

Intermountain Single Tax Association

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TO: Georgist Leaders & Organizations:

INTERMOUNTAIN SINGLE TAX ASSOCIATION (ISTA) NOW HAS 59 MEMBERS, SOON TO GO TO 60. THE ARIZONA STATE CHAIRMAN FOR ISTA, RICHARD C. GIMMI, IS ALSO A STATE COMMITTEEMAN FOR THE ARIZONA REPUBLICAN PARTY; AND CAROL M. GIMMI IS TREASURER FOR ARIZONA REPUBLICAN PARTY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 14. ON JANUARY 25, 1986, AS RESULT OF EFFORTS OF STATE COMMITTEEMAN GIMMI AND HIS SUPPORTERS, THE LEGALLY MANDATED ARIZONA STATE CONVENTION OF THE PARTY, ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 420 DELEGATES, PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the value of unimproved land is socially created; and

WHEREAS the improvements on land and the results of human labor should not be taxed; and,

WHEREAS the present property tax system rewards owners of vacant inner city lands for not improving their property; and,

WHEREAS the present property tax system encourages urban sprawl while leaving large inner city areas undeveloped;

RESOLVED 1) that the Arizona Republican Party favors any measure which would cause a decrease or removal of all taxes which inhibit production, business, human labor or improvements on property; and,

2) that the Arizona Republican Party favors measures which would replace those lost revenues by increasing the site value tax on unimproved urban land.

THE LAND VALUE TAX RESOLUTION WAS FIRST APPROVED JANUARY 18 BY THE REPUBLICAN RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. IN THE PARTY CONVENTION OR "MANDATED MEETING," IT WAS PASSED WITHOUT DEBATE AS PART OF A PACKAGE OF RESOLUTIONS STILL REMAINING NEAR THE END OF THE DELIBERATIONS. OF COURSE NOT ALL INDIVIDUAL REPUBLICANS WILL NECESSARILY SUPPORT IT, AND ITS PASSAGE DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE STATE IS ABOUT TO ADOPT THE SINGLE TAX; BUT THIS IS A GREAT VICTORY FOR CHAIRMAN GIMMI, FOR ISTA, AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF ARIZONA AND THE NATION.

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Liberate production from taxation, the earth from monopoly, and humanity from poverty!

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