

STATEMENT OF MAYOR BENDER
ON MODEL CITIES PROGRAM
August 1, 1969

The Model Cities Program is a cooperative effort among the Federal Government, State Government, the City Government and the residents who live in the Model Neighborhood Area. As such, the specific program designed to correct the problems in the Model Neighborhood Area will be a product of the cooperative effort of all those involved.

On August 2nd, the 25 members of the CDA Board who will represent the citizens of the Model Neighborhood Area will be elected. Every resident of the Area should plan to vote in his district at one of the polling places listed below. Never has an election been held in this Area which affected the lives of its residents more directly and significantly than will this one. In order to vote in the election, residents must be registered with the Model Cities Program.

Registration has been conducted (1) house-to-house in the Model Neighborhood, (2) at the centers listed below during July and, (3) at the Model Cities Office, 1418 McCallie Avenue between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for the past month. As of July 30, 1969, the following numbers of people had registered.

DISTRICT I	655
DISTRICT II	592
DISTRICT III	1302
DISTRICT IV	380
DISTRICT V	564
DISTRICT VI	537
DISTRICT VII	1066

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS 5096

It is estimated that 70% of the MNA population over 18 is registered to vote. In other Model Cities around the country the level of resident participation has averaged 10% to 15%.

Voting will be on August 2, 1969 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the following places which are shown on the attached map.

District I	East Area Neighborhood Service Center
District II	Boone-Hysinger Community Center
District III	Avondale Community Center
District IV	Carver Community Center
District V	Carver Community Center
District VI	Orchard Knob Elementary School
District VII	Orchard Knob Jr. High School

One key to the success of the Model Cities Program is the direct participation of the citizens of the Model Neighborhood Area. The fact is that the Model Cities Program cannot succeed without the participation of a significant number of the residents of the MNA. I want to urge each and every voter registered to participate in

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the ModelCities Program to vote on August 2, 1969 at the appropriate voting place.

