

HANDWRITTEN NOTES, POEMS, ETC. FROM RENE MAXWELL'S APARTMENT

Cause if you need a change
Submit is what you do
Cause there is Still Still
Hope for You
There is Still Still Hope for you
No matter what you're going through
There is Still
Still Hope For You
Hope For You
-Rene Maxwell

Today is asking all Residents in the Cabrini Green Community to take a stand. A Stand that is Morally and Spiritually right. We are asking you the residents of Cabrini Green to stay focus on something that Developers, The City, and The Chicago Housing Authority want so Bad; and that is the land where we live.

The LAC, RMC's Help Us along with you. Residents of Cabrini Green Today here and Now is Sending a strong Message Across the City of Chicago, that we the Residents of Cabrini Green Is Here to Stay.

This Is Our Community.

It is a new beginning, a new day.
We are all in this together.
We don't have anywhere else to go.

This is Our Gold Coast.
Be apart of the Solution.
-Rene Maxwell

CHANT

It wasn't meant
To be this way
Poor people are going homeless
In the USA

Sharon Gist what you're
gonna do
You know morality
Falls on you

C.H.A playing
A deadly game
Making money off the poor
AND don't feel ashamed
-Rene Maxwell

A Community Organizer is a person who helps community organize on a certain issue. A Community Organizer find out the concerns of the community and the people who lives in it. For instance if the main issue for a development is Housing, then a Community Organizer would talk to residents within that community and find out exactly what about housing is affecting them most. Affordable, low-income, or maintenance what is the resident most concerns.

I am an Organizer with the Coalition To Protect Public Housing, which is a watchdog group for residents who live in low-income housing. The Coalition To Protect Public Housing was started in 1996 by some residents who live in Public Housing. In 1996 Congress mandated that 18,000 units of Public Housing in Chicago would be demolished. The Coalition asked other Organizations to join them is support of saving their Communities. Therefore many Organizations joined in Support. Organizations such as Jewish Council On Urban Affairs, Community Renewal Society, Coalition For The Homeless and many other.

Today the Coalition to Protect Public Housing remains focus to preserving low-income....

The only significant thing that has been done in Chicago is The Demolition.

-Rene Maxwell

You Got The Money

You Got The Land

Start Building

Start Building

-Rene Maxwell

Once again we the Coalition find ourselves in battled in another phase out stemming from the CHA Transformation Plan.

In 1996 when Congressman Mandated that 18,000 units of public Housing would be demolish we knew that schools in the surrounding communities would be effected. We knew there would be some misleading information to misguide the public about the schools that are near public Housing. We knew when Gentrifying communities everything good neighbors and schools had to go. No one will take into consideration our young kids going into areas where gangs are present.

Falsehoods should be made clear.

The Coalition urge the board to reconsider
the closing of these schools

Give our kids a chance to grow

Keep them out of the political arena

Because this is not their Cross to Bear

-Rene Maxwell

Why CHA Must Build Now

For years now the Coalition to Protect Public Housing has patiently asked the Chicago Housing Authority to Build Units of Public Housing before all of Public Housing is demolished. We began our crusade back in 1994 when some concerned residents of Public Housing questioned the HOPE VI that was to be the new revitalization

of all of Public Housing. Instead of seeing newly rehab units , or newly built units we begin to see and witness the downsizing of Public Housing Developments. We listen to many of our community leaders tell their residents that the HOPE VI would be in their best interest. Our community leaders were promised many improvements, but only a hand full of them saw those improvements. Now study after study contradicts the HOPE VI and the transformation plan. So let me sincerely interject to you Why CHA Must Build Now. Because one study indicates that the Chicago are is short 153,000 apartments for families making under 20,000 a year.

Why CHA Must Build Now

Because the Chicago Rehab Network study states that CHA don't have enough money to complete the project.

Why CHA Must Build Now

Because Ray Vasquez openly and honestly proclaimed that 10 South Kedzie was being used as a make shift shelter for homeless people some of them CHA residents.

