

Good afternoon. My name is Jim Wold, I've worked at Union Cab for close on 30 years.

Every year you take money out of my pocket both directly and indirectly as part of the licensing and permit fees Union pays to you. We are a Cooperative so we share in our expenses.

Take strong action against these illegal entities both now and on an ongoing basis. Arrest some of their drivers, not just give them a ticket. Put them in a cell, impound their vehicle, make them pay money to retrieve it.

Press the DA's office to vigorously prosecute them rather than do a plea bargain. Press the DA's office to subpoena the driver's insurance company to testify. Ask their insurance company if the driver's insurance will cover in the event of the driver **"receiving compensation in exchange for providing transportation service to the public"**. Get that specific question answered, under oath, by the entity which actually writes out the check.

If you don't vigorously pursue these services you are telling me and the licensed operators that the city is basically simply collecting fees from businesses which volunteer to pay them.

If we in turn, all four current operators, simply don't file a license renewal and don't pay you those fees what are you going to do? Not actually much. Any action you take will have to end up in a court. And we will get to subpoena you and make you demonstrate that you actually attempt to stop illegal taxi services, whether these newcomers, or pedi cabs on State St on summer nights, or Van Go taxi out of Waunakee or Taxi El Barrunto.

If you can not document that you actually enforce, or reasonably attempt to enforce, MGO 11.06 you are effectively abrogating your municipal authority and merely using the ordinance as a means to take our money.

No, you won't actually "shut down" all the taxi's in Madison. Because then, the little old ladies who need to go grocery shopping and the social service agencies who need to get their clients to appointments and the bar owners who want to give safe ride cab rides to their drunk patrons will be screaming at the elected officials who actually put all of you at this table. And those elected officials will be calling you to meetings across the street asking "What did you just do?" and "What on earth were you thinking?"

Now, when the lawyer at the table tells you that municipal abrogation is just silly, remind said lawyer that what they say in a meeting doesn't count compared to an appeals court ruling. And then ask him or her about what defense does the city have when it gets sued for allowing racial discrimination in the provision of services to the public. Because these app ride services exclude those who can't afford smart phones, cell plans and credit cards. Which in America is overwhelmingly poor people of color.

Thank you