



KOCO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. No one shall be removed from the community involuntarily. In all cases, suitable housing shall be provided before clearance of dilapidated buildings. This means large apartments in low rise buildings for large families, at a price the present residents of North Kenwood-Oakland can afford.

2. Vacant lots should be used before clearance. Dilapidated and absentee-owned buildings should be cleared before sound, owner-occupied housing.

3. Kenwood-Oakland should be declared a Conservation Area to make Federal 312 loans available. This would permit rehabilitation and allow people to get out of contract purchase financing. Mortgages shall be guaranteed by the F.H.A. for people presently in Kenwood-Oakland who wish to buy their house or apartment.

4. The Chicago Housing Authority shall use its funds to purchase existing property within the community and rehabilitate it. It should also make use of the "Turn Key" program to purchase new private housing and supplement the rent for present residents of Kenwood-Oakland. In new construction, the use of private architects should be encouraged, to eliminate the sameness of project architecture. In all cases, provision should be made by the C.H.A. to allow residents to become owners as their incomes increase, and to provide management training.

5. The Welfare regulations shall be made to allow recipients ownership and to abolish the rent ceiling.

6. The School Board shall take immediate steps to remove the inequities in school facilities (such as overcrowded classrooms, obsolete

textbooks, and the lack of lab, gym, library, playground, and other space) that exist between Kenwood-Oakland and the City as a whole.

7. There shall be an immediate and intensive program by the City to clean up garbage, rodents, and abandoned cars, and to provide normal community facilities which are now lacking.

8. Funds from the Small Business Administration, banks, or other appropriate institutions shall be made available for the development of community owned business. Co-ops and buying clubs are encouraged.

9. The deficiencies in medical and health care, were detailed in the Lepper-Lashoff report of the Chicago Board of Health, 1966. We support the proposal to "establish and operate neighborhood comprehensive medical care clinics". We further propose that a North Kenwood-Oakland medical care clinic be initiated immediately. It would be possible to open a "referral agency" in a store front on 43rd street, which is centrally located. This could include a staff of doctors who could be available for emergencies. Later, it could be developed into a comprehensive clinic, providing all services needed.

10. The Department of Development and Planning shall provide a detailed updating of selected census data. All maps, graphs and statistics which shall be used in the planning shall be sent to the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization, and any other interested organizations and individuals in the community, in advance of any planning proposals by the Department of Development and Planning. There should then be adequate time for review of this information, and public hearings, before proposals are made. The Department of Development and Planning should also submit alternative proposals to the community, again with adequate time for review by the community, before deciding on a comprehensive community plan.