Why CHA Must Build Now

(rewrite sentence)

Because the initial \$20 Billion capital investment in the public housing inventory now valued at \$95- \$100 Billion dollars, and the costs of all the Buildings and land have been fully paid. Therefore it would be economically stupid to walk away from this investment, when there is no alternatives .

-Rene Maxwell

DON'T LEAVE ME LESS THAN YOU FOUND ME

The thought of Revitalization
Sounes good to Me
It is something that is Needed
In most Communities
A facial uplift can give
My neighborhood New Life
A Building here A Building there
Will eliminate the Bright
-Rene Maxwell

1. Why are we going at it this way--

2. After the Chicago Hearing we will be going to Washington to tell Bush he's wrong for proposing to eliminate HOPE VI.
Stop the war on the poor.

-Unknown, written on fax dated September 9, 2003.

We're gonna March to City Hall

And Mayor Daley
Cause He's tearing down our Buildings
Daley
While the rich are getting richer
Daley
And the poor are getting poorer
Daley
Politics getting Favors From
Daley

-Rene Maxwell?

When we stand together
Someone up there will be smiling with joy
Because the power that Be knows our unity
Will open every door
That has kept us deprived
Of our basic Human needs
So now that we stand together
The whole world will see
There is power in numbers
And we stand a Million Strong
Its just the people was of saying
America Something is Wrong
We are soul heartedly convinced
That life can be Better
A natural sense says We can make a difference
When we Stand together

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We are under the assumption that a plan to transformate people will work in the best interest of the people you represent.

We assume that because of mismanagement, neglect, and plan ole thievery of the CHA Housing Authority that residents should not be a part of what you call the working group.

Can we keep assuming that questions like

Will there be enough land to build on?

Will you get the money that you need to make this a successful transformation plan?

And because CHA have never had a tracking system in place, is it right for us to assume that you don't know where any resident who have moved since Oct 1, 1999?

Can we assume that

To be honest I assume that the young lady in IDA B. Wells was wrong for trying to get in a working group meeting? I also assume that the person who did that to her was rewarded by you and the Board of we concern to residents.

Joe Shuldiner knew that Chicago didn't really understand exactly what they were doing.

No surveys no research no assuming that this transformation plan might not work. Just take care of the politicians, community leaders and most of the city will be demolished in no time. But where will the people go?

If the Coalition to Protect Public Housing and All the support groups who stand with us...

-Rene Maxwell

Many people
Will not remain
Lease compliance

Jobs create by service
Connector

If people don't remain
lease compliance

What are the resident
getting out of the plan?
You have ignored the plan
Where are the success stories
of the people living in
CHA now

-Rene Maxwell

We Stand on the Consent Decree decision to Keep Cabrini Green for low income Residents. That is why we say in Cabrini Our Theme

One Community
One Cabrini Green

-Rene Maxwell

Quotes

The Hottest places in hell
Are reserved for those who,
in times of great moral crisis,
maintain their neutrality
-Dante

It will be a great day
When our schools

Get all the money they need

And the air force has to hold
A bake sale to buy a bomber.

-Rene Maxwell?

You Can't Be Successful
(Without God In Your Life)

You know where you want to go
But you don't know how to get there
-Rene Maxwell

Why can't the plan squeeze in more units north and south of Roosevelt? Why can't it be 1/2 of public housing residents?

They are the ones who have lived there throughout Bad times.

Now new redevelopment comes along and they are asked to leave or be downsized and its not fair.

-Rene Maxwell?

Words From Dr. King

That if American is to remain
A first class nation
She can no longer have
Second class citizens

- - -

This is the way that we will get out of this dark night of oppression in making this nation a better nation we will be able to convince this nation that a new world is emerging.

- - -

Non-cooperation with evil
is just as much a moral duty
as cooperation with good

- - -

The clock of destiny is ticking out. We must act now before it is too late.

