

Congressman Carson:

June 8, 2021

Good afternoon.

It was good to meet you and your family at the Ritter High School graduation.

I was also impressed when I saw that you were a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the Alhuda Foundation Mosque in Fishers.

After the graduation, you said if we needed anything to let you know. Well we do, especially here in Barrington, your old stomping grounds, as well as Norwood.

In case you haven't heard, last year we resumed Redevelopment/Revitalization of the Southside (R/ROS) meetings. We have a new board. Brother Kahlil-ullah al-muhaymin is our board president. I am the vice president. John Loflin is our secretary. Reggie Jones is the executive director.

H.O.T.I.F.

We are having a hard time getting funds to help the neighborhood. We are getting knocked back two steps when we take one step forward. We are having a particular issue with getting our Barrington H.O.T.I.F. funds for fixing up homes as was done in Fountain Square, Beech Grove, and Garfield Park. For example, my house is 125 yrs old and I had to fix it up out of my own pocket because H.O.T.I.F. funds were being sent back and not used to benefit Norwood home owners.

The racial cleansing of Norwood

Another issue is stopping gentrification of Norwood and the buying of lots by speculators and "flippers" and developers. It is here we want to stop the racial cleansing of historically black neighborhoods in Indianapolis.¹

We can follow back to Indiana Avenue, the 10th Street Y, Ransom Place, Hosbrook² Street in Fountain Square, the old Southside/Babe Denny area and Concord Center neighborhood. More recently has been the Dorman-Highland Neighborhood and Riverside and Haughville areas. Also, there's the East 16th Street, Bellefontaine, Kountry Kitchen areas.

SEND

Due to its location to the new jail, we all know here that Norwood would be the next Black area whose culture and history would be erased. We also knew too that when SEND (Southeast Neighborhood Development) moved from Fountain Square into the Twin-Aire area, that Norwood's traditional housing styles would be slowly eliminated—even though R/ROS let them know what we wanted last October.³

As you know, Norwood has been a Black neighborhood for over 100 years. But the Black culture and history is being threatened by SEND regardless of the fact we used

the global Black Lives Matter movement to approached director Kelli Mirgeaux and the SEND board about Norwood.⁴

R/ROS is requesting a meeting with you to discuss the issues mentioned above. Remember, we are your constituents. We vote Democrat.

We are planning a community picnic and meeting in July in Bethel Park where you played ball. We want to you to speak. This will help us have the chance to get fair housing like other areas because SEND is still buying up land in Norwood and intends to make houses 2 stories. We don't want our property taxes to go up because of what they are doing.

Touch back with me soon and have a blessed day,

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1. The dominos keep falling and Norwood is next: Stopping the ethnic cleansing of Black Indianapolis
<http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/The-dominos-keep-falling-and-Norwood-is-next-Stopping-the-ethnic-cleansing-of-Black-Indianapolis-by-gentrification.pdf>

2. Who killed Hosbrook Street? Send and the continuing gentrification of Black Indianapolis
<http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Who-killed-Hosbrook-Street-SEND-and-the-gentrification-of-Black-Indinapolis-An-analysis-with-commentary.pdf>

3. Note to SEND regarding the ethnic cleansing of Norwood
<http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RROS-note-to-SEND-regarding-the-ethnic-cleansing-of-Norwood.pdf>

4. SEND and R/ROS in light of the global Black Lives Matter movement
<http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/SEND-and-RROS-in-light-of-the-global-Black-Lives-Matter-movement.pdf>