

November 17, 2008

The Honorable Mayor Doug Formon
Jonesboro City Hall
515 West Washington Avenue
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

Re: Ad Hoc Committee Appointment for Street Renaming

Dear Mayor Formon:

The Craighead County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee met on Monday, October 6, 2008 to discuss naming a street in the city of Jonesboro in memory of the 1968 slain civil rights leader – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After much discussion, it was determined that we should write a letter of proposal to this effect and request the appointment of an ad hoc committee that could making a recommendation for this renaming.

Our purpose is to honor the legacy of one who was at the forefront of the struggle for the rights of all Americans. We feel that the naming or renaming of a street would be a visible and tangible landmark that could take on symbolic significance as we move toward better race relations in our growing and diverse city.

We are more than persuaded that Dr. King would be a worthy historical figure and would satisfy the requirements outlined in the City of Jonesboro's Resolution to Establish Guidelines for Naming Public Parks, Streets, and Facilities.

Mayor Formon, we formally request the appointment of an ad hoc committee to develop a recommendation for street renaming to be presented to the Jonesboro City Council. The purpose of this committee is to solicit input from the community and provide an open process before the proposal moves forward for any action. Therefore, we are requesting that you entertain our motion for the appointment of the ad hoc Martin Luther King, Jr. Street Renaming Committee. We have contacted seven persons who we recommend to you that are more than willing to serve on this committee. You will find these recommended names attached pending your approval.

Sincerely,
The Craighead County Martin Luther King Committee
Reverend Dr. Ray Scales – Board of Directors Chairman

Reverend Brandon Walker
Reverend Curtis Wilson
Mr. Larry Taylor
Mrs. Pamela Woodard
Mrs. Cari White
Mrs. Betty Shaw
Reverend Dr. Ray Scales