(Written down by Rene Maxwell)

Gable Rene Maxwell

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Other Professional Talents: Songwriter, Poet, Speaker, Music Producer

(Handwritten)

CHANTS

1. We're gonna march on City Hall
And Mayor Daley
Cause he's tearing down our buildings
Daley
While the rich is getting richer
Daley
And the poor is getting poorer
Daley

2. Fix them up Don't tear them down
" " " " "
" " " " "
Fix them up Don't tear them down

3. The people United
Will never be defeated
The people United
Will never be Defeated

4. We shall not be moved
" " "
Just Like A Tree planted
By the water
We Shall not be moved

-Rene Maxwell

Dump Daley

His Croonies get the jobs
And We're out of Luck
Gentrifying Neighborhoods
And Sells them for a Buck
Police out of Order
Taking innocent lives
The Red Squad is Back
To Once Again Spy
So this you must believe
Cause everybody know
Richard M. Daley
Has Got To Go
Like Humpty Dumpty
Who sat on a wall
The Mayor of Chicago
Has got to fall
And all of His Croonies
And all of His Friends
Will never run the City
Of Chicago Again
We are tired of Him
We Have Had Enough
His Crookies won't Do It
So its left up To Us
Dump Daley
Dump Daley
Dump Daley
Dump Daley
Voting Daley Out
Is the Only Way
Minorities in the City
Sees a Better Day
For too many years
He's Been a thorn in our Side
He's Like a Monarch to the City
With Northing to Hide
He gave raises to himself
And his City Counsel Pals
Developers Loves Him
They always wish him well
He runs minorities out the City
With nowhere to go
Give them tiny pay raises
Which always keep them po'
Closing Schools on our Kids
With a Smiling Face
Let his Flunkies do the Dirt Work
To Save Him Grace
We Are tired of Him
We Have Has Enough

His Croonies won't Do it
So its Left up To Us
Dump Daley
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-Rene Maxwell (written on back of meeting agenda for Lawyers Committee for Better Housing, Feb 4, 2002)

We want the Mayor to cease and desist today all demolitions until the replacement housing mandated by is in place. We ask that the inner city poor be given the same right that others have, and that's the right to chose where they wish to live. We refuse to let them be the pawn in the city game of chess.

Hopefully the Mayor finds himself when denial of this problem will only further our advocacy. We hope and pray that we and this great city can and will work together so that the poor and the Homeless will be a part of the revitalization of Chicago.

-Rene Maxwell

If America is gonna work for us
We must let Our Government know that Business as usual
And misrepresenting Our great citizens of
This Nation is Over. Our Destiny is in Our Hands
Its Time For Action
We have nothing else To Lose
But Everything in the World to Regain
Our Rights Our Dignity
Our Respect
Lets get Ready
To Rock & Roll

-Rene Maxwell

Until We Are Heard

We will raise our voices
Until hell freezes over
We will cry out loud
Until hell freezes over

-Rene Maxwell

Bees
Weeds
Deeds
Freeze
Leave
Greed

Peak
Seek
Feet
Meek
Leak
Neat
Deep

And never again will you see them Buzzards
For they will left you alone
Cause they see the people you have organized
Are 1,000,000 strong

Lets Make The Buzzards Predators
Leave Us Alone

-Rene Maxwell

Lets Work Together

Surely mistakes have been made in the past but this Housing Crisis is one that we can, in the best interest of the Residents Begin to make low income housing work for them. I wasn't shocked by yesterday Sun-Times article, but truly elated about the fact that C.H.A. is acknowledging what the Coalition had been stating for some years now, there is a Housing Crisis in our city. Maybe now we can come together and work on solutions to a crisis that has just about gotten out of hand. With the C.H.A. and The Coalition working as one we can fix all the wrongs, and save units of Housing that some people desperately needs. We have been blessed with a mild fall leading into Winter. Before the Chicago Storm comes, lets make sure that every person who need low income housing have low-income housing. Make shift shelters are only temporarily. Stop the Relocation of Residents. Build or Rehab public housing Now. There is no time to waste.

