

Atlanta, Georgia

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The Honorable Mayor Ivan Allen
Mayor of the city of Atlanta, Ga.

I would like to express my appreciation to you for the stand you took on the Peyton road situation. I realize you are risking your political future. But this only proves you are right in so doing.

This minority group seems to want to take that which they have not earned. We have the right to question the motive of those who are sponsoring such movements.

Mr. Allen where are those red blooded Americans who in the past would stand and be counted for that which is right? I hold no hatred in my heart for any man. I believe every man should strive to earn the respect or social standing he feels he is due from his fellowman.

I believe in America today every man has the opportunity to earn the respect of his fellowman. Being segregated is no excuse for him not taking advantage of this opportunity.

The crime statistics of our city prove that we can not afford even token integration until we are able to help these people solve at least part of their moral problems.

It seems to me that it is going to take courageous God fearing leadership if our Nation is to survive. I hope we are seeing signs of this type leadership in Atlanta Georgia today.

Yours Respectively

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