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Dear Valued Friend of PREC:

Special "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" from all of us at PREC -- and a rousing "HAPPY NEW YEAR", too! Your help has nudged us forward just a bit toward getting Missouri into the Site Value charge column -- and it may have been a more gigantic step forward than you think. The coming legislative session just might be -- again, with your help -- the one in which we get our SVT amendment passed. Here, we report to you our progress during 1987 -- thank you for your assistance toward our goals -- and ask, once again, for your financial commitment to help us "over the hump". You, and we, recognize our goals are yours -- and any successes here are sure to generate successes in your own programs of SVT.

Here's a run-down of what's been going on here during 1987:

1. 12/18/86 - Learned Mo. Repr. Roy Cagle, in "SOURCE BOOK OF AMERICAN STATE LEGISLATION" has coordinated a legislative model of a "PRO-ENTERPRISE ACT", recommended to all states, in which public revenue from site values is strongly advocated as an incentive tax. This is national exposure for SVT!.
2. 12/29/86 - Mo. Repr. Walt Mueller working to get Mo. senators behind SVT. some strong anti-SVT lobbying among land speculator groups in Jeff. City. Walt, now with new computer, ordering computer tape of all St. Louis real property parcels -- idea will be to prove, once and for all, that under SVT more than 70% of all property owners in the City will pay lower real property taxes than under our present system (land and bldgs. taxed the same.)
3. 1/24/87 - Walt Mueller introduces SVT amendment bill HJR #37 into Mo. House and gets SJR # 14 (same substance) introduced into Mo. Senate, to adopt SVT.
4. Contacted "TAXPAYERS' RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF MISSOURI" at Jeff. City for their support of SVT. Some chance for their support.
5. Hon. Tom Curtis (former Mo. Repr. to U.S. Congress) working with Mo. legislators to advance SVT in Jeff. City. Tom urging we focus on idea of tax abatement on all buildings as a theme to "get the attention" of people.
6. 2/2/87 - Walt Mueller holds press conference in Jeff. City -- pro-SVT senators and representatives pushing SVT in session with press. Radio and TV stations, and newspapers announcing that our SVT bills have been introduced in House and Senate as "Pro-Enterprise Bills".
7. 2/11/87 - Devastating news from Walt Mueller -- our great Honorary Director and decades-long Georgist, Elizabeth Read Brown (surviving spouse of internationally known Missouri Georgist, Harry Gunnison Brown) distinguished author, lecturer and SVT advocate, passed away February 10, 1987. Tremendous loss for all, but especially for PREC. Future efforts to be dedicated to Beth.
8. 2/13/87 - PREC slide show on SVT presented to Lambert Airport Rotary Club. Excellent response -- more invitations to come.

9. PREC's Lou Basso has enlisted services of P.R. man Ken Bush to marshal our forces and expand our PREC activity, publicity, exposure and impact.
10. 2/18/87 - PREC's SVT slide show, along with movies "FOR THE LAND IS MINE" and "A TALE OF FIVE CITIES" presented to Cahokia, Ill. K. of C. at invitation of PREC member there, Art Scholbe. Good reception and response.
11. 2/24/87 - PREC presented testimony in Jeff. City before Mo. Senate Ways and Means Committee, in behalf of SVT. Walt Mueller coordinated. Reprs. Mueller and Chris Kelly, former Mo. Congressman Tom Curtis, and U. of Mo. professors Ed Metzen and Walter Johnson testified, as did Walt Rybeck, who came from Maryland. Former St. Louis Mayor John Poelker sent his testimony in writing. Response seemed favorable, but there was some opposition.
12. 3/13/87 - PREC sponsored SVT symposium at St. Louis County Library - - preceded by public announcements, news articles, phone calling, etc. Georgist movies, "FOR THE LAND IS MINE", "A TALE OF FIVE CITIES" shown, along with talks by Hon. Tom Curtis and U. of Mo.'s Dr. Don Phares. 45 participants, with good response and much interest, with good questions.
13. PREC held press conference at Hdqrs. of St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association. Pushed near-term tax package to get city over immediate fiscal crisis, but made strong pitch for SVT as long-term solution to city's financial problems. Good response. Present was St. Louis Budget Director, Steve Mullin, and full media coverage of radio, TV and newspapers. Hon. John Poelker, Ken Bush and Stan Frederiksen made presentation on behalf of PREC. Video tape made of TV segments aired that evening. (This was on 3/21/87).
14. 3/24/87 - Through Dan Sullivan and our PREC Director, Joe Casey, made contacts with Nora Palagud (Philippine official in U.S. at U. of Pitts.) - - our Tom Curtis, member of "ACRI-ENERGY ROUND TABLE" (Washington, D.C.) going to the Philippines - - will carry the SVT message there.
15. 4/10/87 - PREC mailing list finally set in computer - - used first time.
16. 4/14/87 - Missouri Libertarian Party endorsed SVT - - sent copies of the official Libertarian statement to Sam Venturella, who distributed them to attendees at Ill. Libertarian Party Convention (Chi.) at which Sam hosted an information booth.
17. 4/17/87 - Hon. Walt Mueller reports Mo. State Senator Harry Wiggins seems to be "dragging his feet" with our SVT bill in the Senate (SJR #14). Real reason not clear, but Wiggins says that since no bill for a Constitutional Amendment can be voted on by the people until Nov., 1988, he's pushing other bills that need "priority" now. (Bunk!). Wiggins says we should push our bill in the Jan - Apr., 1988 Gen'l Assembly session. WE WILL DO!
18. 4/23/87 - Presented movie, "FOR THE LAND IS MINE", with question/answer period, to Ferguson Township Republican Club meeting. Good response.
19. 5/2/87 - 6/1/87 - Coordinated PREC activity in promoting SVT to Philippines via Agri-Energy Round Table (through our Tom Curtis) and H.G. School of San Francisco (through Wendell Fitzgerald). Good contacts with Philippines of the Aquino government and letters to U.S. Government officials.

