

Statement by Des
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THE MAYOR HAS GIVEN VERY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR SOME CHANGE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE HOUSING RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

HE RECOGNIZES THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THE HOUSING EFFORT WHICH THIS GROUP OF CITIZENS HAS ACHIEVED. I AM SURE HE DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE ANY PREMATURE ACTION WHICH MIGHT DIMINISH THE ENTHUSIASM OR PRODUCTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

SINCE THE HOUSING RESOURCES COMMITTEE WAS GIVEN ITS CHARGE IN NOVEMBER 1966, SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN EFFECTED WHICH HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE HRC PROGRAM. SPECIFIC EXAMPLES ARE THE MODEL CITIES PROGRAM, THE OPEN OCCUPANCY AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE 1968 HOUSING ACT AND THE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPROACH OF URBAN RENEWAL.

THE VERY SUCCESS OF THE COMMITTEE ITSELF IN ALREADY ATTAINING MUCH OF ITS ASSIGNED GOAL IS ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH IS BEING WEIGHED IN CONSIDERING ANY NEW CHARGE TO THE HRC.

I AM SURE THE MAYOR WILL GIVE HIS THOUGHTS TO THE COMMITTEE VERY SHORTLY.