

681 Fielding Lane, S. W.  
Atlanta 11, Georgia  
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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

An attitude of fear and resentment is fast developing in the residents of a proud Southwest Atlanta community. Fear of losing the new homes they love at staggering financial losses and resentment at their elected city officials for no assistance. If the "block busting" tactics employed in this community prove successful, all Cascade Heights will quickly feel the affect. Yes, all of Atlanta will suffer through the loss of long time white residents to the suburbs carrying with them a deep seated and justified hatred, reduced property values of entire Southwest Atlanta, and a drastic curtailment of city revenue.

Our neighborhood of Peyton and Utoy Forest is composed of homes that range in price from \$21,000 - \$28,000 and we are surrounded by all white communities. A petition readily signed by all home owners in Peyton and Utoy Forest clearly indicates that we desire to remain all white. We believe the entire future of Southwest Atlanta and the overall good of our city can best be served by allowing our community to remain unchanged.

Listed below are some of the "block busting" tactics being used to harass and frighten our neighbors:

1. Negroes constantly riding through the neighborhood stopping and pointing at houses. This area is well off the main thoroughfare and many children play here. A majority of these cars have out of town licences indicating they may be paid to agitate.

2. Night telephone calls from agents of Callaway Realty to 15 - 20 homes on each street asking for listings. These agents also infer that they have secured listings from home owners in this area. No home owner in our area has listed his home with a Negro realty company. You could stop this intimidation.
3. Realty salesmen from T. M. Alexander constantly riding through our neighborhood, stopping at every opportunity and questioning home owners about the sale of their property.

We in particular and all Atlanta in general urgently need the influence and persuasiveness of your office to prevent our loss. We plan to make a sincere effort to take all legal steps possible to protect the sanctity and value of our community. We sincerely request your help.

Yours very truly,



C. J. Owens