



# Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc.

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T. M. Parham  
Executive Administrator

April 29, 1969

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

At the EOA Board of Directors meeting on April 16, 1969, the question of the impending reduction and ultimate phase out of the Atlanta Beautification Corps Program (ABC) was discussed. This reduction was caused by a re-evaluation of the ABC component being funded from this program source and a cutback in funding of the Atlanta Concentrated Employment Program (ACEP) which operates the ABC Program as a component under contract with the City of Atlanta. The ABC Program was originally designed to provide low income residents with work experience while providing needed cleanup of inner city areas. Although the contract does not specifically provide for hiring of the ABC enrollees by the City, their past performance does suggest that they merit every consideration in this regard.

The EOA Board heard an appeal from Mrs. Rosa Marshall, Supervisor of ABC workers, for assistance in finding meaningful employment for the ABC workers being phased out of the program. Although her long range concern was for all of the workers, she was especially concerned about the imminent cutback on May 5 of approximately 40% of the total 60 slots. Mrs. Marshall requested that the Board consider authorizing a letter to the City of Atlanta on behalf of the ABC workers. Such action was duly passed by the Board requesting that I communicate with you on this problem.

I understand from the Executive Administrator of EOA, Mr. Parham, that City and EOA officials have been aggressively seeking a solution on this matter. Therefore, speaking for the EOA Board of Directors, I would like to express appreciation to you for your past concern and to encourage you in your future efforts for the low income people who will be affected by this unfortunate reduction. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Boisfeuillet Jones, Chairman  
EOA Board of Directors

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