

S.K. Cannon

967 Oriole Drive, SW
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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Your courageous stand on the controversial closing of Harlan and Peyton Roads is one to be greatly admired.

At a time when some forces seem determined to blacken the name of the Southwest section of our city, the positive stand taken by you and the Board of Aldermen gives the residents of this area definite hope for family stabilization. You have shown you cannot be swayed by strong political pressures when so many people have so much at stake.

The residents of the Cascade area have invested heavily, both financially and in hard work, to make this one of the finest residential sections in Atlanta. Clearly, we are entitled to protection from encroachment by a minority group. That we should be compelled to leave Atlanta for small-town or suburban living is unthinkable.

We recognize that the majority should not subjugate the minority, but by the same basic thinking minority groups have no right to disrupt and destroy the existence of the community.

May I again commend you for your determined stand and your untiring efforts to effect a favorable solution to this problem.

Very sincerely,


S. K. Cannon