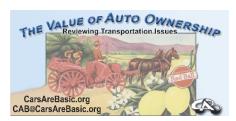


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The last topic was "As Rome Burns, Sacramento Adds Fuel to the Fire."

Today is – "Gov. Responsibility or Not Taking Responsibility!"

What the heck is happening with elected government?

Talk with the majority of voters and they expect at a minimum, the people they vote for are supposed to be Neutral and make decisions based on facts. The same voters want the appointed / hired government employees to be also Neutral. What is that supposed to mean? Simply these people should be making decisions based upon facts. Do they? No.

Are they Neutral? No.

Are they, and have they become political whores? Yep.

Are they strongly partisan? Most certainly.

Appointed to be neutral? Not in this County or State.

Voters expect and demand the Elected to be rational when faced with failure. They expect them to change their positions and the path government is on; based on fact.

Does it happen? Far too often it is ideology over fact, and of course the phrase CAB loves; "failure of previous actions is because it has to be BIGGER."

You know, like shutting down streets and removing badly needed parking. Then stating the reason, it has failed is it is not a "Bigger foot print." Yea right. Just like shutting down streets in Frisco, and Santa Barbara was supposed to stimulate business and economic health.

So, what works? It sure isn't fair government. Fair government that is not at the State, County, and City level. A fair process is denied most citizens. It is prejudiced "government over reach" for their point of view. Just ask Huntington Beach, California, which was sued by the State for banning applications for SB 9 and ADU projects.

How else can you explain "Death Valley" (aka State St. Santa Barbara) and a

projected \$7-10 Million deficit for the City of Santa Barbara, after less than a decade of shutting down streets.

Outcomes resulted in death of commerce? How else can you explain the County of Santa Barbara scrambling to cover both salaries and mandated stupidity from on high? How else can you explain the now tarnished State of Calif. that is faced with massive \$Tens of Billions of deficits, and a crumbling Agriculture that once fed the nation and created large tax revenues?

Voters are looking around and saying "How did we elect these fools?"

A Distrust of Government outcome is at every level in the State. A distrust because government tells you SHUT UP, when faced with rebellion in the ranks. RHNA failed. Bike paths failed. Density failed. Mass transit failed. Welfare failed. Corrupted voter rolls failed. The list goes on. As a result, the middle class is crushed. You know the same voters/people the majority states they are protecting. This is nothing more then money payola game and you are paying for it.

When you do not demand "Taking of Responsibility" for failure you are the problem.

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