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For many years in Communist China, the only cars on the roads were government vehicles. Instead of replicating Communist China, if our city elected and appointed officials are so intent on reducing VMTs, people not driving, and/or reducing car ownership, an example must be set by the mayor, by city commissioners and on down all the way through city government. This MUST include all city bureaucrats - the mayor, city commissioners, bureau heads, city staff etc. - signing a written public pledge document that states they will only utilize alternative transportation and not drive, ride or be chauffeured in a car, SUV, van, taxi, etc. for their own commute and for ANY type of city activities or city business that takes place outside of their primary office space location. This would include public meetings in the community where city officials and/or staff members are holding an open house or making presentations, and where there is usually one of more city cars parked somewhere near the facility where the meeting or event is taking place. The city could then eliminate the entire fleet of city owned cars since using any of them would be disallowed.

The change must be the way city officials get around first!!! Then make sure bicyclists start paying their own way supporting the costs of specialized bicycle infrastructure and public transit becomes more financially self-sustainable so as any loss of transportation dollars revenue due to the public driving less is captured by alternative user fees. If the city government can not set this type of an equitable example, don't expect the public to live in a different manner.

Respectively submitted,

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