-Rene Maxwell

We are hoping that each RMC & Building President get involve with this Community Fun Day, because it is important that the Mayor, CHA, and other Housing Developments understand that The Cabrini Green Community is on up and up when it comes to making sure that the best interest of our residents will be our first and fore most interest.

The Theme One Community One Cabrini Green is surely a reality.

A long with youth net who have stepped up to be apart of this day, The LAC, we are sure that our Fun Day will be a day that we will all cherish for years to come.

-Rene Maxwell

Today we are here to give our endorsement to the Candidate who we feel will work forwards the solution of this urgent Housing Crisis in the city of Chicago. Today the Coalition To Protect Public Housing endorses Rev. Paul L. Jakes. A man who have Champion Police Brutality, a man who have shown much concern about Chicago's

Public Housing Residents. Ladies and Gentleman please welcome the Rev. Paul L. Jakes, the next Mayor of Chicago.

-Rene Maxwell

Thank you Alderman Pepwinkle.

For your Kind words:

From Rogers Park to Pilsen to Bronzeville to Humboldt Park we must begin to deal with solutions for this Terrible Housing Crisis. As an organizer of Public Housing it is so discouraging to see people who can't afford the rising Rent: Doubling up with other family members inclusionary zoning should be mandatory whatever it takes to include low-income into All Chicago Communities.

Whatever it takes you the Zoning Board should do. Let your conscious be your guide in a time of Crisis America reacts to make life better for all. We are a Nation of Proud People. Making sure people have somewhere to live should be our over riding priority. Truly it takes a Home to raise a Child.

-Rene Maxwell

Good evening friends and Supporters. I would like to thank the Cabrini Green Residents for standing with me, allowing me to announce my candidacy to Chicago's Public Housing Residents.

-Rene Maxwell

No One Knows (Where This World is Headed)

Unrest in the Middle East
Got me losing so much sleep

-Rene Maxwell

It's Always Good To Have Some help
But if you don't then
Depend On Yourself

-Rene Maxwell

CPPH Meeting Friday July 26th 2002

1. Robert Taylor-Bridgeport policeman arrested and beat (4) young men in Robert Taylor.
1pm there will be a meeting with Derek Hill of CHA. Citizens Alert Mary Powers attorney at Law.

Possible Press Conference on Monday.

Mandell suite in Stateway Gardens. Policemen arrested residents in Stateway Field House.
First Defense lawyer took the case.

2. Bud Bilken Parade- August 10, 2002
316,000,000

3. Hope VI- HUD 417,000
Cut restore to housing program.
False Hope report HUD report acknowledge the false Hope report.
Capital improvement funds are being used for demolition
CHA don't have rebuilding dollars.

Barney Frank speaks for Public Housing on Capital Hill.

In order to pay fair market rent
You need a hourly wage of 17.

-Rene Maxwell

Who We Are and What We Stand For

The Recording Artists for Economic Human Rights are Recording Artists for the Music Industry. Recording Artists for Economic Human Rights feel that the time has come for the poor people to have their voices heard. Through music we will begin to tell stories of their struggles and the insight that they have for the future.

We are determine to concentrate our energies and resources to continue to fight with the poor for their freedom from want and misery.

Basic Human Rights such as Health Care, Education, Jobs that pay a living wage, Food, Clothing and affordable and low-income Housing are rights that we feel all persons are entitled to. We ask that Government respect, protect, and fulfill their obligation that was signed December 10, 1948 by the United Nations proclaim to be the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Recording Artists for Economic Human Rights is a Non-for Profit Foundation.

-Rene Maxwell

1. Linetee Sombright Clarence Davis Mother

It was about 12:20 am. Mrs. Sombright was in the doorway of her 603 apt at 4429. Police came to her apt and asked did anybody call the police. She said no one call the police. They said to her nigger get in your house and close the door. She ask why did she have to go in after that her son Clarence came and ask what was they doing to her mother. Appear 8 police.

