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Mr. John M. Flanigen, Chairman  
Zoning Committee  
245 Third Avenue, S. E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30317

Dear Mr. Flanigen:

The Atlanta Branch NAACP strongly urges that the request to re-zone the tract of land situated on Sewell Road near Fairburn Road to allow the construction of some 650 public housing units be disapproved because of the following reasons:

- a. The schools located in the Cascade heights area would not be able to accomodate the children of parents moving into the new projects. In this connection, the existing schools have already reached a saturation point, with the elementary school utilizing a local church for additional class room space.
- b. The northwest and southwest areas already have more than their share of public housing units which have created many problems in sewage, schools, recreational and service facilities etc.
- c. The area adjacent to the proposed site to build these units is one of the nicest residential sections in the city open for Negro occupancy. Every effort should be made to maintain racial balance in that neighborhood. Further, present community patterns should remain constant, and every effort made to maintain the present level of property values and property zoning.

Approval of the above re-zoning request by your committee would lend confirmation to the obvious attempt by the power structure to systematically relocate Atlanta's Negro citizens to the southwest and northwest sections of this city.

The NAACP has made it clear to the Mayor, the Atlanta Housing Authority, the Atlanta Housing Resources Committee, the U. S. Housing and Urban Development Department, the Zoning Committee, the developers and the press, that we are opposed to any further public housing apartments and privately developed apartments in the northwest and southwest sections until such a time that the north-east and southeast areas receive their proportionate share of that type of housing.

Respectfully submitted,

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