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RECOMMENDATIONS

ON

HOUSING

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STATEMENT ON HOUSING

The Citizens Interracial Committee of San Diego under its Constitution, By Laws, and agreement with the City of San Diego as well as by State Exemption Laws, do not have legal authority or legal powers in the area dealing with housing. However, the Citizens Interracial Committee as a human relations committee does have a commitment just as it does in other areas in the area of housing. This statement, therefore, concerns itself with the direct effects that discrimination has on individuals whether or not that discrimination is practiced in the area of housing, employment, or other community activities, and it is hoped that this statement will be considered within that wider context. Therefore, the rationale for this statement is that discrimination as defined and as accepted within the context of our human relations function is basically contrary to the national spirit.

The committee is convinced, however, that eliminating discrimination by individuals will not of itself necessarily achieve the goals set in our policy statement. It is important, however, that this committee establish a policy position with regard to open housing.

<u>The Provision of More Low and Moderate Income Housing, By Means of: (1) Speedy Use by State and Local Government of the Various Existing State and Federal Housing Assistance Programs, and (2) Additional Financial Assistance From the State to Municipal Governments When Necessary For This Broader Purpose</u>.

The location of such housing on sites chosen for their utility in reducing segregation, and preferably in small units of scattered sites if that be the choice by means of a firm position by governmental officials, housing authorities, and others concerned with this matter as to the urgency of locating such housing as deemed appropriate and necessary.

<u>The Full Implementation by Municipalities of Whatever Authority Granted Them to Utilize Rent Receiverships as a Means of Improving Existing Housing and Existing Housing Patterns and the Elimination of the Further Excavation of the So-called Ghetto</u>.

The maximum of rent subsidy programs with the goal of reducing ghettos and the spreading of ghettos in the community.

The humanization of zoning and Planning Commissions through practices by: First, determining through analyses the degress of State control over local codes that will insure the distribution of low income housing throughout metropolitan regions and secondly, cooperative regional planning with the assistance of local residents of minority groups as well as majority groups from the given areas where the need exists greatly.

The elimination of rent exploitation, through the appropriate legislation at not only the State level but also the City and County level enabling the local governmental entities to control excessive rentals and reduce or invoke other measures when found to exist.

The constant and increased involvement of governmental entities of public agencies, religious, and other voluntary organizations, the communication media, and individuals in the community in helping to secure these urgent goals as desirable as well as in eliminating instances of discrimination against individual home seekers.

Further thought should be given to the absentee landlord practice which exists so widely in most of the communities which are in need of constant surveilance for possible exploitation. This committee urges the local City government to take further steps to bring such instances to attention and take whatever additional appropriate action is necessary to protect such home renters or home owners.

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C.I.C. recommends that:

1. The City and County of San Diego convene members of the housing and related industries and use its influence to help create the kind of atmosphere which will lessen instead of increase the tensions which are building up in some communities around the issues involved in housing and movement of minority groups into previously all-white neighborhoods.

   This convening be a "San Diego County Mayor's Conference on Housing in San Diego County." The planning and other details would be worked out in cooperation with the many local and county groups, organizations and community agencies with an expressed interest and concern in the housing field, both public and private.

2. Immediate consideration by C.I.C.'s Board of Trustees be given to the establishing, within the offices of C.I.C., a "Center on Urban Housing Affairs" to coordinate all community problems and related concerns in the housing field.

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