

440 Fielding Lane SW
Atlanta 11, Georgia
August 1, 1962

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

As a resident of Peyton Forest in Southwest Atlanta I urgently appeal to you and your office to use your influence to help relieve a critical situation in Peyton and Wray Forest.

This neighborhood of homes from \$21,000 to \$28,000 for many months has constantly been harassed by negroes using every conceivable method of "block busting." Some of the tactics being used are:

1. Negroes riding through the neighborhood looking at the homes, looking at a newspaper and stopping and pointing.
2. Some negro realty companies - mainly

Callaway Realty, calling homes and requesting listings, stating they already have some listings - which is untrue.

3. T. M. Alexander salesman have been in the neighborhood inquiring about houses.

4. Phone calls from negroes - too numerous to be accidental - asking for Effie Mae, or some other such person.

Because of the situation in this community the people who have been transferred out of town are either having to sell their lovely homes at a loss or cannot sell them at all. The people in this neighborhood love their homes and have been striving to beautify the whole area, which should increase the value of their property; however, the very fact that some negroes have bought property on Harlan road has devalued the value of the property.

As you will know if we here in this area are forced to sell our homes,

the whole southwest area will soon
belong to negroes. There is a crying
need for a neighborhood of homes such
as ours on the southwest side of
Atlanta, but we cannot continue to
hold this area without some signs
of interest and help from the officials
of our city.

We sincerely request your support
in this endeavor.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs Carl Sidney Smith.