

**From:** John Crompton  
**To:** E339GH@politics.tamu.edu  
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**Subject:** RE: Italy

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Gary,

I am out of town for the next few days. Give me a week or so to get back to the city attorney. At last night's meeting the pollsters reported that among their probability sample of 300 folks who voted in the last city election, 61% favored the red light program and 28% opposed it. My wife happened to be one of their sample. It was a carefully worded instrument and well thought through. It used the ballot language and reinforced it with a couple of reliability checks. So, if folks vote the issue should be resolved favorably.

Best wishes  
John

>>> Gary Halter <E339GH@politics.tamu.edu> 09/10/09 2:49 PM >>>  
John: You did not indicate the position of the City attorney. I know about the vendors effort. I can assure you that they will file court actions after the election if they loose. The fact that the council authorized the election does not have an impact on the legality.

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From: John Crompton  
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Gary,

The dynamics of the red light camera issue are changing. The vendors are investing in a major effort to tell the other side of Mr Ash's story--pollsters, consultants, ads et al. I am curious to know how the community will react. As for the legality of the petition, it is moot at this point since the council have passed an ordinance authorizing the ballot (at a cost of \$35k!).

Trust you are enjoying Italy.  
Best wishes  
John

>>> Gary Halter <E339GH@politics.tamu.edu> 09/10/09 11:04 AM >>>  
John: got your message to call but I am in italy for the semester.