Police # off the cars: 7811 8147
Paddy Wagon (6173) 7733 89582

You do want to go to jail. They begin to wrestle with Clarence.

Officer Shield demanded that resident go in their apt. Police push him down and beat him then took him down stairs. One Police punched Clarence in his ribs. They walked him down the Stairs.

Once on the ground fl they put him in the paddy wagon. They drove off. The police also push a pregnant woman.

Mrs. Davis call at least 10 times to get police to come over.

6:25 he came from 51st St. Station Clarence Mother saw facial scars and complaint about his back.

-Rene Maxwell

Songs Co-Inspired
By Gable Rene Maxwell

Gable Rene Maxwell is an inspiring Songwriter, Poet, Screenwriter, and Activist. Gable Rene Maxwell who was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois Ida B. Wells Housing Development have put together a collection of some songs that He have co-written with other great writer in Chicago. A gifted lyricist, Gable Rene have co-written many songs from R&B, Rap, Gospel, and movement songs. Through none of his songs have ever made the national Record Charts, some of his songs on the local level has received much praise and recognition. One of his movement songs "Our Fight Must Go On" is the theme song for The Coalition To Protect Public Housing.

All Across The City low and moderate income communities are phrased out. The Ainsle, Michigan Blvd. West Town, Pilsen, Streeterville, and of course Uptown.

It is quite apparent that CHA wants to get out of the Housing Business. Everything that they are doing is a clear indication that Housing for low income residents in this city is a thing of the past.

And instead of being truthful about this Housing Crisis, which they are mainly responsible, CHA refuses to give in to the fact that most of the research that has been done by many of the city top housing advocacy group have been denied time and time again by those who have been chosen to over see this transformation plan. Even though the numbers tell the story, CHA continue to work with Our Mayor, the Aldermen, Developers, Bankers, and real estate Barons, who seems destin to make their fortune off the backs of low and moderate income residents. In order for this city to be a top plight city, it must put an end to its second class citizens. There are 160,000 people who are homeless in the Chicago area every year. Each night there are..."

-Rene Maxwell

Its hard to vision Tomorrow
If you can't see today

-Rene Maxwell

Some might say that the U.S. Economy
Has done well
But the rising tide has only lifted
A few Boats
We know that Global treaties benefit
Corporations, not workers, or Communities
Jobs are being shifted to low wage
Countries which weakens workers rights,
And creates a rise in poverty. ALL

People have a right to Life and to secure
The Basic necessities of Life, Food, Shelter,
Clothing AND fair wages. The economy
Exits for the people, Not the people
For the economy. That's why Today
We are here to say No to the FTAA.
And We Are Ready And Willing
To Fight Uni...

-Rene Maxwell

We Can Make A Difference
When We Stand Together

When we Stand together
Hope becomes our beckon of light
Which makes a glaring statement
That what we are doing is right

When we stand together
Our presence will make it Known
No longer will we let injustices
Continue on

When we stand together
Its like the three tenors belting out a song
The melody is sweet (oh so)
And the voices are strong.

When we stand together
Our focus will make it very clear
Never again will poor people
Have to shed another tear

When we stand together
We would have administered our own fate
Taking a quote from Dr. King
That's why we can not wait

When we stand together
Someone up there will be smiling with joy
Because the power to be knows our unity
Will open every door

That has kept us deprived
Of our basic Human needs
So now that we stand together
The whole world will see

A nation of people standing as one
For all Human Kind
Bonded and committed

With one thing in mind

There is power in numbers
And we stand a million strong
Its just the people way of saying
America something is wrong

We are so deeply convinced
That life can be better
We know we can make a different
When we stand together

-Rene Maxwell

So as we see this
Transformantion on a people
Being Made
We must Regain that
Moral Spirit So That
Our Presence In Chicago
Will Be Saved

-Rene Maxwell

CHANTS

Traffic Court Traffic Court
Find another place
Are Homes Are Our Castles
What's wrong with State and Lake

