

in entire neighborhoods." The program would be aimed at rehabilitating neighborhoods not only physically but socially as well. In each of the demonstration cities, the President hopes to rehabilitate between 15 and 20 percent of the slums and, even more important, the people who live in them.

The President's proposals include a ban on discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, \$30 million for rent subsidies for the poor, and a 1-year extension of the mass-transportation program. They also include—and this is what intrigues Levitt—"mortgage insurance * * * for sites and community facilities for entire new communities." Johnson agrees that "our existing urban centers, however revitalized, cannot accommodate all the urban Americans of the next generation." He also agrees that "the growth of new communities is inevitable."

THE CITY OF WATERBURY,
Waterbury, Conn., March 8, 1966.

Representative WILLIAM A. BARRETT,
Chairman, Housing Subcommittee,
Committee on Banking and Currency,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BARRETT: We in Waterbury have followed with great interest and anticipation President Johnson's proposed "demonstration cities program." We believe this approach to urban problems is not only sound, but virtually essential to the realization of lasting solutions for cities such as ours.

Waterbury is utilizing as many of the existing aids for urban development and community welfare as possible. Yet we find that they are inadequate to help achieve the task before us as quickly and effectively as we believe necessary. We feel strongly that a broad based, coordinated program with sufficient financial assistance is needed to attack our problems on the necessary scale. To be truly effective, such a program should be flexible and encourage each city to design a comprehensive attack on its own unique problems.

In order to more fully express our support and enthusiasm for the proposed demonstration cities program, I requested, in a letter dated March 4, 1966, an opportunity to testify before your subcommittee during the current hearings. We in Waterbury feel that Congress should be made aware of the support this program has in cities such as ours. If, however, arrangements cannot be made for my appearance before your subcommittee, I would like to request that the enclosed statement be included in the proceedings of the hearings.

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK W. PALOMBA,
Mayor.

STATEMENT OF MAYOR FREDERICK W. PALOMBA, WATERBURY, CONN.

The complex problems confronting American cities today demand bold and imaginative solutions. It appears to those of us who struggle daily with these problems that the approach suggested in President Johnson's proposed demonstration cities program is a major stride toward the development of a comprehensive attack on related urban ills.

Our experience in Waterbury has already demonstrated to us that a coordinated effort utilizing all available aids is capable of producing more substantial results than the same aids operating independently. However, the present framework for administration of all related community development and social welfare programs is not geared to the necessary broad approach. We envision the demonstration cities program as a means to channel existing programs and develop new ones within one overall administrative and operative structure whose sole purpose is the coordination and implementation of the city's physical and social goals for improvement.

Furthermore, we have found that the need and demand for essential services—social, educational, and physical—are growing at a more rapid rate than our capacity to provide them. If cities such as ours are not only to hold their own, but also to try to reverse the trends of many decades, substantially increased financial aids are needed quickly. Existing aids must not only be continued, but also accelerated. We believe the proposed demonstration cities program offers the basis for an approach of the necessary magnitude, although we are not prepared to evaluate the adequacy of the funds presently proposed for allocation. We