

A RESOLUTION

The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, through the work of the Chamber's Housing and Redevelopment Committee, has supported vigorously from the outset the efforts of the Mayor's Housing Resources Committee to relieve the city's shortage of housing for low income families.

As a result of its investigation of this problem, the Housing and Redevelopment Committee delivered to this Board in August, 1967 a report entitled "The Low-Rent Housing Gap in Atlanta," which included specific information underlining the critical nature of the housing need. This Board was informed by the report that the process of rezoning land suitable and feasible for multi-family, low-rent housing appears to be the single most difficult obstacle in the task of providing, during a five-year period, some 16,800 units of the type housing required. The Board also was made aware that available vacant land is scarce within the City of Atlanta for any use, and outlying areas have not seen fit to qualify for programs which allow construction of federally-insured housing of the type which would help meet the current need.

A resolution by this Board in September, 1967 urged immediate steps by the City of Atlanta Planning Department and the Board of Aldermen to adopt an updated land use plan, from which a new zoning ordinance could be evolved. The resolution further declared: "...Any new zoning plan adopted by the City of Atlanta should make provision for adequate land for multi-family housing and open up land for increased density of housing in all quadrants of the city, in order to serve the best interests of a changing and progressive City of Atlanta."

Since that time, diligent study has been given by the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce to a proposed "package zoning plan," the purpose of which would be to rezone simultaneously several sites of land throughout the city for development in public housing.

Be it resolved that the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors reiterates its position in support of dispersing multi-family housing to all quadrants of the city.

And be it further resolved that the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors supports the principle of the package zoning proposal as an approach well worth considering toward the efforts to alleviate this serious problem in our community.

Adopted by the Board of Directors
Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
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