

July 8, 1969

Honorable Gregory Griggs
Board of Alderman
City of Atlanta
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Dear Mr. Griggs:

We regret the confusion which has caused the deferment of EOA's Model Cities plans. There is nothing projected which should be cause for anxiety on anyone's part.

As you know, EOA has large heavily populated target areas within the Model Cities boundaries, and we have been active there with insufficient staff resources since 1965. It has also been difficult to adequately serve some parts of the low-income community because of residential patterns.

Our plan, the one in question, seeks merely to make staff resources a little more adequate and enable us to become readily accessible to residents from all the neighborhoods. It is our plan to augment the small operations which already exist on Bass Street and in McDaniel Homes, and to establish a small extension office, not a full sized neighborhood service center, in the Grant Park and Adair Park neighborhoods. Residents from those communities will be asked to approve the three or four staff members who will work out of these offices. The service program will be our basic three: job placement, social services, and community organization to assist residents to work productively and cooperatively on their own neighborhood problems.

Only a small percentage of the total \$140,000 will be spent on the Grant Park extension office and staff, and it has always been our intention to locate the office on the west side of the Park area where there is a concentration of low-income persons we have had difficulty in reaching.

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I hope this information will assist the accurate interpretation of our plans. Our only desire is to offer readily accessible and effective services to all the Model Cities neighborhoods.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

T. M. (Jim) Parham
Executive Administrator

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