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Hon. Milton C. Farris, Chairman
City of Atlanta Finance Committee
501 City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Alderman Farris:

This response is in reply to a September 3, letter sent to me by Mr. Davis, City Comptroller, concerning Budget request for 1969.

The Atlanta Children and Youth Services Council is hereby submitting a preliminary budget request of \$51,900 for its regular program together with a supplement of \$16,900 to plan, coordinate and administer the 1969 Summer Youth Opportunity Program.

Our 1969 request involves an increase of \$18,300. This increase will allow us to (1) add one (1) professional staff person and one (1) clerk; (2) it will also allow for a 5% salary increment for our present staff; and (3) it will cover some minor increases in administrative and operating cost of the Council.

The budget request to carry out the Council's responsibilities in the 1969 Youth Opportunity Program is contingent on whether or not federal funds are available to the Council as they were in 1968. As you know, planning funds for the 1968 Youth Opportunity Program were made available through a special grant from HUD. We are uncertain, though hopeful, that these funds will again be available in 1969. If they are, our request for 1969 planning funds for the Youth Opportunity Program will be rescinded.

We hope that your committee and other members of the Board of Aldermen will be pleased with the work and progress of the Council during the 1967-68 program year. Our Annual Report which will be submitted in November along with the

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full budget request and documentation material, will highlight some of this work. We think that 1969 will be even more productive if needed operational and administrative funds can be obtained.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen in creating the Council and establishing it as a city agency, gave it a most important task to perform for this great City. Unfortunately, the financial resources for doing the total job have been severely limited.

We hope that the Board of Aldermen will be able to honor our request for the sufficient funds which should enable the Council more adequately to serve the approximately 200,000 children and youth of our City.

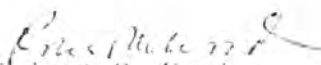
Further, the expanded services should bring about a significant reduction in delinquency, child neglect, poor health, homelessness and non-supervised recreational activities and conditions in our City.

The Board of the Youth Council would be most appreciative of appearing before the Finance Committee or appropriate members thereof when both our preliminary as well as our final budgets are considered.

Thank you again for your very wonderful cooperation and interest in this matter.

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Sincerely,


Robert H. Wood
Chairman

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Attachments

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Members of the Police Committee
Mr. Dan Sweat