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Mr. Charles Davis
City Comptroller
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Charles:

RE: ABC Corps - Casual Employees

As you know, for the past 18 months or more, the Sanitation Division of the City of Atlanta has been involved in a new project under the Atlanta Concentrated Employment Program called the Atlanta Beautification Corps. In this project, so-called hardcore, unemployed individuals have been utilized in special crews designed to collect trash and debris from sidewalks, vacant lots, playgrounds, parks, etc. in an attempt to keep these areas beautiful.

The concept of the program was for the City to attempt to identify those members of the ABC Corps who could perform in regular City functions and to assist them in finding fulltime employment. Our success has not been too great. To date, we have placed three of the former ABC workers in regular City positions at the City Garage.

Because of cutbacks in Federal funding, the ABC Program is being reduced in the number of employees immediately by 25 as of Friday, May 2. Ralph Hulsey and his Sanitation people say that this program has been successful and that the ABC workers have performed a great service to the City of Atlanta. He has indicated he is in favor of continuing these people if possible.

It seems to me that since they have performed admirably in areas where they were badly needed by the City that we should attempt to maintain the services of these 25 people in the Sanitary Division until at least the end of our summer

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program period. This would give us an opportunity to make a further effort to place those who can meet qualifications in regular job slots. At the same time, during the crucial summer period we would have the advantage of the experience of these people in helping in special neighborhood clean-up projects and other special requirements which the summer period brings.

It is my understanding that Mr. Hulsey has requested that these 25 individuals be placed on a casual employee status with the Sanitary Division until August 31. I hope that you will support this recommendation and give us your help in having this done.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Sweat

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