

BM 110 was a well intentioned endeavor. I voted for it in the hopes that a Portuguese style model would bring meaningful change to the crisis of addiction afflicting our cities and state.

Sadly, the meaningful change has been entirely in the wrong direction. All one has to do is walk outside and observe it with your very own eyes: addiction is worse not better, suffering has increased not decreased, and the local community suffers accordingly.

Whether the measure was fundamentally flawed to begin with or was just horribly implemented and might thus be salvageable under much different circumstances is a debate for another venue. There are merits to either point of view, but it's now a bit of a moot point: BM 110 is an unmitigated disaster and needs to be repealed immediately.

Criminalize the public use of the hardest drugs (if we can do it for public intoxication we can do it for those smoking fentanyl on city corners), enable our police to help keep our communities safe and clean, and stop treating everyone like a victim. Restore agency even to the most downtrodden, and empower them to make decisions that better themselves and those around them.

Repeal 110 and repeal it now.

Thank you for your consideration.

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