

i voted pretty enthusiastically for ballot measure 110 but now I realize I did not understand the full extent to which it would allow the use of drugs with no consequences. I thought it was just to decriminalize marijuana possession and use. I live in Old Town, in a unit I have owned since 2002. It was never the best neighborhood in Portland but it always felt safe. Until about 2015 when the use of opioids increased so much. The neighborhood was still viable but not as agreeable. It has gotten more and more dangerous and packed with tents, trash, excrement and drug dealers since.

We moved to Old Town because it offered all we needed for an independent old age. Great public transportation and walkability to a hospital, Dr.s offices, entertainment and about 5 grocery stores. I am 80 and my husband is 82 and i no longer drive so we pretty much walk everywhere. With the deterioration of Old Town. I must now walk in the streets because the sidewalks are blocked by tents and trash and very scary people doing drugs and overdosing, breaking into buildings and vehicles looking for something to steal.

I would like to see Measure 110 repealed and have a chance to reclaim our neighborhood.

Thank you,  
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