

September 25, 1969

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Atlanta Youth Council-Model Cities Proposals

Dear Mayor Allen:

The Board of the Youth Council has requested that I write you to express its concern over the Juvenile Delinquency Proposals for the Model Cities area.

In early November, 1968, Model Cities' staff contacted the Youth Council and requested that the Council submit proposals for special programs to be undertaken in the Model Cities area.

You will remember that the Youth Council submitted 5 separate proposals as a part of the Model Cities program. These proposals are as follows:

1. Absenteeism Project
2. Central Coordination Services for Model Cities Youth
3. Juvenile Delinquency Prevention
4. United Youth Outreach and the Model Cities Branch of the Atlanta Youth Congress.

It is my understanding that these projects were a part of the total programs submitted to and approved by HUD.

Last April, Jerry Luxemburger and John Cox appeared before the Review Board and as I understand, questions were raised concerning the Absenteeism Project, whereupon it was decided that this particular project should be operated by the Public Schools and the others were approved by the Review Board and considered to "be all right".

It is my further understanding that Jerry Luxemburger met with Dan Sweat to obtain your general position concerning the Youth Council projects, at which time Jerry was informed that all these projects were approved by you except the Absenteeism Project.

The most important proposal submitted was our Juvenile Delinquency Program. This as you remember, is the very purpose for which the Council was created.

You may not know that the Model Cities area, accounting for only a fraction of the city's population of children (less than 4%) accounts for a substantial percentage (17%) of the city's juvenile delinquency.

The Youth Council Board has heard that the Juvenile Delinquency Program is proposed to be deleted from the list of funded projects. We again request, as we did last spring, a hearing with respect to this and our other programs be rescinded.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Rhodes Perdue
Acting Chairman

CC: Dan Sweat ✓
Jim Shinkus
Johnny Johnson
Everett Millican
Lewis Dinkins

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