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City Council, I would like to offer an alternative approach to the authoritarian mandate banning the sale of filtered cigarettes.

A simple deposit of 5 cents for each cigarette filter would be much more effective in eliminating discarded butts from our environment. A pack of 20 cigarettes would be taxed 1\$, to be refunded when 20 butts are turned in at purchase time. The cigarette packaging could be used to store the butts and turned in together at purchase time.

It is my observation, having lived here over 50 years , that this

self described enlightened community is terrible at recycling. A small number of the hardest working homeless folks can be seen rummaging through trash cans to pull out sticky, dirty bottles and cans to recycle for a small amount of money. If cigarette butts were worth 5 cents apiece, and were easily cashed in for money, I guarantee you would not see them on beaches or anywhere else.

The logistics of this idea could be worked out with Cigarette retailers and the Council. Perhaps a special fund could be allocated for butt deposit reimbursement.

Tourists will bring their butts and leave them behind and Capitola will join the County and City of Santa Cruz to become the BUTT of many jokes as authoritarian rules fail to solve a problem but make the elected feel like they've done something.

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