

Attention Democrat lawmakers,

This is directed at the uni-party that is running this city and state based on ideology vs good governance.

I am a resident of Old Town, a racial minority, a practicing physician, and an partner in two well-known local music venues in the city.

I am also now a former Democrat.

In both my personal and professional lives, I have witnessed first-hand the misery that your party has wrought on this city and state as you sacrifice law and order at the altar of buzzwords like "restorative justice, inclusivity, diversity, destigmatization, and decriminalization."

Measure 110 should be repealed immediately. None of the money raised has been used meaningfully, and the lack of results speak for themselves. Handing out contact cards to addicts and giving them resource phone numbers in lieu of doing what the measure requires--opening up treatment centers and forcing people into rehab as an alternative to prison--has wasted billions of taxpayer money.

You have turned our EMS, police, and fire services into nothing more than DoorDash for Narcan.

My Japanese mother was imprisoned by Executive Order 9066. She and her family were 3rd and 4th generation Americans. I am exceptionally sensitive to the concept of involuntary internment. There is a difference in this case. These addicts, homeless, and mentally ill have proven to be a demonstrable and ongoing threat to public safety and the liveability of the city. Force addicts to choose between prison or involuntary rehabilitation. Lower the bar for institutionalizing the mentally ill. Prioritize veterans, women, and children for housing. Ignore the fringe of far-left and far-right disruptors on social media.

We have seen how Democrat-run cities across the nation have chosen to follow themselves in lock-step right into the abyss by adopting the same public policies.

It is time to break from the mob and think for ourselves. Being conservative about public safety, economic growth, and rule of law are not antithetical to liberal social values. I really wish politicians would figure that out.

Sincerely,  
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