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Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

As a resident and tax payer of Atlanta, a very beautiful part of the Southwest section (Peyton Forrest), we solicit your help and good influence.

As you know by now, the negroes are trying everything to cause panic and unrest in our neighborhood. The negro realty agents of Calloway Realty Co., Alexander & Associates, Fuller Realty Co. and others are using such tactics as calling everyone in a block, saying they have several homes in the area listed for sale. They are riding through the area in large number, stopping and pointing at different homes. There has also been some seen in the area in the early morning hours, two to three A. M. There are no through streets in the area and we see no reason for this nonsense.

All the residents of the area (Peyton and Utoy Forrest) have signed an agreement not to sell to negroes, but the pressure and tactics used by the negroes have stopped the builders from building in the area, also people who have been transferred in business are unable to sell their homes because of these tactics.

We built our homes in this area to live and to educate our children. We have some fine schools and churches of which we are very proud.

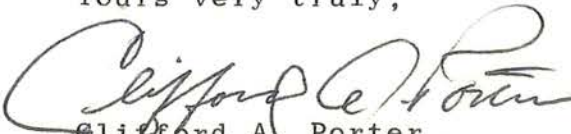
We feel that steps can be taken to prevent this from happening and that you and other good city officials will give us full support and cooperation in this matter.

We feel the following things will relieve the pressure: 1. Rezone Gordon Road, west from Peyton to Lynhurst Drive, industrial. 2. Close Peyton and Harlan Roads. 3. Rezone the proposed land east of Peyton Road for negro cemetery.

If we are run out of our homes by the negroes, we find it unwise to relocate in Atlanta or Fulton County County. We regret this since we have been Atlanta residents most of our lives and love the City.

We urge your support and interest.

Yours very truly,


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