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You can use my \$3,700 of property tax for the very NEEDED FUNDING for the arts and cultural community. It is the ONLY hope to bring back tourism. We need museums, art, theater, music and festivals to draw the tourists. I've paid the Multco Arts tax for 7 years and that has produced little beyond a teacher's strike and ice storms closing schools for one week. Total bullshit dropout rate.

You can't educate anyone -- you had better refocus on the illiterate dropouts learning to dance, sing and paint. Those arts will revive the downtown core. White Bird, Ballet Paptl, A-WOL dance, NW Dance, and Milagro Theater are amazing!

No one goes downtown to work. The food carts also need funding. My partner is an armed guard for Echelon dealing with 7,000 homeless persons daily. Not house-less. HOMEless. Those street urchins who steal catalytic converters and huff phentanyl all day long and walk the streets pants free while scaring my parents to death! You can't throw money at or cure the mental health crisis or the drug crisis, so you flipping better spend it on good.

My 175 surveys at Washington Park were hired by the nonprofit "Explore Washington Park." A tourist from New York City said, and a I quote, "Your city is absolutely filthy!" NYC.