

The thing is we still don't have the resources we need to steer anyone toward treatment and I used to work for Mike Shrunken and the stop program was put together by dda Mike Kuykendall and he even thought it was ridiculously expensive and hard to successfully complete. The problem isn't going to go away after criminalizing schedule I drugs again. Portland and the entire state has a far bigger problem to deal with and it's as systemic as it can be. Those eight individuals sitting in city hall have no better or creative ideas than Deborah Kafoury or Eric Sten and they were the cream of the crop.

Maybe we should put together a formulative budget (actually Tina should) that blatantly specifically allows for places like Cascadia to be back in action

Nobody is going to go to treatment willfully and because we have nobody wanting to defend anyone how exactly are you proposing to prosecute drug addicts unless they committed additional crimes. Almost 80% of lower class non person crimes are drug related. So perhaps tougher sentencing would be a good thing as well. If someone gets caught on a uumv or a burg charge you rarely are going to find more than nickel and dime drugs in their possession. The point is cocaine isn't the problem and not even meth really it's blues and heroin that folks want. You might find a lot of campers on meth but the majority are smoking blues and that's a fact. IF YOU'RE GOING TO PROSECUTE PETTY AMOUNTS OF DRUGS PROSECUTE ILLEGAL CAMPERS AND FIX THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROBLEM. DON'T MAKE PORTLAND SO ATTRACTIVE FOR HOMELESS FOLKS TO COME TO. YOU ALLOW THEM TO BEG AND FLY SIGNS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET. WOMEN TAKE THEIR KIDS TO THE OFFRAMP ON 42ND OFF THE BANFIELD EVERY SINGLE DAY. NO CSD NO DHS NO ONE TELLS HER SHE CAN'T BEG WITH HER KIDS AND SHE IS. SHE'S ILLEGAL SO SHE CAN'T GET HELP.

Portland is not the place I grew up in and a small percentage of people even want to be here anymore so get it together because drugs are the least of your problems. You can't prosecute people with no public defenders. You can't even enforce campers to stay out of kids paths on the way to school and you know what a large percentage of bus are just a paycheck away. Build more affordable housing for people who can't pay 1000 a month but work and have no kids. I'm one of those people and I'm leaving Portland asap. There is nothing about this place that I want any part of. Nobody wants to get involved Nobody wants to get shot. Nobody wants to be harassed and nobody wants to listen to Tina telling us affordable housing is coming when it clearly isn't. Portland sucks and the crime is off the hook. It's time for Tina to get some money from the federal government before the city totally implodes. It's not fun to live here and you aren't going to reach people unless you prove you can give to them what you're expecting them to give to the city that's failed them. It's sick.