

1 August 1962  
Atlanta, Georgia

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

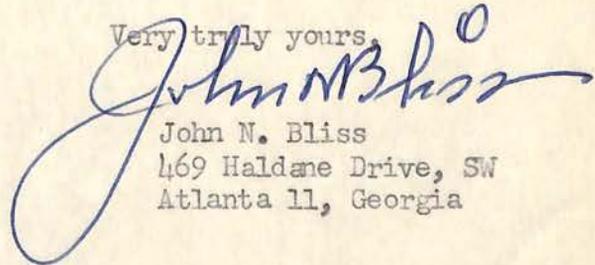
My wife and I feel you should be made aware of the Chicago type block-busting tactics being practised in the Peyton- Utoy Forest Community by Negro realtors with the thought in mind that if it is the big Atlanta-of-the-future picture for this area to become colored it should be done on a whole area basis of outright purchase rather than by sneaky money-grubbing pseudo-political trickery which I trust you are unwittingly condoning by lack of information from your constituents.

Also, in this vein, we are deeply concerned about two zoning petitions that effect this lovely community and your decisions will be anxiously awaited. Specifically, they concern property south of Gordon between Peyton and Lynhurst (Aug. 9th hearing) and the zoning of property east of Peyton for a Negro cemetery (hearing date not yet set).

We trust you are highly in favor of the two zoning petitions or will immediately state your position and officiate at the taking over of this area in a fair and equitable manner to all concerned.

We heartily agree the Negro population of this could-be-wonderful city must have suitable housing but do not feel it should be obtained by piece-meal block-busting of established areas. Atlanta will suffer national stigmatization and eventual stagnation by use of such tactics as business and taxpayers, like in this community, move to more progressive and pleasant localities.

Very truly yours,



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