

SIGN ON ...

THIS LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE ONE OF THOSE "BEATING ON A DEAD HORSE" COMMENTS, AS I HAVE TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THEM BEFORE, I'LL START OFF WITH PLASTIC BAGS AND THE GOOD AND THE BAD THAT COMES WITH USING THEM. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, I WORKED IN THE RETAIL GROCERY BUSINESS FOR MOST OF MY LIFE, STARTING WHEN I WAS FIFTEEN YEARS OLD. I LOVED THE GROCERY AND MEAT BUSINESS! I MET THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, WATCHED KIDS GROW UP AND BECOME PARENTS, HEARD AND TOLD MANY, MANY JOSES - FOR THE MOST PART, TO ME, AT LEAST, ~~IT~~ GOING TO WORK WAS LIKE GOING TO A PARTY AND GETTING PAID FOR IT! GETTING TO WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT - I REALLY HATE TO SEE THE BANNING OF PLASTIC BAGS - THE PROS AND CONS! THE PROS ARE THAT THEY ARE QUICK AND EASY TO USE. CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS IN PRODUCE DEPARTMENTS MAKE CHECKING OUT PRODUCE A SNAP! (PROVIDING YOU KNOW YOUR CODES). THEY ARE LIGHT AND EASY TO RECYCLE, AND THE LIST GOES ON. ON THE CON SIDE, WE HAVE THE PROBLEM OF THOSE WHO ARE CARELESS AND WON'T RECYCLE. RECYCLING THE HUGE ISLANDS OF PLASTIC AND OTHER RECYCLABLE ITEMS FLOATING NOT FAR FROM US IN THE OCEAN, HUMAN NATURE BEING WHAT IT IS, IT'S A LOSING BATTLE, THIS RECYCLING. CUTTING OUT PLASTIC MEANS USING MORE PAPER, THUS USING MORE OF THAT RE-USE RE-USABLE BAGS FOR GROCERIES. IF EVERY BODY DID THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE THIS PROBLEM! AS I SAID LAST COMMENT, I RECEIVED A LETTER REQUESTING MY OPIN-

IONS ON THE SAFETY CORRIDOR ON 101 BETWEEN EUREKA AND ARCAT. I GOT THE NUMBERS I NEEDED TO GET MY OPINION READ. I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO TRYING TO FIX SOMETHING THAT "AIN'T BROKE!" I THINK YOU STAND MORE CHANCE OF BEING HURT OR KILLED IN TOWN THAN OUT THERE, AND THE BUSINESSES OUT THERE WILL BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY THE CLOSINGS. BUILDING AN OVERPASS THAT WILL EXTEND INTO THE BAY IS NOT GOOD EITHER. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE CHP PRESENCE OUT THERE. NOW TO TRAFFIC IN EUREKA - I WAS GOING UP 5TH STREET IN THE CENTER LANE ONE DAY LAST WEEK. AT 'G' STREET, THE LIGHT WENT RED SO A CAR COULD CROSS OR ENTER FIFTH. THE CAR AHEAD OF ME STOPPED, I STOPPED, BUT TWO CARS IN THE LEFT LANE, COMING FROM BEHIND US, SAILED RIGHT THROUGH THE RED. FORTUNATELY, THE LADY WAS PAYING ATTENTION, OR SHE'D HAVE GOT TENNY. COULD HAVE INVOLVED ME, TOO. I HAVE SEEN SEVERAL PEOPLE RUN THE STOP SIGNS AT HENDERSON AND CALIFORNIA, WESTBOUND. EPD - IF ANY OF YOU ARE LISTENING, I WAS IN THE WESTERN MOST PARKING LOT AT THE EUREKA MALL, BY THE SUBWAY STOP, WAITING FOR SOME FRIENDS TO GET LUNCH. OUT OF THE FIFTEEN OR SO CARS COMING OFF CENTRAL ONTO HENDERSON - AT LEAST TEN DIDN'T STOP. ~~DIDN'T EVEN SLOW DOWN, SOME OF~~ SOME OF THEM DIDN'T EVEN SLOW DOWN!

THIS COMMENT WAS WRITTEN BEFORE THE COASTAL COMMISSION VOTED TO WASTE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON TO FIX SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T NEED FIXING, IN MY OPINION - MORE NEXT TIME -