

710 West Victory Drive
Savannah, Georgia 31405
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Dear Mrs. Clemmons:

I attended the quarterly meeting of Historic Savannah Foundation and had an opportunity to learn something about the historic zoning proposal coming before City Council on Thursday. Not a single Negro Board member of Historic Savannah was present, nor were there any other Negro citizens in attendance.

We who serve on boards must attempt to interest others of our fellows to become involve in some of the downtown important functions.

Aldermen Rossiter and Center were present. I did not get a chance to talk with Mr. Center before he left, but I did talked with Mr. Rossiter and Mrs. Elliott Cobb, President of Historic Savannah. I told them both that I support historic zoning in principle, but as I listened to those who will be the six people making up the historic zoning board, it appears to me that this is another Historic Savannah attempt to exclude Negroes.

I am wondering if the Negro Board members studied this situation and made certain that black interest is protected. If so, what was done? What Negroes reside in the historic area?

With the zoning board make-up consisting of a Chamber of Commerce representative, a MPC representative and residents of the historic area as its architects, can we be assured that the Negro interest is protected?

Unless the Negro Historic Savannah Board members and Alderman B. C. Ford can assure us that Negroes will be in, we should strongly oppose this move.

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The historic development downtown is going to have great economic value to this community, and Negroes must be in residence, in business, etc., if we are to share. Therefore, the question is, as a beginning step, will Messrs. Ford, Tucker and Rivers move to make certain Negro representation is on the historic zoning board.

We are hand delivering this message with the hope you will respond immediately.

Sincerely yours,
Savannah Branch, NAACP

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