

512 Haldane Drive S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia  
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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

This letter is in behalf of the residents of Peyton-Utoy Forest and the citizens of Southwest Atlanta.

As you probably know, quite a problem has been brought about recently by the fact that Negroes are attempting to "run" the white residents out of this area. Realizing that there is no law in Atlanta restricting areas by keeping inharmonious racial groups from living together in the same neighborhood, we appeal to you to assist us with this problem.

Of course, you realize that many families have much to lose by having to move out of this community, and not only that, the city of Atlanta would be losing quite a bit of tax money if these residents were forced to move out into the suburbs, or even out of the city altogether. Also, keep in mind that uprisings such as this will keep newcomers from wanting to move into our city for fear of lack of security in establishing a home.

Some of our prominent government officials such as Senator Brown, Jim Aldredge, John White and numerous others who are dedicated in making Atlanta a prosperous city, live out in this area and I feel sure they will assist you in taking a fair stand on this matter.

Mayor Allen, you cannot realize how a problem such as this can affect a person. It interferes with performance on their jobs, and I personally know of several instances. One of my neighbors is spending much time and money in the doctor's office due to the fact that her health has become worse as a result of worrying about losing her home. And speaking for all of the homeowners in this area, I can assure you the attitude towards our city's government is becoming demoralized.

If you think we are taking the wrong approach, I would appreciate it if you would take the time to offer us your explanation. Otherwise, I will assume that you take the same stand as the residents of the Peyton-Utoy Forest.

Sincerely,

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