

Medallion Holders Are Victims !!!

I am writing in response to the proposal for the M medallion system.

First of all, a taxi permit is a privilege like other pennits issued by the city (food, liquor, etc.). Secondly, the city of San Francisco gradually issued 1500 taxi permits to holders, which were to operate and serve in the city.

Without any violation by the medallion holder, the city should not take back or cancel the permits they gave. Now, for no apparent reason, the city wishes to take those permits back. For what reason does the city want to take the permits back, because the city needs money? Why doesn't the city take back other permits, such as food pennits, liquor permits, etc.?

Statistically, 90% of medallion holders are over 50 years old and have been driving taxis for 15-25 years. This income from the medallion is their main income and they have planned their lives with this income.

Also, these 1500 pennits have at least 2 drivers, which means each permit provides jobs for three drivers. If each driver has an average of a family of 4 in their household then 18000 people will suffer. According to a simple calculation ($1500 \times 3 = 4500$, $4500 \times 4 = 18,000$), 1500 pennits feeds 18,000 people and if the city takes these permits back 18,000 people will suffer.

In this critical economic situation, 18,000 people could become homeless and live on the street. They will do anything possible for survival.

On the other hand, these 1500 permit holders, which are late middle-aged people, have spent their active age doing service for the city.

At the age of 50 years or older, do they deserve to be homeless? Do you hear and read the news through out the world? Do you see or hear how many people commit suicide due to loss of jobs or financial pressure? How do we know many of these people you push on the street are not victims too? And what is the city's responsibility for it? If the M medallion system succeeds, this is the situation for taxi permit holders.

If the city wishes to take these pennits from medallion holders, then they should offer a solution. The city can hire these 1500 pennit holders in MTA who have a history of work in the taxi business and offer them full benefits.

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