

law should be repealed, but that the sixty cent clause in the original Act of 1888 should *not* be disturbed; and

Whereas, This Association has learned with astonishment and disappointment that the recommendations have met with the approval of the Mayor; and

Whereas, The object of the Foutz law was to construe the provisions of the Annexation Act of 1888, so that they might be applied in accordance with the true intent and understanding of the people of the Annex and agreeable to the representations and provisions then made by they city authorities, who advised and advocated the extension of the city; and

Whereas, the owners of the property affected by the Foutz Law have by reason of the inequitable and arbitrary classification of the Appeal Tax Court, been already compelled to pay into the treasury of the city extortionate taxes amounting to about \$200,000 for each of the years of 1901 and 1902, from which, under a proper construction of the Act of 1888, they should have been exempt; and

Whereas, The Act of 1888, as construed by the Foutz law of 1902, clearly stipulates the conditions under which the full rate may be applied ; and

Whereas, About one-third of the real estate in the annex territory, now pays the current rate, and the remainder will be brought under the rate, if and when the city extends to the outlying sections the conditions of accessibility and development provided in said Act as so construed; and

Whereas, The imposition of the full city rate on the thousands of owners of small properties in the annex, whose property in case of repeal of the Foutz law, would be brought under said rate, would be unjust, inequitable and confiscatory; therefore,

Resolved, By this Association that the members of the city delegation, in the Senate and House, are hereby seriously urged to prevent by their disapproval the flagrant injustice necessarily resulting from the passage of any Act for the repeal or amendment of said law, no matter under what pretext the same may be presented.