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GORDON S. CLINTON, Mayor

December 24, 1962

The City Council  
City of Seattle

Honorable Members:

At the meeting on Monday, December 17, 1962, the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Minority Housing submitted its report of findings and recommendations as was requested in Resolution No. 19257.

After reading the report and discussing it with committee members, I am impressed by the amount of thought, research and serious deliberation that has been embodied in their findings, and I believe their recommendations deserve our serious consideration.

It is with sincere appreciation to the Committee that I accept its findings and at this time wish to propose the following action in line with its recommendations:

1. The adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate for the establishment of a listing service under city sponsorship to assist minority families in seeking suitable and available housing, and to submit a proposal for such operation to the Council for its approval. Considerable thought already has been given this type of referral service by the Mayor's Office and other interested groups. I believe suitable arrangements to establish such a service can be formalized without great difficulty, expense, or delay, and without competition to private real estate operators.
2. A resolution be passed to encourage the 1963 State Legislature to make revisions in the State law against discrimination that would establish uniform state-wide application of the law in regard to housing accommodations. Several suggested amendments have been recommended by different groups, and I consider it of prime importance to work for an acceptable and enforceable State law that will provide a basis for the elimination of discrimination in housing.
3. The establishment of a Human Rights Commission as an official City of Seattle body, appointed by the Mayor, with budgetary provisions for a director and secretary, and with duties as outlined in the Committee's report. Office space for the Commission could be provided in the present Municipal Building.

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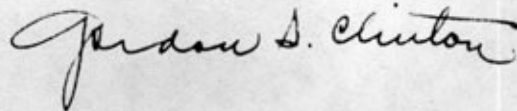
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I further recommend that the Citizens Committee's proposal for an open housing ordinance await several months' experience by the listing service and the Human Rights Commission. This period of time will give these two agencies the experience which will provide a basis on which to draft an ordinance that will best meet the needs of our city.

This City Council already has shown its awareness of the problem of minority housing by passing the Resolution that established the Committee on Minority Housing. Your continued leadership is needed to implement the Committee's report and my suggested time table on solving this problem before it reaches serious proportions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon S. Clinton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Gordon S. Clinton  
Mayor

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