

September 16, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Cecil A. Alexander, Chairman
Housing Resources Committee

Enclosed is a copy of addendum issued by the Housing Authority in late August postponing the date of submission of proposals for the development of the Federal Pen Site and changing the requirement for development of at least 300 dwelling units for use for the "lowest income families," which proposal was result of a formal resolution by our Housing Resources Committee and supported by Mayor Allen in written communication to the Housing Authority.

Paragraph(2)of this addendum infers that this requirement can be met through the 221 and other Federally assisted programs, other than Public Housing. This concept, I believe, is erroneous in that our experience to date has indicated that the 221 program is designed to house the medium income families and not those in the lowest income brackets. The one possible exception to this might be 221 d(3) Rent Supplement. However, it is my understanding that the Rent Supplement program even today is extremely limited on a funding basis nationally and I do not feel can be counted upon to meet the requirements of Public Housing in the Federal Pen Site.

As for the Leasing Program for Public Housing, I fear that the Resolutions introduced by Mr. Leftwich and adopted by the Board of Aldermen September 4, may even preclude that program being utilized in the Federal Pen Site.

I am of the opinion that the changes indicated by the Housing Authority in Item 2 of this addendum has been inspired by political pressure from a certain source and will confuse developers, extremely limit their flexibility in proposed development and will not meet our greatest need in Atlanta for housing for the lowest income families nor accomplish what the Housing Resources Committee desires and recommended.

I feel that, the Housing Resources Committee, with whom these changes were not coordinated, should not let these changes go through unchallenged.

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Encl: Undated bidding addendum - Project Ga. - R- 22

cc: ✓ Mr. Dan E. Swest, Jr.