20. PREC presentation to Libertarian Party of Missouri meeting - - good response - - helped generate an endorsement of SVT by their Legislative Committee, which has been circulated widely. Slides and H.G. movies used.
21. 6/24/87 - - Talked with St. Louis Mayor Vincent Schoemehl on Radio Station KMOX (CBS) talk show - - asked him to get study started on SVT for future of St. Louis. He referred us to his Budget Director, Steve Mullin, who said a new St. Louis Tax Commission is just being started, headed by the Hon. John Poelker - - one of our own PREC honorary directors! Phoned John - - he's working with Mullin to have us give a full presentation on SVT to the Commission soon.
22. 6/24/87 - Neal and Stan Frederiksen made a follow-up presentation on SVT to the Ferguson Republican Club - - encouraging, because this was our second presentation to them in three months. This time we used the film "A TALE OF FIVE CITIES". 45 people. Good response. New names for our list.
23. 6/29/87 - Hosted Tertius Chandler, Berkeley, Calif. Georgist, to a dinner with PREC officers/directors at fine local restaurant. (Chandler in St. Louis to participate in National Senior Olympics). Good ideas generated.
24. 7/17/87 - Recently retired Mo. Appeals Court Judge Robert O. Snyder, long-time Georgist, agreed to serve PREC as an honorary director, filling the void left by the sad demise of Elizabeth Read Brown this past February.
25. 7/17/87 - Hon. Walt Mueller reports our SVT bill (SJR \$14) didn't "make it" through Mo. Senate this session (as we'd expected) because of a few key senators "waffling". Plans underway for introduction next session. Walt has St. Louis real property computer tape - - says the State of Mo. plans to absorb its cost (\$1,600.00), and Walt is setting up the big State computer to run a study to confirm that under SVT over 70% of property owners will pay lower real property taxes. Study will be used to galvanize public opinion in favor of our planned SVT State Constitutional Amendment.
26. July 22-26, '87 - - Stan Frederiksen and Joe Casey represented PREC at CGO Conference in San Diego.
27. 9/13/87 - "EXPERIENCE, INC.", businessmen's senior citizens' group in St. Louis, has invited PREC to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting. Accepted. We're awaiting their firm date.
28. 9/29/87 - PREC slide presentation on SVT to Florissant Valley Kiwanis club. Good response. Generated invitation to make presentation at County Community Municipal League 10/8/87 - - which was accepted.
29. 10/8/87 - Presented "FOR THE LAND IS MINE" to the County Comm. Mun. League.
30. 10/16/87 - Frederiksens hosted True Ritchie and Clear Marks (York, Pa. Georgists) and John Papworth (England), on way through St. Louis on a mission for their "Green Revolution" organization. PREC hosted a dinner.
31. 10/20/87 - Prof. Donald Phares, PhD., PREC and Georgist supporter, has been named to just-created St. Louis/St. Louis County Board of Freeholders,

set up to study re-structuring of City-County governments with view of achieving more efficiency. Don also is on the St. L. Tax Commission. We're seeking to make an SVT presentation to the Freeholders. Walt Mueller orchestrating. Walt's got us an invitation for 11/23/87 for our talk.

32. 11/14/87 - Walt Mueller working to get SVT bill ready for next legislative session. Says "politics" and adverse interests' lobbying may hamper us.
33. 11/23/87 - PREC presentation on SVT to Board of Freeholders - - Walt Mueller, Stan Frederiksen and Phil Cotton spoke. Attentive reception, but one member said public revenue was not a top priority for them at this point.
34. 11/30/87 - the "MENZA" organization (two PREC people are members) has invited us to make a presentation to them during the next three months.
35. 12/10/87 - PREC hosted a "Meet the Board" Hors d'oeuvre Reception at Can-dicci's restaurant. Present were Walt Mueller, Hon. Tom Curtis, Hon. John Poelker, three Mo. legislators and some 40 guests. Purpose - - to introduce SVT to more people, get more members, get reactions (via questionnaire) on which to build upcoming actions, and to seek out potential new PREC board members. Response excellent! Great impression on all invited guests - - one-on-one talks all evening on SVT - - a number of converts to our cause definitely made - - more names for our mailing list, etc. We'll build on this, and do more to further our (a) input into the Freeholders and the Tax Commission, and (b) activity in getting our Mo. Constitutional Amendment through our General Assembly this coming session.

There you have some 1987 highlights. As you can guess, much went on between the dates listed above. We continue to "press on". Walt has his new bill about ready. His computer study of St. Louis real properties is "on target". Plenty of ammunition is being assembled to assure us a great chance this coming session.

Now we again ask your help - - which you've so generously given our effort over the years. Won't you send your enrollment/contribution, using the form below. A bit "extra" this time will help Walt Mueller continue his "game plan" to the success we know you want us to have - - for it will help your work in SVT, too.

Thanks a million. We'll use your contribution wisely. As we "inch" closer, every small step now means a giant leap forward in the near future. All of us at PREC continue as volunteers. Your investment will give us that extra "nudge" - - and will be a huge incentive for us to push harder for RESULTS!

Most cordially - - and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Stanley A. Frederiksen, Sec'y/Ass't Exec. Dir.

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Dear Stan: You bet! "Stay with it"! Here's my 1988 membership, as follows:

_____ Life Ass'te - - - - \$1,000 - up \$ _____	_____ Encourag. Ass'te - \$10 - up \$ _____
_____ Sustain. Ass'te - - - 500 - up \$ _____	_____ Basic Membership - 5 - up \$ _____
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