

DHS Director Lynn Green's comments before the HHN Committee smack of warmed over 1980's "thousand points of light" rhetoric. At least for his part George H.W. Bush was attempting some kind of relationship between government and faith communities. Ms. Green makes it sound like it's an honor, even an obligation for churches to take over government's responsibility for the common good. "No problem," she says, "churches will take care of it." Of course, if Ms. Green actually read the Bible she'd know insuring the basic needs of the "little ones", societies least and most in need, is God's demand of human led governance. When did Ms. Green or anyone from County Executive Parisi's administration actually sit down with religious leaders to discuss partnering on any of these matters? Was I out of town for this meeting? This sort of disregard is typical. Instead of a community leader, Ms. Green sounds like a later day Marie Antoinette. While God's little ones suffer, she tells the HHN committee, "Let them eat cake;" supplied by church congregations of course.

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