123 Vanira Avenue, Southeast Atlanta, Georgia 30315

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Dear Comrades:

It is with deep regret that the program that was conceived for the purpose of motivating more resident participation and training has taken on the pattern of not more, but a fewer number of residents taking part in the program.

The possibilities of helping the citizens of the Model Cities community grow in stature has been placed behind a painted wall by a few of the residents that were elected to serve without bias for the betterment of a total community with funds funneled into the target area for that purpose.

As of now the residents have the chance to do for themselves a job that was long needed - to be able to think of expansion areas and the correct way to expand. It is within this structure I pray the Model Cities Mass Convention, Incorporated will operate in the future. The juvenile acts that are taking place in the operation of the Board of Directors at this time can only lead to a state of dictatorship that can impede the growth of any worthwhile organization.

At the time of the election for officers of the Model Cities Mass Convention, Incorporated, I was elected treasurer, but find I cannot, nor will not, assume the responsibility of that office under the conditions listed herein:

- 1. When advanced funds were received from EOA to take care of the community workers payroll, the Chairman of the Board, Deacon Peters, instructed the secretary to make the bank deposit, secure checks and pay off the workers.
- 2. The aforementioned assignment was later delegated to Mr. John Hood; a Board Member.
- 3. Mr. Hood stated that he was requested, but refused to pay from these monies the salary of a secretary that <u>is not</u> officially on the payroll of Model Cities Mass Convention, Incorporated.

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All of these transactions took place without the benefit of vouchers, drafts, etc., that would enable the treasurer to keep accurate records.

Under the existing conditions the need for a treasurer is nil. Therefore, before more valuable time is lost by the Board, certain guidelines should be studies and become a workable pattern.

I recognize the fact that no individual or group can exist without making errors, and the experiences gained by such means should prove of value for future operations.

I hold no animosity toward anyone in the organization and shall continue my support for the total program, but with the slovenly methods used to date, I have no alternative other than tender my resignation as treasurer effective immediately.

Respectfully,

(Mrs.) Martha L. Weems

CC: Deacon Lewis Peters, Chairman, Board of Directors Mr. Johnny Johnson, Director, Model Cities Mr. William W. Allison, Executive Administrator, EOA Mayor Ivan Allen