- - -
With God on our Side
How can we Lose
We'r like a tree that's planted
We Refuse to Move

- - -
The people united
Will never be defeated
The people united
Will never be defeated

- - -
Hell no we won't go
Hell no we won't go
Hell no we won't go
Hell no we won't go

-Compiled by Rene Maxwell

Wentworth Gardens Outreach

Units 422

Occupied 338

Chicago Association of Resident Management

Wentworth Gardens is Resident Managed. Wentworth Gardens Residents have been asked to relocate. We are Residents, who work for residents, who live in Public Housing Developments. We have information for you, to help you with your housing decision. To get resident management is a process and to keep it is a process. Refer them to the R.M.C. Ask permission to take their names. May I send someone back who reside in your community with further info.

Do you know Anybody on the RMC Board?

-Rene Maxwell

As the transformation is being implemented, all of us must begin to question, who is really pushing a plan that many studies and researchers declare will not work. Housing secretary Andrew Como reported to Congress that there is a shortage of 153,000 low-income units. The Chicago Rehab Network says that 1.6 billion dollars will not be enough to built or rehab the 25,000 units that has been promised to the low income renter who live in Public Housing. The South Suburban Communities says they have enough low income renters. Condos are coming up everywhere. Our communities are being downsized at a time when low income housing can't be found. Six Housing development are eligible to be listed on the National Historic Land Mark. University Village Association has bulldozed Maxwell Street and is working to get residents out of the Jane Addams. Excuse me did I just sound like I've lost it. Just think if you the Board has ignore all the facts...

As the plan for transformation is being implemented, all of us must begin to question, who is really behind this plan? A plan that many studies and researchers declare will not work. For instance, Housing Secretary Andrew Como reported to Congress that there is a shortage of 153,000 low income units. The Chicago Rehab Network states the 1.6 Billion dollars will not be enough to build or Rehab the 25,000 units that has been promised to the low income renters, who live in Public Housing. Ray Vasquez Commissioner of the Department of Human Services is seeing a surge in the homeless shelters. HUD just approved \$10 Million to demolish Robert Taylor and Rockwell Gardens, rather than take the money and fix them up. A Community center is being used as a makeshift shelter. There are 33,000 families on the CHA waiting list, and the Sec 8 waiting list of 22,000 people has been closed. University Village Association has razed Maxwell Street and is now working to get residents out of the Jane Addams. Excuse me did I sound like I've lost it? Just think if you the board of commissioners have ignore all the facts. I have just rattle off to you, surely its not me who have lost it.

-Rene Maxwell

Dump Daley

Voting Daley Out

Is the Only Way

Minorities get to see

A Better Day

We have no other choice

If we want our Fair Share

We Got to Dump Daley Now

Or We'll never get nowhere

Dump Daley

Dump Daley
Dump Him and His Machine
Dump Daley
Dump Daley
Before He's Up On Another Scheme
He's Wiping Communities Out
Dump Daley
Dump Daley
That's all he's About

Chicago 21 is a Master Plan
To Move All The Poor Folks Off The Land
To bring the people Back
From The Surrounding Suburbs
Now Tell Me Don't The Mayor
Have A Lot Of Nerves

Now he's out in Bensenville
Trying to buy their Homes
If you Feel its time To Dump Him
Then Sing This Song

He's out in Bensenville
Trying To Buy their Homes
He can't Let people Be
He Won't Leave Them Alone

Its Got to Be in 2003
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Relocation 180 Day Notices
King OR
4555
4525
4120 S. Prairie

Buildings Coming Down

(4) Rockwell
(4) Stateway
 Washington Park
(8) Robert Taylor
 Madden Park
 Hillards

LeClaire
Wentworth

-Rene Maxwell

Bush Don't Get It
We Ain't With It

All over America
People Are Standing Up
Because of the Inhumane
Treatment To Mankind
The Voices of the People
Is Not Being Heard
People Want Their Issue
Addressed They Are tired
Of Being ignored
Ending Poverty Homelessness
Affordable Housing Police Brutality
Health Care Welfare
Is Virtually Being Blackout
By the Media And Now The War On Iraq

