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This is Ron Pierre for Community Comment.

A couple of months ago I commented on the laws, regulations, and public policies most of us ignore because these policies don't pass the common sense test or breaking the law or policy is accepted practice. We wouldn't think about driving down the road at 100 miles an hour, but 70 in a posted 65 zone is okay. As I stated, I like to listen to the politicians who tells us that we need a law or a regulation to protect us from some evil or impending doom when people have been using common sense to solve problems for centuries to regulate and provide for logical social order. In addition, trying to legislate behavior may not get the results the legislative law authors intended. Reasonable accommodation is bypassed by a legal action that cannot be enforced. It's like using a sledge hammer to thumb tack a piece of paper to a bulletin board.

Another example of common practice with potentially dangerous consequences is the use of the bicycle lanes on Eureka city streets to make another traffic lane rather than wait in the regular traffic lane. The bottom line is that each of us makes decisions to bend or break policies and laws every day. We recognize the risk and make a decision to take a chance. Sometimes we get caught. Most of the time we don't.

There are times when the bills passed by legislative bodies go beyond the limits of reasonable socially acceptable behavior and well beyond common sense. The transgender bathroom bill, has turned into one of those legislative actions that pushed every-day people over the line. Just because politicians in Sacramento passed the law it didn't mean people would readily accept it. Most people don't want girls in the boys bathroom. Moreover, the foolishness of opening up lavatories to both sexes is potentially one of the most dangerous precedents ever enacted by the Sacramento clown circus. In spite of recent bureaucratic maneuverings, it looks like the people in California are going to have a chance to voice their opinions on this transgender bathroom matter at the ballot box. The accommodation for a small segment of the population at the expense of the overwhelming majority of the people, reinforces why "nanny state" political correctness just doesn't constitute legitimate authority.

I have followed this issue since it was first passed by the politicians in Sacramento. Much to my amazement, people throughout the state also thought the new law went too far. In churches, town meetings, and public gathering in every county in California. Volunteers from San Diego to Crescent City and from the Pacific Ocean to the Nevada State line have collected enough signatures to place this item on the November ballot. It was not an easy process because in order to qualify for the ballot, valid signatures needed to be collected from every county at a high enough percentage to authorize the referendum. The numbers and success of this grassroots signature drive were overwhelmingly. On February 18, 2014, we will all know about the November ballot measure and more than likely be able to vote to end the lunacy of this stupid laws.

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