

The other side of the story...

Same Garbage, New Shiny Package

Big Government never stops trying to get what they want: Your Money.

After failing in a previous SPET, our electeds pushed their social engineering agenda even harder in 2016, introducing the 1-penny sales tax for housing and transportation.

That failed, so they pulled *the ol' switcharoo* and reworded their proposals on the 2017 SPET. And again, voters sniffed out the housing and bus scam. Every housing and transportation item on that SPET ballot lost.

Now it's 2019 and they've repackaged their SPET requests yet again. Their 4th try at your wallet. But we don't want Big Government! Voters already said no three-times, and for good reason. The bus underperforms and runs empty way too often. Government Housing is a total disaster.

Housing Hoax

The Housing Department is a dismal failure. They bought land on the west bank and sold it for a loss. Bought more property on the west bank and, after 12 years, put it back on the market. They screwed up 'The Grove' project so bad they had to turn it over to Habitat for Humanity for completion.

The County Housing Department has not put anything on the ground since its reorganization 3 years ago. 440 W Kelly has been a mess, another property soon to be flipped by the Housing Department. N King never materialized either and was handed off to the Housing Trust.

The Housing Department has done nothing with your money except pay their own salaries. And now they want \$5.5M more? It's labeled vaguely as Community Housing Opportunities and it is an easy NO vote.

Bloated Bus

START got its bus barn when \$2.5M and \$3.25M were approved in back-to-back SPETs in 2008 and 2010. Before it was even completed, START was back for more \$\$\$, insisting it needed an even bigger barn.

The ridiculously expensive bus barn expansion was defeated on the 2017 SPET by a 3-1 margin. Now, it's back again in 2019 — new lipstick on an old pig — rebranded as Core Services Vehicle Maintenance Facility for a whopping \$18.5M. They say it's needed to keep street sweepers out of the snow. Don't be fooled. Our electeds have forgotten they work for the voters.

Crooked Process

Along the way, many of our 10 electeds talked about 'bundling' — a pork barrel spending approach that would pair distasteful high-dollar items with true community wants and needs.

A few electeds also balked at the monstrous 5+ years worth of taxes on the one SPET ballot. It's too bad they were shouted down by the majority.

Politicians finally settled on word-engineering their pet projects to make them sound better, always trying to get at your money.

Bad Management

We are the richest county in the state with immense tax collections. Our electeds act like Big Government magistrates, but voters just want a quiet place to live and call home.

Many of the 2019 SPETs are utilitarian budget items and core services. They shouldn't even be on the SPET ballot. Be careful what you vote yes on. If in doubt, the safe vote is NO.