

Faithful Citizenship



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Let me get this straight....the City Council paid the "experts" for advice concerning the type of mass transit system to build. After learning the method recommended would be the noisiest, oldest and most expensive to maintain, the Council is now considering other systems. So the people who sought professional advice because "we aren't experts in mass transit" will ultimately choose the system anyway.

There is a city on the mainland that installed traffic cameras at busy intersections in order to cut down on red-light running. The cameras have been such a deterrent that city officials are now considering REMOVING the cameras? Why, you ask? Because revenue lost from issuing tickets is so low that they can no longer afford to operate the cameras!

Most of us "gray hairs" can remember when we were told to stop using paper bags because we were responsible for cutting down too many trees (which are a renewable resource, by the way). So, switch to plastic we did. Now, the legislature is considering mandating the elimination of all plastic bags because they are flying all over our parking lots and highways.

We are paying five cents "deposit" and one cent administrative fee for each recyclable bottle or can we purchase. After one year of operation, we are recycling approx. 66% of such products. Where are the others-----along the streets, in the parks and everywhere else they were thrown before recycling by those who just don't care!

My point? Name me a function, other than police and fire, where government has solved the problem rather than make it worse!

Gotta go boot up my hard drive! Aloha - *Mary B.*