

Appreciate the opportunity to submit this email:

My downtown office window looks out on Yamhill and 9th. I come to that office every day without any Covid interruption. Daily I witness between 10 and 40 individuals openly using drugs. I see dealers selling, I witness overdoses, I am exposed to human suffering. What I rarely witness is any outreach of public service or help for individuals. Three times in the past six months have I seen Portland Street response. When PSR makes an appearance in their expensive van and large contingent of staff they keep their distance, provided not obvious aid or assistance, and depart as soon as possible leaving the individual in the exact state they found them, maybe with a smoothy (which I witnessed last week). They seem to only be checking boxes and moving on. A clear example of how we don't have the right resources and right people to tackle this problem.

The saddest thing I witness is that each passing week there is a new group of young people out front my office doing drugs. It is clear these addicted people are not Portland residents, obviously arriving for the access to available drugs. I have been working in downtown over 25 years and can differentiate the populations of people on the street, true homeless people, the individuals with mental health conditions and the enormous population of addicts. Why can't the County make this basic distinction.

These addicted individuals are exploited and trafficked. I see women picked out of groups of users and driven off, can't imagine the horror that they are going through. I have witnessed the worst of the worst over the past Three years. It is not Covid related, it is what Measure 110 has done. Drug dealers now terrorize our city, organized crime runs free to kill and terrorize.

I am a Canadian living in Portland. I went to University in Albuquerque NM, left NM because of the crime and violence of that City. Have lived in Portland for 23 years, raised a beautiful family on the East Side. Up until 2020 I told the world that Portland was the most Canadian City in North America, people were happy and friendly, there was no crime to speak of (on the scale of a Canadian city), we cherished the environment, we cherished education and providing opportunity to youth. Portland was a city every city wanted to emulate. Portland was the best of the best.

I no longer invite friends and family to come to Portland, I am ashamed of what it has become. With Measure 110 gutted this City and turning it over to drug dealing vandalizing mobs from out of state. We have invited vulnerable populations in to get their fix with no ability to help or provide resources. The individuals who campaign for 110's implementation should be investigated to understand where their \$ and influence flows from, giving them more time will condemn this great City to the plight of most American cities.

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