

401 Simpson Terrace, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314
September 6, 1967

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Aldermanic Board
City Hall
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Gentlemen:

Again, I find it necessary to plead with you for your cooperation in regards to the re-zoning petition of property located at the corner of West Lake Avenue and Simpson Road, N. W. I need not tell you the concern I have, as do all of my neighbors in my community to keep our neighborhood strictly residential. This desire was expressed to you on August 24th, when the public hearing was held, at which time I served as a spokesman for my neighbors in the Urban Villa Sub-division.

For eleven years I have lived at my present address, and for almost the same number of years I have found it necessary to protest the re-zoning of property on the west side of West Lake Avenue for commercial use by any speculators. I am not against business ventures by anyone, for I realize the need for business for more municipal revenue; by the same token, I know the need for more neighborhood stabilization. I also recognize the need for a greater effort on the part of city officials to alleviate the deterioration of existing neighborhoods.

I do not profess to be a city planner, but I ask you again Mr. Aldermen, would the city build an elementary school for more than 700 school children (namely, the Walter F. White Elementary School)--- less than two years ago, to find itself without children to attend this school? Would the city concern itself with the welfare of more than four hundred property owners in the West Lake, Simpson

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Road, Ezra Church, Richardson Road, Whitaker Circle, Detroit Avenue, Detroit Court, Pinedale Drive, and Simpson Terrace, N. W., areas; or add to the many problems of congestion that we now face in the area east of West Lake Avenue? I ask you again, Mr. Aldermen, where do we go from here? Being public servants for all the people, all of you have long realized the need to "draw a line" and in so doing, set a precedent for strict code and re-zoning enforcements not just for this tract of land only, but for many areas throughout the city. The time has long passed when this neighborhood should be concerned each year as to how our Aldermen will rule for the west side of West Lake Avenue.

During this day of so much unrest in many cities and even unrest experienced in our own city, most of you must realize the need for a new approach to meet the problems that such re-zoning creates. In addition to planning in neighborhoods by property owners, an increase in city services is needed; enriched school programs, library services for its citizens, to name a few.

Therefore, may I again urge you to please deny the petition for commercial use and at the same time, design a plan for the best possible use of this land in keeping with residential patterns and regulations?

With deep appreciation for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Bernice C. Cook

BCC/mmj

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen
Vice-Mayor Sam Massell, Jr.