

tain programs such as this—so long as the applicant is financially secure in the opinion of the Small Business Administration.

I hope that my suggestions will prove of some assistance as you prepare legislation for the upcoming congressional session.

Your comments and criticisms are welcome.

Sincerely yours,

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PREPARED STATEMENT OF JOSE A. CARABELLO AND AIDES, FORT GREENE COMMUNITY CORP., BROOKLYN, N.Y.

As a result of a great many complaints from our immediate community, Fort Greene, concerning high food prices especially in A. & P. on Myrtle Avenue near Ashland Place in Brooklyn, and in Finast Supermarket on Myrtle Avenue near Prince Street in Brooklyn, the consumer protection department of this agency, of which I am supervisor, has undertaken to try and prove this complaint and take action along those lines. One other major complaint was that prices were being fixed at will, particularly on days welfare recipients received their checks; the 1st and the 16th of every month.

Essentially, this department's objective is to make consumers more aware of their shortcomings in the marketplace, instructing them as to their rights, and arming them with as much related data as possible, for his protection; so that they may enter the marketplace causing the seller to be aware rather than the buyer to be aware.

The aides from this department did most of the comparison pricing surveys which were conducted in order to document proof of the discrepancies previously stated. These supermarkets in this community were compared to those same stores in other middle-income areas such as Flatbush and Bay Ridge. Bear in mind that this survey is limited to a few supermarkets and not as large scale or scientific as has been done by other groups throughout the country. But nevertheless, the facts are as follows :

A. & P.

[In cents]

Products	June 13, 1967, Myrtle Ave.	June 13, 1967, Flatbush Ave.
Gold Medal flour (2 pounds).....	33	39
Hunts tomato sauce (15 ounces).....	1 35	1 29
Del Monte canned corn (12 ounces).....	1 53	1 43

FINAST SUPERMARKET

[In cents]

Products	Apr. 26, 1967 Myrtle Ave.	Apr. 26, 1967 Bay Ridge, 93d and 3d Ave.
Duncan Hines cake mix (1 pound).....	39	37
Jiffy corn mix (10 ounces).....	11	12
Aunt Jemima (2 pounds).....	41	45
Uncle Ben's rice (2 pounds).....	69	69
Carolina rice (medium).....	39	41
Parks smoked sausage (1 pound).....	79	75

KEY FOOD

[In cents]

Products	June 20, 1967 Fulton St.	June 20, 1967 Flatbush Ave.
Ajax cleaner (14 ounces).....	1 33	1 31
Beacon wax (1 pint 11 ounces).....	89	85
Minute Maid orange juice (6 ounces).....	1 39	1 35
Campbell soup (10 1/2 ounces).....	1 39	2 53
Kellogg's corn flakes (12 ounces).....	33	31
Del Monte canned peas (1 pound).....	1 49	1 49

¹ Price for 2 items.

² Price for 4 items.