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In a recent news item with reference to the opening of some streets in Windermere, there was the statement that the city council had refused to accept the entire plat, due to racial restrictions contained in the plat. This particular statement was called to the attention of the Christian Friends for Racial Equality.

This was the first time that this courageous position taken by the Seattle City Council on the subject of restrictive covenants was made public. It was especially commendable since it happened long before restrictive covenants were outlawed by our Supreme Court, and at a time when they enjoyed a certain popular approval.

The Christian Friends for Racial Equality have gone on record to publicly commend the Seattle City Council for its very progressive and forward looking attitude in having taken this position and refused to recognize restrictive covenants by not accepting the plat of Windermere, which had been tendered to the city with these un-American restrictions.

More strength and power to our good council men for we need just such courage in our fight for civil rights.

Very truly yours,



P. Allen Rickles, Chairman
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