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GRADUATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE of the
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Dear HGS Graduates:

As newly elected chairman of the Graduate Research Committee, I am pleased to invite you to put your studies at the School into action -- or to share your current Land Value-in-Action activities with your fellow graduates. To facilitate this objective, we have enclosed an application for you to complete and return to us by April 31, 1987.

To further achieve this objective, we have planned and invite your participation in several up-coming activities:

(1) On Thursday, May 7, from 5:30 to 7 PM, the Graduate Research Committee will host a social to launch the Land Value Awareness Projects (LVA, pronounced as lava). We hope you will join us for this gathering of HGS graduates. Your early return of the enclosed application will be most helpful.

(2) The social will give us all an opportunity to meet prior to a second event: a LVA Projects Work Session scheduled for Thursday, May 21, from 5:30 to 7 PM. Before the Work Session, a project coordinator will call LVA applicants to answer any questions and to qualify the extent of your commitment to a project.

(3) Finally, I am pleased to inform you of a field trip planned by Long Island Georgists and the GRC to Free Acres, New Jersey. Free Acres is one of three single tax communities in the United States. The trip is scheduled for Sunday, May 31. Cars will leave the New York area so as to arrive by 10 AM, when the day's events begin. The experience includes sitting in on a business meeting of the trustees and, in the afternoon, at a town meeting. Drivers with cars are needed to transport those participating. Please call the School and let us know if you can help.

For me -- and likely for most of us, whether while reading Henry George's Progress and Poverty or listening to our HGSS teachers in class -- there came a point in time when I became aware of the importance of land value as a politico-economic phenomenon. This awareness was followed by a reflection that, "By God, something has to be done about this!" The GRC is dedicated to working with you on your LVA project, for your positive contribution to humanity in our "global village" world. We now await your application and your involvement, as an HGS graduate.

As a Trustee of the School, President of both the Incentive Tax League of New York and the League's Hudson Valley Chapter, as well as GRC Chairman, I urge that you seriously consider joining in our newly inspired thrust towards implementing economic reform as urged by Henry George and participating in one or more of the above three activities.

Sincerely,

Richard Barbuto
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Land Value Awareness Projects Application

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Completed by:

Name

Day Phone

Address

Evening Phone

1. I'll make the following time available for my LVA project:

2. I have the following skills to apply to our work for land value awareness:

3. My activities, reading and other studies on land-related subjects include:

4. The project(s) I am involved in that I would like other graduates to hear about is (are):

5. The area(s) that I know about that other graduates may collaborate on for LVA projects is (are):

6. I am interested in LVA. I herewith apply for the following Graduate Research Committee LVA project(s): (Check one or more.)
 - a. Development and promotion of high school and college economics clubs
 - b. Legislation Seminar development, to include a project of drafting model land value statutes; an inquiry with legislators
 - c. Business Seminar development on public revenue and private wealth; an inquiry with business people
 - d. Land value awareness in current social problems: Focus on housing for low and middle income wage earners
7. I will attend: (Check space.)
 - a. Thursday, May 7, 5:30 - 7 PM Social
 - b. Thursday, May 21, 5:30 - 7 PM Work Session
 - c. Sunday, May 31, 10 AM - 3 PM Free Acres Field Trip