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DEAR SIR:

I HAVE REVIEWED THE LETTER SENT TO YOU BY MR. AUBREY SCOTT. THE LETTER REFERENCED CONTROL DEVICES I RECENTLY ASKED TO BE PLACED AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY. MY REQUEST IS BASED ON THE SAFETY FACTOR AND NOT ON OVERALL TRAFFIC MOVEMENT. I FEEL SAFETY, THE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY, AND LIABILITY OF THE CITY IS MORE IMPORTANT. THAT IS MY JOB.

I DISAGREE WITH THE DECISION OF THE CITIZENS' PLANNING COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF THE SAFETY FACTOR. BROWNS LANE IS A KNOWN THROUGH WAY THAT ACCESSES THREE MAJOR ROUTES OF THE CITY; THE 63 ACCESS ROAD, HIGHLAND DRIVE, AND RACE. AGREED, IT IS NOT AS LONG AS RACE ST. BUT IT CARRIES AS MUCH TRAFFIC, OR MORE, THAN RACE. IT IS ALSO FAIRLY LONG AND A BUSINESS ROUTE. IT IS ALSO A MAJOR ACCESS ROUTE OF TRAFFIC FROM HIGHLAND DRIVE AND ROUTES NORTH. IT IS EASY TO ARGUE IT'S MERITS. THE MAIN ARGUMENT IS THAT A STOP SIGN ON BROWNS LAND AT RACE STREET "VIOLATES DRIVER EXPECTANCY" WHICH IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS.

I DO NOT KNOW ERNIE PETERS WHO MADE THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE STOP SIGNS BUT I'M SURE HE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH SAFETY FACTORS ALSO, AND NOT MERELY TRAFFIC MOVEMENT.

IN ADDITION; THE STOP SIGNS THAT ARE PRESENTLY IN PLACE ON RACE AT BROWNS LANE WERE PLACED THERE BY THE STREET DEPARTMENT. I WAS NOT AWARE THAT ANYONE HAD REQUESTED OR PLACED A SIGN THERE. WHEN I WAS TOLD THE SIGNS WERE IN PLACE I REQUESTED THE RESOLUTION. I DID SO AT THEIR REQUEST AND I AGREE WITH THE PLACEMENT. ALSO, THE SIGNS PLACED AT THE INTERSECTION OF RACE STREET AND MINITREE WERE DONE AT THE REQUEST OF SOMEONE OTHER THAN THIS DEPARTMENT; I DID NOT GET INVOLVED. I DO NOT AGREE WITH A FOUR WAY STOP AT THAT LOCATION. THIS AGAIN WILL CAUSE "VIOLATION OF DRIVER EXPECTANCY" WHEN THEY ARE REMOVED. AS I ADVISED YOU BEFORE, SIGNS ARE PUT IN PLACE IN

THIS CITY WITHOUT MYSELF OR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE BEING ASKED FOR INPUT.

AS THE SAFETY OFFICER AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE JONESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT, I HAVE PERFORMED MY DUTIES. THOSE DUTIES ARE TO ASSESS A SITUATION AND SUGGEST A MEANS TO PROVIDE THE BEST MARGIN OF SAFETY. I AM SURE "VIOLATIONS OF DRIVER EXPECTANCY" AND ANY INCIDENT THAT INVOLVES LIABILITY TO THE CITY OR LOSS TO THE PUBLIC AT THE ABOVE LOCATIONS, WILL NOW BE DEALT WITH BY THE COUNCIL IN A PROPER MANNER AND UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND DECISIONS.



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cc: CHIEF OF POLICE/MR. AUBREY E. SCOTT