-Rene Maxwell, October 2002

One Community One Cabrini Green

You're Just As Good in Cabrini
As Would Be Anywhere Else

-Rene Maxwell

How far will CHA go?
To prevent Residents
Participation on The Transformation
Plan. What CHA Says
They Seldom do

Justice Prevails

You Can Win If You Fight

-Rene Maxwell

Rich Man's House

Well I went Down to the
Rich Man's House
And I Took Back What he stole from me
Took Back my dignity
Took Back my humanity
Well I Went Down to the
Rich Man's House
And I Took Back What he stole
Took back my dignity

Took back my humanity
And Now he's under my feet under my feet
Under my feet Under my feet
Ain't no system gonna walk
All over me

Governor House

Mayor House

-Rene Maxwell

After the pledge of Resistance

Not In Our Name

No U.S. War
Not in our Name
No U.S. War
Not in Our Name

Not By Our Hands
No U.S. War
Not in Our Name
Not By Our Mouth
No U.S. War
Not In Our Name

Not By Our Hearts
No U.S. War
Not In Our Name

Not By Our Will
No U.S. War
Not In Our Name

Makes No Sense
What we're fighting for
That's why we say
No U.S War Not In Our Name

Don't Bomb Iran
Don't North Korea
Not In Our Name

-Rene Maxwell

Rene Maxwell Lyrics

Santa Can't Give Them
A Home

Santa can give the kids a doll

And even a Lionel Train
Santa can give them a music box
Or a Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

But these are toys they wished for
All year long
Toys Santa Can give them
But Santa can't give them a home

A Home to live in
To make families feel safe and secure
So that the cold and blistering winters
They won't have to endure

A Home that's affordable
Clean decent and safe
Where Moms can bake in the kitchen
Their favorite pies and cakes

So we ask this Holiday
That the Spirit of Giving be Shown
Because people being homeless
We All Know is Wrong
Santa can give gifts
But Santa Can't give them A Home

Let No One Tell You Different
Our Fight Must Go On

Keep the faith people
Because all hopes are not gone
You got to At all times stay positive
And ask God to Keep you strong
For We are apart of a movement
That separates right from wrong
Addressing the needs of All people
Our Fight Must Go On
There are too many injustices
We the people face today
And wishful thinking Im telling you
Will not make them go away
We have to stand together
For our purpose is all the same
People's Human Rights need to be address
If Not Our Country will never change
We have Nothing to lose here people
Everything in the world to gain
For we have been passive for too long
That's why injustices still remain
The call for action is now
Our backs are against the wall
It's the only civil thing we can do
Before the curtain falls
So come on lets hear the voices

That separates right from wrong
Let the world Know we ARE here
Our Fight Must Go On

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Until all injustices are erase
And the peoples NEEDS ARE MET
Until broken promises are Kept
Though it haven't happened yet
Our fight must go on

The Coalition To Protect Public Housing

Refuses to stand around and watch the demise of poor people who happen to live in the Metropolitan City of Chicago. We refuse to see the migration of the poor into another new found ghetto somewhere along the outskirts of this Great City. Today and forever we will continue to bring to light the violations of their Human Rights. Our Mayor have have begin to Champion a great Cause, A Ten year plan to End Homelessness, a plan that all social agencies welcome In Chicago. But that statement is becoming contradictory when low-income Housing is being demolish at such a rapid pace. The pictures don't lie. Seeing is Believing. If need Be, We will call on a Federal inquiry to examine all the contracts and deals made with those developers who have raked in billions of Dollars on the land deals

