

# Boyer: Improve homes, industry

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First of all let me say that I am not a native of Easton, but Easton has been my home for the last 35 years.

During those years I have come to know and love the city. When I first came to Easton in the '40s it was quite a town. I have seen it go down and I also have witnessed it trying to pull itself up by its bootstraps.

The redevelopment authority came to Easton. It helped a lot of people obtain housing and a lot of people improve their homes. On the other hand, blocks of blighted homes were torn down. The land on which these homes once stood is empty, filled with weeds and trash.

I would like to see the vacant places cleaned up and homes or light industry built on them. This would make the city more attractive to business.

I also have seen many plants close down and move to the "Sunbelt" or elsewhere. Homework and teamwork should go hand-

in-hand to induce industries to locate in the City of Easton.

Because a lot of plants have either closed or moved, there is a high unemployment rate here. To help solve the unemployment situation there should be job-training centers where young people and older people could get the necessary training to enable them to find gainful employment.

To sum up, in the '80s, Easton should be moving toward better housing, elimination of the blighted section, building up vacant sections and initiating more job training programs.

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