

Hi,

I am not an expert on addiction, but I can tell you that I am an expert on living in a neighborhood that has many addicts on the street. I live by Couch Park. There are people smoking fentanyl in Couch Park regularly. This is a city park, but is actually owned by Portland Public Schools. With decriminalization under Measure 110, police officers have told me that there is very little that they can do to people smoking fentanyl in Couch Park, even though they are ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. This is very troubling. Please immediately make it illegal to smoke hard drugs in public!

While I very much support helping people struggling with addiction into recovery, that only happens when addiction beds are available. So, let's increase the number of addiction beds available. But people with substance abuse disorder also need some kind of punishment or incentive to stop using drugs.

**Punishment:** We need to provide police officers the tools to steer more people into drug treatment and to limit public use of drugs, and so I support the restoration of misdemeanor penalties for possession of hard drugs.

**Incentive:** I also support some kind of incentive, i.e. if a person enters treatment, they can avoid criminal penalties.

Thanks,  
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