

May 20, 1967

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am a resident of Southwest Atlanta, and an active participant in Southwest Atlantans for Progress ("SWAP"). Yesterday I met with a group including the Community Relations Council. I was asked by one member, "What can we do to help."

As I am confident that they reflect your desire to foster activities which can validate and improve Atlanta as a place to live, I am writing to suggest a possible way in which you could help us do our part of this job.

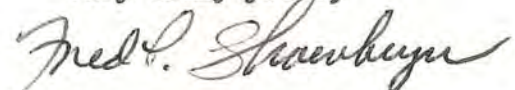
A positive letter of support for the direction we are taking in attempting to stabilize our community as a thoroughly integrated one would be quite encouraging, especially if permission were granted to publish the letter through Atlanta news media.

I have no intention of attempting to direct such a letter should you write one, but offer the following ideas as possible seeds for your own thinking.

1. Support of the idea of a stabilized community as a starting point for a stabilized (and integrated) Atlanta.
2. Open housing agreements or legislation.
3. The maintainance, and even enhancement, of school quality and of public services in this area.
4. A statement of your continued interest in and observation of what is going on here.

The preceding are by no means exhaustive. Mr. Shelton, Mrs. Bullard, or others of your Council may be offered as persons who have talked with some of us on the spot and would perhaps have politically appropriate suggestions to make.

Very truly yours,



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