

Model Cities

CITY OF ATLANTA



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Dear Les:

After reviewing your memorandum by Tom Eskew on the status of NDP activities, I am concerned about the total number of properties acquired under option and purchase. The report indicates that 47 parcels are under option and 60 parcels have been purchased for a total of 107 parcels.

The Model Cities Program assures a family that it will be provided with temporary or permanent relocatable housing before they are required to sell their home. Past experience has shown us that when a family is contacted about the sale of their property they immediately begin to think of moving and often move without receiving the assistance they are entitled to receive.

To this date, I have seen no visible evidence that adequate provisions are being made to provide the temporary housing assistance promised the families in the Model Cities Area.

Therefore we must hereby request that all action to acquire properties cease until such time as adequate provisions are made to provide temporary or permanent housing for the families displaced.

We also request that a meeting be held at your earliest convenience to discuss procedures that will allow us to meet the statutory requirements for relocation in the Model Cities Area.

Sincerely,

Johnny C. Johnson
Director

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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Alderman Everett Millican
Alderman Gregory Griggs