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Cedar urges state tax amendment

CEDAR CITY - This is the full text of the property tax resolution passed by the Cedar City Council in its regular meeting Thursday. It will be sent to the governor's office in Salt Lake City.

WHEREAS the present Utah property tax on land values within cities is so low that resulting land speculation retards development, and

WHEREAS the property tax on buildings and improvements is a deterrent to development, particularly in the business area of cities where land values are highest, thus discouraging free marketplace development, and

WHEREAS the bureaucratic method provided by the State Legislature to encourage redevelopment by cities requires intensive local government

involvement and in some cases subsidies from property tax revenue, and WHEREAS reform of the property tax will correct the present conditions by giving marketplace forces the opportunity to meet the needs of cities,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Utah Legislature be urged to provide a constitutional tax amendment for voters in 1982 that allow municipalities to impose different tax rates on land and on the improvements thereon, thus rewarding those who put property to good use while penalizing "slumlords" and land speculators, and at the same time stimulating housing construction and rehabilitation of decaying municipal business centers without subsidy.

To Party Members and Delegates
Republican State Convention

Salt Lake City, Utah

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Piece-meal remedies without direction are not appropriate responses to a long overdue revolt against taxes.

Economic rent is the rightful source of public revenue. As long as this source is privately appropriated, the cost of government, whether efficient or inefficient, will be too great a burden to be sustained by taxes which fall on earned income and savings.

The Republican Party came into being and was successful because it met the needs of the time which included the checking of the expansion of slavery. A re-birth of the Party today can meet not only the need for the ultimate elimination of taxes but bring about a healthy marketplace economy, a goal which becomes more and more remote after more than 40 years of failure of Keynesian economics.

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