

Perhaps someone should check with the people at St. Luke's Hospital South Shore on Lake Drive that has an account with American United Taxi and continuously has customers experience extremely long wait times and struggles to have drivers service the public from that location-mostly during the evening hours, just ask the Cudahy police department that on occasion has to step in and drive customers home after they waited as long as 4 hrs for a taxi from American United.

I do not agree with some of the recommendations that taxi owners are suggesting such as limiting the areas that could be served by any new taxicab permit holders. Why should they have restrictions put on them-how does that seem fair-so American United can serve the low crime areas and cherry pick where the better rides and busiest areas of the city are. The new recommendations by current owners is driven by the Sanfelippo Company that has held meetings with a group of specific owners on their side. These are owners that get a lot of special treatment for being affiliated with American United.

Also why should current permit holders be able to sell or transfer ownership of their permits to others or other family members and it is recommended that new permit holders would have to turn theirs into the city and not fall under the same guidelines. Why complicate things and have two sets of rules, what is good for one should be good for all- fairness. Perhaps Joe Sanfelippo is worried he and his family won't get to benefit from his brothers wealth in the future if he wouldn't be able to transfer the ownership.

Perhaps the reason there are so many taxis sitting is potential drivers don't have the money to pay the extremely high lease rates imposed by American united, not because there is not enough business. Drivers don't want to be nicked and dined to death for every little move they make that doesn't sit right with the Sanfelippos. Yellow Cab in comparison is always fully leased and has many drivers that want to affiliate with them unable to due to lack of availability.

It is too bad your meeting for the public to announce their views is during the business day as students are in school and business people are at work and visitors, well they would not even know about the meeting if they were in town and available.