

# CITY OF ATLANTA



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COLLIER B. GLADIN, Director

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Mr. Cecil A. Alexander, Chairman  
Housing Resources Committee ←  
Finch, Alexander, Barnes, Rothschild  
and Paschall  
44 Broad Street  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Cecil:

We are delighted to have the support of the Housing Resources Committee in attempting to include "highly critical areas, such as Plunkettown and Lightning, in the 1970 NDP application for execution purposes".

As you will recall, we attempted to include these two areas in the 1969 NDP application. However, they failed to be included due to lack of local financing. We are making the same attempt again this year to include these two areas in the 1970 NDP application. As yet, we still do not know whether local financing will enable us to include them.

Relative to the last Whereas clause and item d (last paragraph of the Resolution), this is not a matter to be taken up with HUD. Under NDP this procedure of "pooling" miscellaneous derived local non-cash credits is, in fact, permissible and encouraged by HUD. Nonetheless, the Director of Finance took the position last year, and it is presumed he will do so again this year, that each area included in the NDP application should be self-supporting and be supported by a five-year financing plan. Let's assume, for example, that there were a surplus of local non-cash grants-in-aid in Bedford Pine under NDP in 1969 and 1970 and further, it was decided to use this surplus to finance and include new areas (such as Plunkettown and Lightning) in the 1970 NDP application. Further, let's assume that Bedford-Pine in 1971, 1972 and 1973 had need of using these surplus credits it had generated in prior years. The point being that by using all surplus credits there would be no reserve for future years and the city would face a cash deficit in 1973, 1974 and 1975 in financing Bedford-Pine; also, possibly a cash deficit in financing the new areas added in 1969 and 1970.


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While we share the concern that highly critical areas need to be included in annual NDP applications, financial stability and financial restraints do play a major role. The answer to this dilemma is one on which the Planning Department and the Finance Department concur and have recommended to a recent joint meeting of the Planning and Development Committee and the Finance Committee on this very matter. This city must make an annual, fixed appropriation of cash for NDP and Urban Renewal purposes, which sum can be counted on and used to finance future NDP applications and to get on with this matter of working in highly critical areas instead of just talking about them.

Sincerely,



Collier B. Gladin  
Planning Director

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