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**Subject:** County building permits

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Dear Commissioners.

I know there has been considerable discussion about the possibility of going to a program with no building permits required in the County. Many good points have been made on both sides of the issue. However, I feel there is one point that is more important than them all.

Our country has gradually become more socialist, with more and more government control at all levels, Federal, State, County and city. This is a trend that must be reversed unless we want to end up like Venezuela or North Korea. If you think it cannot happen here, then you need to think again. The only thing that has held it off so far is our great Constitution.

With that in mind we have to ask the question of what we can do as a county to reduce regulations. Eliminating building permits is a great place to start. Ask these questions:

1. What were conditions like before we had building permits? Many homes were built before permits were required. Many of them are still standing.
2. How successful have counties been that have not required permits?
3. Which counties do not require permits, and what can we learn from them?
4. If we are concerned about the quality of a home and sellability why not consider some of the suggestions that have been made. Some organization could inspect construction (like the banks do now when you have a loan) and certify it at the end of the project. That would keep the County out of the mixture, but still insure a quality construction, and leave others free to build without those considerations. In some places you do not need a permit for out buildings.

Please give this serious consideration: We do not need more tyranny in our County.

Thanks so much

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