A. Introduction/Preface: Summary of research, experience in Urban Growth; related academic background, and how I can contribute to this study. Why I felt compelled to address annexation reform and participate in this symposium.

B. Acknowledgements: Acknowledge the scholars and organizations I have worked with for the past two years on efficient Urban Growth management.

C. Conspectus: To present information to TACIR concerning ways to improve our annexation process, and meliorate public awareness, while articulating the successes and nonsuccesses in the execution of our Urban Growth policies.

D. History: Past, Present, and Future: Annexation in Tennessee; where we started, where we have gone, and where we should go in the future.

E. Legislation: Successes with current legislation, nonsuccesses, areas of concern for our citizens and rationale for improvements and recommendations.

F. Analysis: Comparative examination of US state’s annexation procedures and necessity for our citizens to have an increasingly significant voice in the process.

G. Voting Rights and Property Rights: A historic, continual struggle for universal equivalence and commonality for all citizens in the US.


I. Referendum: A proven successful form of government; discussion and case for implementation and increased democratic complicity.

J. A Case Study: Example of one of the most successful pieces of legislation ever passed through referendum and why it works.

K. Conclusion: Need for continued education on Urban Growth management and justification for recommendation of annexation by referendum.

***Complete Policy Study Paper presented to TACIR executive board for future recommended research and study on current Urban Growth policies.