zoning Committee (with a copy to me) withdrawing your earlier objections to the proposed Browntown Road Turnkey development and request that it now be initiated.
2. Should you and others working with you not be able to submit a positive recommendation for the project, then I solicit your cooperation in not publicly further opposing it, when it comes up for reconsideration.

In the event that you cannot see your way clear to follow either of the courses of action indicated above, I see nothing left for those of us responsible for development of low income housing than to recommend at an early date the rezoning of this site, which I propose to do; and intend to support it to the best of my ability. I hope that this will

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not be necessary and that you can see your way clear to carry out
proposal (1) indicated above.

Sincerely yours,

Dan E. Sweat, Jr.

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Encl: Status Report on improvements in
community facilities recommended
in the Browntown area report