

QUESTIONS FOR THE HONORABLE IVAN ALLEN, JR.
MAYOR OF ATLANTA CONCERNING THE ATLANTA
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

1. What factors caused the city to create the CRC ? How much influence did the riots in other cities or the 1964 Civil Rights Act have in convincing the city to establish the CRC ?
2. What do you view as the job of the CRC ? Is it just a sounding board ?
3. Was the CRC created primarily to work in the black neighborhoods of the city ?
4. How, in your view, can the CRC best serve the people of Atlanta ?
5. Should the CRC take an active role in changing the racial patterns of the city ?
6. Do you believe the CRC can be the prime agent in getting the school board to fully integrate the Atlanta public schools ?
7. Can the CRC do anything to speed integration of Atlanta's neighborhoods-- which would relieve the back pressure of housing in black areas ?
8. At present the CRC has no powers outside of holding hearings and investigation should the CRC be given additional powers ?
9. Atlanta is very heterogeneous in its makeup. How do you make the CRC membership reflect, as near as possible, the diverse segments of the city ?
10. What do you consider when you select a CRC member--what is your criteria beyond the ordinance's adult resident clause ?
11. In the past the CRC had to struggle to get an increase in its budget, in 1966, only \$30,000, in 1967 \$35,000, however this year the Finance Committee gave the CRC a sizable increase in its budget without dissenting voices--why ?
12. As late as 1961 it has been reported that you did not favor an official human relations council (excluding the coordinating committee you created which had no official status) why did you change your view in 1966 ?
13. How do you feel the CRC is being accepted in the affluent white community ?
14. What were your feelings toward Mrs. Paschal as director of the CRC ?