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Collins Ignores Expressway Plea

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Mayor J. Lynn Pflug said yesterday that to date he had received no reply from his letter to Governor LeRoy Collins calling his attention to Winter Park's recent referendum which voted overwhelmingly to place the route of the proposed expressway four blocks to the west of the presently planned route.

Pflug further said he was writing both senatorial candidates, Pepper and Holland, pointing out the same information and emphasizing the matter is a question of urban domination over the rights of small communities, and while the issue might seem small to them, it is of vital importance to Winter Park, Maitland and Altamonte Springs.

"Since this is federal money," Pflug said, "we would like to know why the wishes of the small com-

munities are being ignored. If we must have expressways, we much prefer to grow up to them, not away from them," he continued.

He also said Collins appeared to be leaning toward the urban groups with little or no consideration for the rights of citizens in the smaller towns.

Mayor Pflug's letter to Governor LeRoy Collins, written July 18, follows:

Honorable Governor LeRoy Collins
Tallahassee
Florida

Dear Governor Collins:

I am taking the liberty of directing your personal attention to the results of a referendum vote of the citizens of Winter Park, asking that the proposed expressway be located so as to avoid condemnation of valuable productive real estate presently in the path of the proposed route through the Winter Park area

The people of Winter Park resent being considered as a suburb, part of or being dominated by Orlando influences. I know you will recognize us as an independent municipality and our efforts to retain the distinctive atmosphere that has made this community one of the attractive small towns in the state. The majority of our citizens know only too well the needs of an expanding economy but resent the encroachment of the very evils which caused them to flee from their lifelong northern residences.

Our efforts to control our own destiny and sources of tax revenues are apparent from the organized effort that has been made to prove to you and the state that the administration was justified in locating the State Office Building within our city limits.

You are acquainted with many of our leading citizens and appreciate that we do not ask or seek favors. We feel that the same margin of error can be made as has been made in so many of these expressway projects across the country, as to give us all the same loathsome opinion of all concerned, particularly when there has been so little regard for the small man and the small community.

I have no idea what action you can or are willing to take but our community feels that this expression of resentment, considering the man who is Governor, will not fall on empty ears.

Yours very truly,

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J. LYNN PFLUG,
Mayor-Commissioner