

Knowing that the Negro community in this and most urban areas has been historically moved by the wishes and aggrandizement of non-residents, we of the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization propose alternative plans to the people of our community, and those responsible City, State and Government agencies and officials.

The purpose of these plans is to take the offensive in an effort to see that this community along the lakefront is conserved and secured for the Negro people who presently reside here. This initiative is based on the premise that any plans made for the people must have the participation of the people. We of KOCO believe that local, grass roots people, often having a lack of self-confidence, nevertheless, have the greater skill in community planning. We feel that our people know more about what they need for their welfare than professionals who plan for them. We want the planners to use their skills to plan with us, to bring our community dreams into reality.

KOCO, through its Commission on Housing and Urban Renewal, has prepared preliminary alternative plans in the hope that they will awaken all elements of our community to the insight that their opinions on such a big thing as community planning can bring concrete consequences. We hope to provoke our people to suggest the types of buildings we should build (e.g., town houses, highrises, a combination of these two, something never done before); what should be saved and what demolished; the kind of rents we are able to pay; the conditions and size of rent-subsidies; where our schools should be built or enlarged; what should be taught in them; how much space and where play-areas should be located; place and composition of community shopping center(s); location and number of community recreational center(s); plus any other suggestions of what should be included to make this a wholesome community.

KOCO feels that there should be an initial overview of what this community can look like. Once this is settled, the community will push together for the completion of our common goals.

Our people must indeed be given this kind of hope. For, to be sure, where there is no hope the people perish.

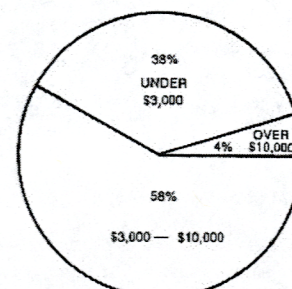
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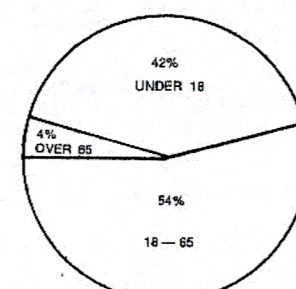
1960 SELECTED CENSUS INFORMATION

POPULATION	42,012
% NEGRO	96.9
MEDIAN SCHOOL YEARS COMPLETED	9.1
% UNEMPLOYED	12.9
MEDIAN INCOME	\$3,909
HOUSING UNITS	14,764
*FAMILIES	9,348
*INDIVIDUALS	3,787

*D.U.R. Estimates



INCOME



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