

Supported by Great Leaders

From Moses, Adam Smith, Dr Sun Yet Sen, Frank Lloyd Wright, to Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, FDR & Dwight Eisenhower. Also Winston Churchill, Helen Keller, Albert Einstein, as well as modern economists: Milton Friedman and Joseph Stieglitz and many others have all supported various aspects of the Founders' Plan for Smart Tax Policy.

The Founders' Plan Gradually Replaces Property Tax with Land Value Tax

Twenty Pennsylvania taxing jurisdictions have partly shifted their property taxes off improvements (buildings) and onto land and natural resources. Most home owners in each jurisdiction pay less, particularly in poorer neighborhoods, and each jurisdiction saw increased construction while the rest of Pennsylvania has continued to decline.

Grants to Senior Citizens

Each person aged 65 & older would get a per capita grant from local land value tax revenues. (Proposed by Tom Paine).

Support the Founders' Plan for Smart Tax Policy

Tell your state legislators that you want lower taxes on home owners, real relief for seniors and economic vitality for your community without high sales and income taxes.

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The Founders' Plan for Smart Tax Policy

**A solution that promotes
stability and fairness for
residents and businesses
in your community.**



Pittsburgh, PA has a long history with the Founders' Plan for Smart Tax Policy.

Why the Founders' Plan Works

Better Relief

Senior Citizens Save

The Founders' Plan gives relief to **all** senior citizens and does not give more relief to those with more property nor less relief to those with less property or those who rent.

No sales tax increases

Sales tax increases are more detrimental to retail businesses, seniors & those less well off.

No income tax increases

Income taxes reduce the ability of young families to save for and buy a home, trapping many into poverty and perpetual renting.

Local Taxes, Local Control

The Founders' Plan needs no state funding and allows local jurisdictions to try it without making irreversible commitments. Communities are much more careful with their own tax dollars than with state money.

Naturally progressive

Land value tax shifts more of the burden to absentee landlords, commercial property and wealthier neighborhoods. It saves money for poor and middle class homeowners and increases homeownership and neighborhood stability.

Better Economics

Real estate price stability

States that cut property taxes have seen rampant speculation and boom-bust cycles with wild swings in home prices. The Founders' Plan protects homeowners without turning homes into tax shelters for speculators.

More affordable housing

When property tax is curtailed, housing prices skyrocket and housing becomes less affordable. Shifting to a land value tax puts under-used land on the market, increasing the housing supply and lowering housing costs.

No loss of people or businesses

High sales taxes drive businesses away. High income taxes drive wealthier residents away. The Founders' Plan drives land speculators away.

Sensible, market-driven land use

Smart tax policy promotes inner city re-development, reduces sprawl, & keeps prices within reach of ordinary home buyers. Replacing property tax with sales & income taxes leads speculators to gobble up homes as tax shelters, making them too expensive for ordinary citizens to buy.

Better Principles

Based on founding principles

William Penn, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Tom Paine and many others called for shifts to land value tax to prevent rich aristocrats from grabbing up all the land as they had done in Europe. They recognized that shifting to a land value tax would enable ordinary citizens to own and improve their own land and homes.

The **Articles of Confederation**, enacted by the signers of the **Declaration of Independence**, called for even the federal government to be funded from the value of land and natural resources.

Variations of the Founders' Plan Are Currently Enjoyed in...

Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong, twenty tax jurisdictions in Pennsylvania, the Port of San Diego and the happiest country in the world, Denmark!