-Rene Maxwell

Speech
For
Tues Dec 17

This message comes from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he spoke of the God of the Old Testament and what he said to the Hebrews don't play with me, Don't play with me Babylon. Be still and know that I'm God. If you don't stop you're reckless course I'll rise up and break the backbone of your power. And that can happen to those who feel they are better than those who live here in Chicago. He compared the fall of the Roman Empire with America. He said that the parallels were frightening. Here in Chicago those who are in power have converted to the drum major instinct. A Drum Major instinct is one that I have no problem with. It's a instinct that makes a person want to be first, you want to be great, you want to be important, you want to be significant. Well you ought to be. If you believe in Jesus Christ our Savior you must Be. I say to all of you who have that drum major instinct don't give up that instinct. It's a great instinct if you use it right. It a good instinct if you don't distort it. I say never give it up. Keep feeling the need for being important, Keep feeling the need for being first, but I want you to be first In Love. I want you to be first in Modern Technology, I want you To be first in generosity.

So today I ask the Board of Commissioners who have that Drum Major instinct if you would show your love to those people who are still in need of a low-income public Housing unit, would you open those units of Housing that can be rehabbed in the Ida B. Wells, Jane Addams, Rockwell Gardens and where there might be a rehab table unit, show your love By opening those units

-Rene Maxwell

The Exodus Trail

1. Details the movement of the migration of African Americans out of the inner city if Chicago to the suburbs.

I was awoken one early winter morning by a loud buzzing noise. I slowly got up out of my warm bed, and pull the curtains apart, to see what the commotion was all about. Across the street I could see a crowd of people who has gathered about. I could see that this just wasn't your ordinary stand around and shoot the breeze crowd. Even though I couldn't hear what they were talking about, I could see the look on their faces that something was (definitely) wrong. Many thoughts went through my mind on why were these Community people up so early rousing about. Suddenly a knock was heard at my door. I peek out the peek hole and saw my neighbor at the door. I opened the door so that my curiosity would be answered.

2. When my neighbor came through the door I couldn't wait to ask him what was all the buzzing about. He told me that the people on Taylor Street was given a notice to move by Thursday, and it was startling for me because the notice had been served yesterday which was Monday. The crowd across the...

-Rene Maxwell

Another Cross To Bear

We have faced many challenges
Throughout the years
And no one knew what to expect
So there were many fears
And with each challenge we faced
We became stronger as one
Just look at all the battles
That we have won
The right to go to any school
The right to vote
All because we came together
And never lost hope
So this challenge here
Is just another obstacle we face
One to show all people
That we are still dead on the case
To oppose and defeat all injustices
That we engage in
Because right is on our side
And GOD is truly our friend
So people Let me tell you
Feel proud AND don't you ever despair
Because this is just another Challenge
And Another Cross To Bear

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The Inevitable

America has come a long ways since the civil rights days, but for the African American nothing has changed. The system has put together a comprehension plan to keep the African American in bondage. A blind

man can see the oppression and feel the tension that the African American is facing today. Unemployment, the high crime rate, and the annihilation of the African American male makes the future of American “Inevitable.”

Not to much longer will African Americans lay around and stay slaves to the American system. Because our forefathers labored to help make America what it is today, makes many African Americas resentful of other minorities who has journey from their homeland to come to America and live the American dream better than those whose forefathers help built it.

Unless America take notice to the problems that faces the African American and try to make an adjustment to make things better for them, this...

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The African American will not lay around much longer and stay slaves to the American system. They want economical and political empowerment. Because our forefathers labored to help make American what it is today, many African Americans are resentful towards other minorities who has journey from their homeland to come to America and live the American dream better than those whose forefathers help built it.

“We’re Gonna Fight” (Until You Get It Right)

We know what we want
And there’s no turning back
We’ve been saying for the longest
You are out of whack
If you think we’re gonna continue
To take this mess
You better think again and again
We wont take nothing less

Cause We’re Gonna Fight
Until You Get It Right
We’re so intent on winning
We won’t Be asking twice

Mayors Congressmens
You hear our voice
You might as well listen
You have no other choice

We want housing that we
Can afford
We want living wage jobs

Need we say more
Health care and welfar
Our Social Security
If you think we're gonna continue
To take this mess
You better think again and again
We wont take nothing less
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