

Good Morning - I would like to present my perspective & experiences regarding the sensational changes that have been experienced personally by me since this Measure was installed ...

I am an interior designer by Trade. Starting about 2 years ago, I do not work in the downtown area any longer (nor do we patronize restaurants-whereas we used to go every other week or so). The reason being is #1 I am afraid to be there, even during the day— but more specifically there are few contractors that will take a job in the City. And when they do it's very expensive because their vehicles are vandalized, their tools are stolen, they can't work after dark, etc. etc. ... this is a burden and unfair to everyone trying to make a living - but more so for the residents of the downtown area!

What used to be, as little as 5 years ago, a destination city with its award winning restaurants & outstanding nightlife, live music, unique quirky stores, NO GRAFFITI etc..etc..etc... has devolved into the zombie land apocalypse!

The last time I went to Ferguson's to meet a client over on 18th street... I walk out to my car & at the curb on the sidewalk there are 2 guys sitting crossed legged facing each other smoking crack or fentanyl or something .. not 15 yards away from me! Another time prior to this there was a motorhome across the street from Ferguson's where a woman was turning tricks/doing drugs... there were trash & liquor bottles/beer cans all over the street RIGHT across from their front door! Oh, and human feces in the planters near their front door- Police could do nothing— I think they were finally ticketed for littering & they left - really tho..littering .. while all this other stuff is happening across the street from a very prominent, established for many years, tax paying business.. Shameful!

I believe not reversing this ill thought through measure is unconscionable... unless you truly don't care about your constituents... working people like me who pay your salary... and the thousands of homeless drug addicted people out there who may want help, but are not strong enough ... since everything is free - continue their addiction until they OD...it's very sad and unbelievable that it's gotten to this point so quickly in another couple years what will our beautiful city look like if this continues, a scary thought...

It is also very disconcerting to me to think about all the drugs, trash & defecation that is being washed into our rivers through the storm drains — contaminating the water and harming our wildlife...we banned plastic straws ... I think this could be much more detrimental..

... please help bring our beautiful clean fun quirky kind city back - we miss it!

Thank you for your time.
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Sent from my iPhone