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It is sheer insanity to do the same thing over and over again, and expect a different result.

I would posit that it is an equal level of insanity to expect the people who created the problem to be able to fix it.

The politicians in this state, they have a class of donors and voters who are dependent on the cycle of violence that the legalization of drugs spurred onward. They don't want it to end, their political careers are based on it. And the lip service they give to stopping crime is foolish talk, and they know that. A state wide increase in property tax is a back door to ever larger increase in what is already the single highest line item expense for everyone in this state. They know this. This won't stop crime, but it is an emergency we are facing as a state so it makes a great pretext to grab more money.

Want to stop crime? It's so easy, the state will never do it: Repeal our drug laws and enforce the current laws on the book. Want to stop crime? Stop criminals. The only way to do that is not some new tax, but put them in jail.