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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a check for \$34.00 to pay for ticket # V-01832, docket 476258. I found the local judicial system very arbitrary and unfair! The City is well represented by the police officer and prosecutor. The prosecutor is of course provided to represent the city and its position expertly. The Judge is there to render an "impartial" decision. The defendant is there to convince the judge that the officer & prosecutor are wrong. During the course of my trial, I wondered who was there to represent me, the citizen, who is supposedly innocent until proven guilty beyond any reasonable doubt. I could have hired an attorney, but \$70.00/hour seemed somewhat expensive to prove what I already knew, my innocence. The Judge & prosecutor and even to a lesser extent, the police officer, often work together, thus dimming the chances of a totally objective situation, even though they are usually probably convinced that they can be objective. I know I did not receive any help from anyone to help prove my innocence, and my lack of knowledge & expertise in this area put me at a tremendous disadvantage with the prosecutor. The prosecutor of course knows all of the rules, when to object, etc. Why do we need to pay for a prosecutor to represent the city, when we don't pay for someone to represent our citizens? Many of us cannot afford to pay an attorney in this local economic slump. I would appeal if I really thought I could receive a fair trial, but after this one, I have lost all faith in our local judicial proceedings. Anyway, as one would expect, even the appeal

Process is structured to discourage one from exercising their basic rights. You have to post a bond in my case \$68.00, just to appeal the case. Also hiring an attorney seems a must, after my experience with our city prosecutor. In order to appeal & secure a "fair trial" one must spend quite a lot of money and time; especially compared to the \$34.00 fine.

As a remedy to this I would suggest that we do away with a prosecutor & let the Judge handle both sides. Also I would suggest that we employ judges who could also be skeptical of our police officers, who in my experience, do not always tell the whole truth & nothing but the truth. Also I would employ Judges that would understand that proof beyond a reasonable doubt is required and that going only by the word of our Police Officer is very naive. I am innocent of all charges, although I promise that I will remember this case when exercising my right to vote. You guys blew it this time, you probably would never admit it, but I want you all to know that I know that I am 100% innocent and the system is crying for repair. Shame on you for you have done a great injustice to me. If you have any questions or comments please I hope you'll call at 854-2003. I hope you'll at least spend the \$34.00 on something worthwhile. As a citizen I am going to do anything I can to help make our system

Sincerely,
D.R. Boone