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Property Rights Councils: Adding a Stakeholder to the Soviet Brew

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Recently, several have called for the municipal creation of Property Rights Councils (PRC). The argument is that government officials need input for this “special interest.” Paul Coble of Wake County, North Carolina argued for the establishment of a property right council there because he says, “I cannot rely on the Commissioners being prepared or equipped with constitutional knowledge.”

You mean to say that people are elected to office not understanding their oaths of office to the Constitution! Who is voting for these people? Perhaps that is where the problem lies. [Benjamin Franklin](#) told us in 1787: “You have a republic if you can keep it.” We have not kept it. Children are not taught that America is a republic. Most adults [think America is a democracy](#).

The American republic is the only nation in history where natural law prevails and civil law is subordinate. The American republic is the only nation ever founded on the idea that individual man has a natural right to live a life of his own. Accordingly, every person possesses unalienable rights including the right to life, liberty and the use and enjoyment of their private property. Under the American republican form of government, emulated by all state constitutions, the scope of government is intended to be very limited so to conform to the ideal set out by our founders.

A property rights council does not exist in the operation of the American republic. The creation of such boards means the fall of the republic. As a youth I learned that “councils” were soviets. So that begs the question: [What is a Soviet?](#) Soviets operate to achieve predetermined solutions that are made behind the scenes. If 100 communities created property right councils we would have substantially more than 100 definitions of [what private property is](#).

Private property must be understood as a foundational principle. It includes your right to use your hands in the manner you choose. Your hands are your private property. Private property encompasses your thoughts. Without public preservation of the

recognition of private property the state can take control of what it is that any of us do. Private property also includes the relationship between a person and an object. The cornerstone of that relationship is the owner's right to determine the use of that thing. These are ideas that rest at the core of the American philosophical base. To barter or re-construe the meaning of private property though a soviet council is the abandonment of America's founding principles.

By succumbing to a localized soviet system of government, property right advocates lose the war before they effectively start the battle. The threat Americans face is rule by a central force guiding the global to local movement. What is needed is a vetting of local government operations and politicians, not an expansion of a soviet system in a desperate attempt to recapture property, liberty or America. The change will come when normal people run for the school board or water board or city council, not those controlled by special interests. The goals include getting ICLEI out of town and out of state, undoing local government's involvement with the federal Councils of Governments (COGs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and defrocking the Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) influence downtown. The time has come for Americans to do the right thing!

People must take the responsibility of restoring freedom or surrender human life to a new order where we all become chattel of ruling elite. The mechanisms for the globalist political, economic and social remake of man have been imposed in America for generations. Now following the technological boom, the power structure is ready to use its broadly expanded monetary, military and information base to conform man to the image of the new communist man, the dutiful peg in the evolving international order.

Property Rights Councils contribute to this result. When the elected officials need some sort of back stage guide in understanding the core of freedom – the political recognition of private property – and a principle of morality – “thou shalt not steal,” we are in big trouble. The local adoption of property right councils represents the final act in the loss of the republic and the loss of political recognition of our unalienable rights.

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