

Council of Georgist Organizations

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Dear Floyd,

It was good to talk to you on the phone, and I am glad to know that BEE support for the Council is likely. The Council shows promise of serving a good purpose. With respect to the relationship between LEAF and the Council: I don't think turning over the resources of LEAF to the Council is the right thing at this moment. The Council is here simply to serve the various organizations and to find some ground of cooperation among them.

It occurs to me that there is a gap in the Georgist groups in the West. In San Francisco, the Henry George School people are working with outside related reform groups. In Los Angeles, Harry Pollard is working with the schools. But there is now no specifically Georgist organizations in California outside of the School.

LEAF did fill that function; and I think the best course now is to revive it. It was put on the shelf, and that may have been a good move in order to see if it would be missed. This did create a gap, and so I think it should be taken off the shelf now. Essentially the same organization can function again. The difference I would suggest is that it not strain so hard for great accomplishments. Reaching too far has been the ruin of many Georgist efforts. Why not simply arrange for regular meetings and encourage individual efforts; suggest projects that are not too far reaching; revive The New Leaf; and help persons who are trying to get things done (eg. Earl Hanson in Utah).

Let's say the main concentration of LEAF would be in San Diego. Arround that there could be special effort to get Californians to work together on state-wide projects. Arround that there could be help extended, especially, to friends and members in Western states who are actively involved. Then there could be a sprinkling of members nationally - the faithful few who help every effort.

With a revival of LEAF, the Council would have a significant resource in the West to help build up a truly national movement.

With respect to Bermuda: Phil Finkelstein has done some work there, and he will probably be in touch with you soon about this.

Sincerely,

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