

602-46th Ave. North
Nashville 9, Tenn.
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Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.
Atlanta, Georgia,
Dear Mayor Allen

I wish to express my disgust for the duplication of the "Berlin Wall" in your fair city. I want to know what rights or privileges ~~are~~ are there to be found in a white residential ^{neighborhood} that would be encroached upon by negro moving into the neighborhood.

This move to place this duplication of the Berlin Wall in any city of this supposedly progressive country like you have there for reasons given or any other reason to keep the negro in a segregated area is an open expression of the White Citizens Council and any other hate group. Such action is in direct violation of the laws of our country and especially of what the Bible has to say - "love thy neighbor."

It is utterly out of harmony to visualize a person that is supposedly to be intelligent and Christian as you and others by placing

so many restrictions in the path of a group of people who are seeking rights and privileges that are rightful theirs by reason of birth and gaurantee by laws as any other citizen

We (negroes) has the right to choose our places (homes) to live. Why deny us that right

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