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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Kevin White
Boston City Hall
31 City Hall Square
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mayor White,

I would truly appreciate you taking the time to read my letter and would sincerely appreciate a reply.

I am writing you simply because I am so upset over all the violence going on in the name of busing.

I know that this is probably one in thousands of letters you have received about busing, and my letter may very well mean nothing to you, but I will try anyway. You are the Mayor you represent the people, you were voted for by the people, and I feel that you should take an interest and reply to my letter, since I am one of the people that you represent.

I have lived in Boston all my life. I went to Boston Public Schools and I graduated in 1973. I sincerely feel that I was very lucky to have graduated before all of the chaos began.

I feel that desegregation is bringing out the racism in people more and more each day. Would you please tell me who made this ruling?? It seems to me that Judge Garrity is a scapegoat for the people to take it out on. Or is he??? How can the people who make the rulings just sit back while all this chaos is taking place? / 10

I do not think it makes any sense. People can not be forced to live together unless the people themselves take the first step. The city is spending millions of dollars on busing. Why can't they spend the millions to repair the schools so that they will all be equally equipped facilities of learning. 2

I feel that Boston is going steadily downhill. Boston, in our bicentennial year, is becoming a city of racists. It seems to me that all the officials sit back for they have no real personal involvement in busing -- and by that I mean that Your children are not BUSED.

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I have no children-- I am married and if I did have children I could not afford to send them to private schools like our city officials. By now you must be wondering, since I have no children why should it bother me. Well, it does, it bothers me very much to see all this violence and nothing being done about it. I live in Boston and I do not see any reason why ANYONE should live under these horrible conditions!! I have always loved Boston, but now I feel that the city is becoming very sick and I think that the only way for children to have a good education is to move out of the city - and that is exactly what people are doing- MOVING OUT!!! I do not believe in violence. People are resorting to violence

because their words mean nothing. If my written ^{words} mean nothing, then, you are just as bad as the people who are using violence because you are just turning your head.

I do not believe in people who hurt other people just because of the color of their skin - and I totally disagree with it. I do not like the feeling of being afraid to drive through Mattapan because I will be stoned by blacks, simply because I am white, nor do I like the feeling that a black person can not drive through a white neighborhood for the same reason. If you can have all sorts of police protection for the schools, then there should be more than enough for protecting the streets after school is over. I live right near Hyde Park High School and I have seen plenty of police cars when I go to work in the morning. Police cars, police buses, paddywagons, and the mounted police and even more. Where are they when these poor innocent people are driving down the street???? I firmly believe in helping police officers, and I have done as much as I can whenever I can to help them. I don't know how many people feel the way I do, but still, there is no reason for this. If you can spend all the money for police protection at the schools surely you can do the same for the streets. If they need citizen's cooperation, well, I am more than willing to help am I am sure that there are others who would do the same.

Children are being shown all this hate- they will grow up more bigoted than their parents, with all this hate deeply embedded in their minds.

I am seriously under the impression that none of the officials care---it hasn't stopped. Is there any peaceable way to stop all this chaos?? Why is nothing being done????

Is holding a prayer march the only thing that can be done to "bring the city together" ?? I think that you are wrong. If people can not drive down the streets in the city of Boston, then how do you expect them to be able to march safely ??? The condition of the city is far more serious than that.

It makes me so angry to see all of this happening and nothing being done about it. I do not go out and throw bricks at people or incite riots. I do not believe in violence and yet every time I turn on the news that is all I hear about!! How many more people will suffer before something is done? HOW MANY?????????

I am very disappointed in the way all of this is being handled and I would like to know, from you, how this is going to be taken care of.

I realize that your time is very important to you, well, my time is equally as important to me. I made it a point to take the time to write to you about this, well I hope that you can spend and equal amount of time to reply.

If there is any way that I can help the city change, I will be more than willing to help.

Sincerely yours

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