

April 22, 1967

Mayor Ivan Allen  
Board of Aldermen  
City Hall  
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Sirs:

It is past time for pressure on the Southwest section of Atlanta to be taken off the home owners. Most of these very fine citizens built homes in this section planning to live there a lifetime and many have been residents for over twenty years. Their homes are in the \$20,000 to \$50,000 range and the neighborhoods are beautifully kept. From this section comes some of the outstanding citizens of Atlanta and Georgia, but if city hall continues to ignore the integration, or resegregation, of this one section of Atlanta it will soon affect the entire city. The neighborhoods will no longer be integrated; they will be all Negro and the former home owners will have moved entirely out of Fulton county.....as many say they will do if they have to give up their homes.

How many of you have taken the time, or cared enough, to ride out in this lovely section to see the for sale signs that fill each street? Have you given any thought as to the far-reaching affect of this fear? For sale signs should be banned from in front of all homes.

Most residents who would like to stay, even with some integration, do not wish to be the only white resident on a street and some discussion with both whites and Negroes should come from city hall. Other areas of Atlanta should be opened to these Negroes seeking homes in all white neighborhoods.

Pressure tactics are being used by real estate companies and more and more signs are appearing in front of homes. If the present trend continues, Atlanta will soon be another Washington, D. C. and the prestige of Atlanta will disappear.

It should be in the interest of all good citizens of Atlanta, who are interested in the general welfare of Atlanta, to try to help stabilize the Southwest section - Cascade Heights, West Manor, Audubon Forest, King's Forest, etc.. Some encouragement from the mayor and councilmen of this city would certainly be most helpful and encouraging to these citizens struggling under pressure.

If these people do not receive any help from this direction, then the Northside could easily undergo the same transition in the future and then the feelings and frustrations of the Southwest citizens will be better understood by others in Atlanta.

This is an urgent matter and we earnestly seek your full cooperation.

Thank you.

Citizens of Southwest Atlanta

Attchd: List of names  
Clipping from Atlanta Journal-Constitution

CITIZENS OF SOUTHWEST ATLANTA

Mrs. L. H. White

Mrs. W. H. Sanderfer

John L. Lorton

Mrs. J. L. Lorton

Miss J. S. Hubbard

Mrs. J. W. Hubbard

Mr. & Mrs. C. N. Walker

S. F. Hubbard

Mr. John K. White Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Green Jr.

E. F. Hall

Jack Camp

Mrs. Alice W. Decker

Mrs. Jack Camp

Mrs. P. A. Webb

Mrs. S. F. Hubbard

Mrs. Evelyn Lee

Mrs. G. Lee Johnson

G. Lee Johnson

Mrs. John Garner

Mrs. Helen Raugle

Annie Ruth Paines

J. Palmer Barnes

Geo. Graf

W. C. Cowden

Mrs. & Mrs. R. J. Ricketts

Mr. & Mrs. Goodwin A. Black

Mrs. Laura Williams

Mrs. B. E. Jolly

Mrs. Frances S. Glover

Mrs. George Graf

Mrs. E. T. Goodwin

Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Russell

Howard Cleft

Mr. Leonard Cleft

Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Welch

Mrs. Lawson F. Bell

Miss Catherine Kimmel

Mrs. Charles C. Fite Jr.

Mrs. Margretta K. Atkins

Amy Brown

Emma Bradford

Mrs. Judy Adams

Miss Jennie Lee Phillips

Miss Agnes Ragdale

Mrs. M. E. Intekin

Mrs. Carl D. Decker

Mrs. R. E. Ladd

Pansy Wood

Malcol Lemming

Mrs. Ann Simock

Mrs. Kurt Steingraber

Mrs. May Kinnison

Mrs. A. J. Haley

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Hays

Mrs. Chas. E. Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Pounds