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The Planning and Development Committee
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Subject: Land Value Tax Bills PSB 379 & PSB 392

Honorable Members:

I am a practicing Architect in the State for more than forty years and my practice has concentrated on the issues of land as the most valuable asset for all the organisms on the 'Earth'. The inequity of valuation for land versus the value associated with its use has been well researched and applied in the mature economies for cities like Melbourne, Australia and many European cities.

During the current wind of 'change' for a better understanding of the resources like 'land' it should be inherent in all our economic planning that you lead the state and local agencies to explore the Land Value Tax as means of reinvigorating the inner cities. The land in our cities are endowed with not only the infrastructure of material amenities but also enormous social, cultural and educational potential which cannot be exploited unless the 'value' is recognized.

I am confident that your support will encourage all Planning agencies to adopt the Land Value Taxation.

Sincerely,

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