Ridesharing and (not ridesharing)

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.....In the beginning, there were signs! Signs that said you could carpool if you wanted to....all you had to do was go home and call from your rotary phone and we would call someone's pager and when they return our call, we would see if they want to share a ride with you.
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….but then man (and woman) grew tired of the rotary phone, so they made computers! Computers that could tell you who else you worked with that lived near you so that you could ride together
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Man quickly grew bored, so he created iPhones and Android smartphones so man could cheat at scrabble and remain friends with people without ever actually talking to them. From that fire grew the ‘app’ allowing people to connect in real time..
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….then one day Frank realized that his neighbor Dan had all the fun toys, and that’s when Frank realized that Dan was buying those toys with money he was saving by catching a ride to work with him…so Frank said to Dan, “We shall use electronic wallets to share the cost of this ride…….”
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But then man got greedy and said, I can actually make money by driving people around. I shall sit at home and wait for someone to call and then I will pick them up and drive wherever they want to go.
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This makes taxi driver mad!!! Why should he have to pay insurance, have his driving record checked, his background looked at, his car kept to standard if others do not? So those companies say, “But we are not a taxi, we are ridesharing.” So the media calls them ridesharing, and government begins calling them ridesharing and begins to regulate them. But wait…..
They aren’t ridesharing!

“Ridesharing” is when individuals share a ride with a common origin or destination and where costs may be shared.

...not where a driver can make a profit!
Why do we care?

- Three things are occurring
  1. Local governments looking to protect cabs are regulating ridesharing
     - California
  2. Local governments are regulating transportation network companies ..... 
     - Seattle - Chicago
  3. Uber/Sidecar/Lyft are getting out in front and are using the umbrella of “ridesharing” to limit their exposure to regulations
     - Arizona – Virginia - Colorado