2107 Oakview Road, SE Atlanta, Georgia 30317 March 21, 1967

Community Relations Commission
City Hall, Room 1203
68 Mitchell Street, S W
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Attn: Mrs. Paschall

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Dear Mrs. Paschall,

We, the undersigned homeowners, have been informed by the City Attorney's office that five property owners can bring action which can bring about the closing of a public nuisance.

This property is located at 2104 Oakview Road, S E and is owned by Pair and Maico Realty. It is known as "house on muddy hill". This company has owned this property for approximately 2 years and for this time it has been operated as a house of business. We have information that the house is unfit for human occupancy.

The house, which is located several hundred yards from nearest street light, is occupied by various transients with no evidence of moving in or out. One regular, Louella Whitting, has apparently occupied some portion of downstairs for about 8 months.

We have observed activities which detectives from Atlanta and DeKalb County have informed us is evidence of lottery, bootlegging, prostitution, shoplifting and fencing. We do not mean to imply that all of these businesses are conducted at the same time.

The most annoying characteristic of this house is the parade of taxis that arrive, blow their horns and depart all through the night. A more entertaining feature is the drunken brawls which occur inside and out usually at night.

Cur reports to the police dept. are ignored, however, the police do come to this address when there is no disturbance, specifically, February 18,1967 at 2:00 AM uniformed, heavy-set white male driving Atlanta Police car stayed about 10 minutes. And March 17,1967 8:45PM uniformed, well-built, 6' white male driving Atlanta Police car stayed inside more than 15 minutes.

This house is a dangerous threat to the city because October 14, 1966 a mob congregated at this address and by 10:00 PM the street as far as the eye could see was blocked to traffic, because street and lawns were filled with several hundred drunken couples, many in their early teens. We were told they were from the 4th Ward area. Many home-owners in this area called many times for protection. We know of at least 30 calls that were made. We were informed by Capt. Little at 11:15 PM that they were changing watchs and it would be 1 hour before we could expect an officer to arrive.

The first assistance to arrive was in the form of Rev. Daniel Bryan of Kirkwood Christian Center at about 12:30 AM. After this episode, we circulated a petition requesting relief from this situation and collected over 100 concerned homeowners and taxpayers signatures from this immediate area.

We have in our possession a letter signed by Mayor Ivan Allen stating that he had checked city records and no arrests have ever been made at 2104 Oakview Road, S E.

We, the undersigned hereby petition that this public nuisance and threat to the safety of the community be closed.

your John t. Usher

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