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ATLANTA 11, GEORGIA

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayer, City of Atlanta, Georgia  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen;

I am writing to you on the subject of "Block Busting" by Negro personnel in the new all-white Peyton-Utey Forest Community in Southwest Atlanta.

We are a fairly new community of only a few years, all of our houses are new, we are taxpayers in the City of Atlanta and County of Fulton. We here in this area love our community, our location, our neighbors, and very much desire to keep this area white, as you and all other white people in Atlanta desire to retain their areas for white only.

"Block Busting" is being carried on more and more in our area by Negro Realitors, and other Negro Organizations, and undoubtedly backed by the NAACP.

We, in the Peyton-Utey Forest Community are asking for your support to help keep our community white and to help maintain the peace and tranquility of our community as we knew prior to about December of last year, when the "Block Busting" really got started. We ask for your support in keeping the Negro Realitors from seeking house and property listings in our area. We ask for your support in zoning property along Gordon Road, S.W. as M-1, property is located on the South side of Gordon Road between Peyton Road and Lynhurst Drive, S.W., hearings for this zoning are scheduled for August 9, 1962. We also ask for your support in zoning property South of Gordon Road, East of Peyton Road, and adjacent to the Westview Cemetary for a Negro Cemetary, the hearing for this zoning has not, to my knowledge, been scheduled, but will be soon I am sure.

We believe the above, with your support, will tend to keep our community a WHITE Community, and would keep Negro housing out of this area.

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I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to Aldermen Milton Farris and Jack Summers, in an effort to solicit their support also.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Milton G. Farris  
Mr. Jack Summers