

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA:

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter asking your help along with the supporters and concerned citizens for the right of young girls to live as a family together. They live on the same basis and principles that our colleges and universities operate their houses. These college girls live on the west side in various places in the community in numbers together when they find there is an overcrowded situation on their campuses, and this has existed for a long number of years.

Because of the shortage of living space in the City of Atlanta, we have the evidence in writing of genuine support for these girls from our leading citizens.

There ¹³⁰⁷ was an unjustifiable complaint made concerning our house on Thurgood Street, S.W., where some of these girls lived. It has been called to my attention that the person who made the complaint suffers from a degree of jealousy, evilness and envy. I do not like to involve others, and I will call no names unless asked to do so. But exactly four doors from this house in question there is a home for girls owned by a fellow competitor. The girls live and get along fine in numbers. Between 8 or 9 doors from this same house in question, there is another house for girls being conducted in the same manner.

If a person creates a commotion, I think it is proper to call the police - that's what they are for. At Harvard, when the students created a commotion, they did not close down the university; they tried to correct the situation. When a bank gets robbed, it is not closed; they try to catch the robbers and continue their business operation. There might have been some loud music or voices over a long period of time, but this could be and was corrected.

COMPLAINTS FROM THE GIRLS:

1. These girls have had several complaints about this lady and her husband who live next door and who instigated the charges. They have proof that this lady drinks heavily and that her language on occasions is atrocious.
2. Her husband gets nervous when she gets on her benders and he starts shooting at birds and rats in their back yard.

The other day a distinguished citizen that signed the manifesto in support of these girls was inspecting this house which is next to the complainant. This complainant comes from her front yard up to my car with her liquor glass in her hand and her breath reeking with alcohol asking me if I wanted to sell the house. I stated that it was not for sale. I was courteous, kind and polite. This distinguished citizen will confirm that while on his inspection tour, this did take place. (He just shook his head.)

We recognize that two wrongs do not make a right. This lady and her husband have been successful in getting a person in a high position to instruct one of the police officers of the License Department to send one of his men out to make a case.

On one occasion an officer came out and asked one of the girls^{to} let him in. The young lady stated that he would have to get in touch with my office. He then asked for a particular young girl; again the young lady stated that that person was not in. He then asked this young lady her name. She did not want to become involved, so she stated that her name was not important since he wanted someone else. The officer then said: "You give me your name or you're going downtown with me." This frightened the young girl and all of the other young girls in the house. She gave him her name, and he then left two summons to court in the mailbox.

Out of the two cases that this officer made, both have been dismissed. However the Judge stated that the charges were improperly drawn and that he wanted this officer to get with the City Attorney and see if there were any violations.

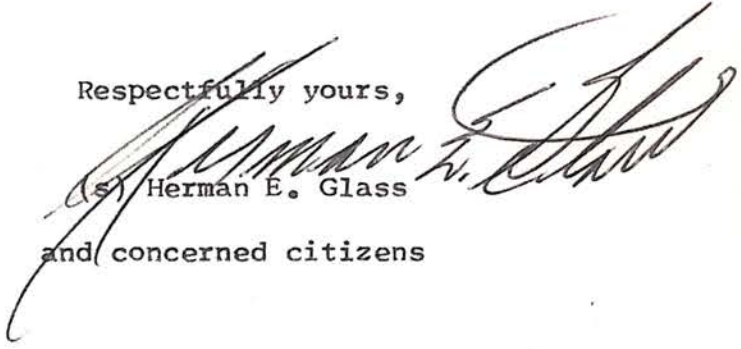
Because of this officer's belligerent attitude and tone of voice, these young girls were frightened. On account of his arrogant statement, these girls were so frightened that they moved out at night with no place to go. They stayed in cars all night, and some had no place to go up to three days.

We ask the Honorable Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to use their powerful office to issue a directive or order to whomever is in charge to see that such tactics cease by this officer or any other officer, and that these girls be allowed to live without being harrassed by someone who might not like the color of their skin or texture of their hair.

Allow these girls the right to live together as a family. These girls ask your support. The Concerned Citizens ask your prompt support and help for these girls and others so situated. Help these girls and concerned citizens today and they will help you tomorrow.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,


(s) Herman E. Glass

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