

Please Repeal Ballot Measure 110

I am trying so hard to love my city but it is wearing me down. I no longer feel safe walking through my neighborhood after dark. As I drive through our city I see people actively using drugs out in the open or the evidence of people who have recently used. I tried to support downtown by attending the Christmas Market in Pioneer Square, but left feeling even more depressed about the state of Portland. While attending, the evidence of drug use was everywhere. In the vacant stare of the homeless in the square. In witnessing a homeless man passed out (?) in the square while a city employee was having to hose down the mess he made around him (Urine? Feces?). Our city is covered in garbage and graffiti and no amount of the wack-a-mole approach of moving tents around Portland is going to fix it. I have to think that this breakdown of our city is due in part to Measure 110. I wasn't going to send in any comments, but was moved to do so after spending this weekend in Seattle. I thought I would find the same issues in Seattle, but I drove all over this city and it feels clean and safe. I didn't see people "homesteading" in beautiful green spaces or leaving their garbage everywhere. I have to think some of the difference is the lack of a similar measure 110 in Seattle. I really want to love Portland again, but am considering moving out of the city. The city will never be clean until we address the root cause of the decline. Please repeal 110 - we can no longer encourage drug use in our city.

I wholly support the following actions:

- Make possession of lethal drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and meth a misdemeanor crime again.
- Give law enforcement tools to steer addicts toward mandatory treatment and away from jail.
- Prioritize diversion programs that put drug users on the path to recovery and a clean criminal record.
- Increase penalties for drug dealing and public drug use.
- Take legislative action in February – people are dying each day under Measure 110.