

October 16, 1967

The Honorable Albert J. Smith
Skokie Village Hall
Skokie, Illinois

Dear Mayor Smith:

Thank you for your recent letter wishing me a speedy recovery from my accident. I am at home now and am progressing nicely, although I will have to restrict my activities for several months.

I was very happy last Tuesday morning to receive calls from several neighbors and friends advising me of the Village Board's action Monday night in passing an Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. I also heard your speech on television on Tuesday and Mr. Perille's statement. I was very proud that our village is now truly a village of vision with equal opportunity for all.

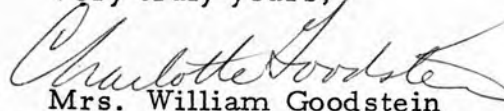
I wish to commend all the members of the Human Relations Commission and the Village Board for their leadership toward solving this problem at its inception rather than waiting too long and finding the problem similar to those of our cities.

It is my hope that the Niles Township Human Relations Council and the Skokie Valley Council of PTA will now begin an active education program to inform their memberships and the public at large of the advantages of freedom of residence. Since I am on the boards of both of these organizations, I will suggest that we encourage wide distribution of the revised book "Your Home and Skokie's Future", so that all homeowners will eventually take full responsibility and will cooperate willingly with the new law.

With the cooperation of the above organizations and the schools, I am confident that soon other villages in our township will also see the handwriting on the wall and will follow Skokie's example and lead toward progress and a better democracy.

Again thanks for your conscientious leadership.

Very truly yours,


Mrs. William Goodstein

cc: Human Relations Council
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Skokie Valley Council of PTA

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