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Dear Valued Friend of P.R.E.C.

Warm Season's Greetings from all of us, with a special "God bless you!" from President Emeritus Noah Alper, who shares our sincere thanks for your 1980 support, and our invitation that you assist financially again in 1981.

Economic FREEDOM is our goal -- Site Value Taxation the "big stride" toward it. Fellow Georgists like you are already "in tume" -- the real never ending, often-frustrating project is to EDUCATE the millions who suffer through current economic problems and who seek the elusive economic answer everywhere execpt the one place where it actually is -- literally RIGHT BENEATH THEIR FEET! That's right -- the land -- better still, the location -- the SITE!

Noah Alper, the prime mover of Site Value Taxation in our great Midwest over a half century, has inspired all of us to carry on, and now new steps toward our goals are in motion, including - -

- 1. Site Value Taxation lectures to area high school Economics students.
- 2. "Letters-to-the-Editors" of key newspapers. (An example is the September letter to the editor of the COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN, which was not only published, but which triggered a <u>feature article</u> on Site Value Taxation, by the MISSOURIAN's own staff writer, Kathy Cochran. Copies of the letter and the article are enclosed).
- 3. Wide dissemination of Noah Alper's THE FOUNDATION OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM, and other Georgist literature to Economics students, and in response to inquiries from far and wide.
- 4. Studying our own St. Louis inner city's re-building work, under the Jeff-Vander-Lou rehabilitation project, whose Assistant Director hails from McKeesport, Pa., which is now (just started in 1980) invoking the Site Value Taxation concept. Adopting SVT would not only speed up the whole rehabilitation process, but would be a super force to diminish - yes, eventually eliminate - remaining ethnic and racial barriers to growth.
- 5. A complete re-study of Perry Prentice's great speech here, almost 10 years ago (copy enclosed). Perry had asked us to delve into this -- we did, and find, not surprisingly, that all his 1971 economic predictions (see them summarized in the 5 items atop the heading of Perry's talk reprint) under our old, but still current St. Louis taxing system, HAVE COME TRUE! City officials in St. Louis and East St. Louis (III.),

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the latter similarly afflicted, will shortly be confronted with the problem - - and educated regarding the solution

- 6. Close cooperation with Mrs. Harry Gunnison Brown (widow of our late great Missouri Georgist Economist), who is planning educational sessions for our participation via addressing various groups in Columbia
- 7. Full participation, to the extent of our abilities, with the newly-born Council of Georgist Organizations, in New York, hoping to be a viable "arm" for them, here in the Midwest.

To help us build upon this productive activity, will you (a) send your enroll-ment/investment/contribution, substantial or modest, using the form below, and (b) include your request for SVT literature we have available. (Partial list on coupon below). A dollar donation for each copy of Alper's "THE FOUNDATION OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM" will be appreciated - - no charge for other pieces.

Thanks a million. Your generous help will provide a substantial part of the means to help us work toward a better future - - for you. Send your response on the convenient coupon below. We'll be mighty grateful.

and "HAPPY HOLIDAYS"! Cordially 4 Stanley X. Frederiksen, Executive Director PUBLIC REVENUE EDUCATION COUNCIL - Stan Frederiksen Date 906 Olive Street, Room 339 - - St. Louis, Mo. 63101 Dear Stan: - - Sure - - please keep working toward the goals you've targeted via Site Value Taxation. Accept my 1981 membership, as follows: Life Associate - \$1,000 and over ___ Sustaining Associate - \$500 + Participating Associate - \$100 + Encouraging Associate - \$10 + Basic Membership - \$5.00 TOTAL of Check Enclosed And please send copies of PREC-available Site Value Taxation literature - - partial list below - - (write in others you feel we may have or can get for you) City State Zip Address PARTIAL LIST OF PREC-AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS - - - (Check those you'd like us to send) A DILEMMA OF CONTEMPORARY KEYNESISM ☐ THE FOUNDATION OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM (Alper - \$1.00 donation, each) (Harry Gunnison Brown) ☐ LAND VALUE TAXATION - A STAFF REPORT ☐ ARE PROPERTY TAXES OBSOLETE (Alper) (U.S. Conf. of Mayors - 1965) ☐ WRONG SOURCE PUBLIC REVENUE (PREC) ☐ IS IT TIME TO REFORM THE PROPERTY TAX HOW TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING, COSTS AND TAXES, AND INCREASE (Alper) PRODUCTION AT THE SAME TIME (Alper) HOW COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS TREAT LAND VALUE TAXATION (Elizabeth Read Brown) FATHER MCGLYNN AND THE LAND QUESTION

(Fr. Edward McGlynn)

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