

# CITY OF ATLANTA



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. William R. Wofford

From: Ivan Allen, Jr.

Subject: Housing Code Enforcement - Boulevard

As you recall, last September the shooting of two Negro youths by a white man on Boulevard touched off several days of serious disorders in that area from Forrest Avenue to Ponce de Leon Avenue.

Although the disorders were projected by the shooting incident, conditions in the area were such that the possibility of such an explosion occurring had been present for some time.

The main problems pointed out by residents of the area were primarily centered around housing conditions including overcrowdedness, high rents, roaches and rats, and other sanitation factors.

Since the September incident we have made some progress toward better garbage and trash collection, enforcement of health measures, and elimination of major criticisms in the area of traffic safety. There has also been much planning in the area of providing for recreational programs.

However, the major problem still existing is one which can only be solved by strict enforcement of the Housing Code. Therefore,

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I am requesting that your department immediately initiate comprehensive Housing Code inspections along both sides of Boulevard from Forrest Avenue to Ponce de Leon and that property owners be required to comply with the City's codes.

You may be assured of full cooperation of my office, the Housing Authority, EOA and other agencies concerned with elimination of unfit housing conditions and relocation of residents into standard dwellings.

Please inform me as to how soon you can initiate inspections along this street and the anticipated length of time which will be required to complete such code enforcement.

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