

I'm glad to hear that there is an effort to roll back Measure 110. I voted against it and against legalizing marijuana. I believe that when you increase access and reduce consequences, use will increase. I see little enforcement to curtail smoking marijuana in public.

I want to make sure that you include research based proven effective training for those seeking to provide treatment to addicts as we expand facilities. Bad help is worse than no help. Maybe Portland State University, University of Portland and/or PCC could get involved.

Besides my degrees in education, I received my Alcohol/Other Drug Counseling training from Seattle University in the mid 80's. It was invaluable in my work to provide Prevention, Early Intervention and Support to teens and their families in the Beaverton School District. I retired in 2014.

Intervening early is more manageable so what is the plan for a comprehensive program? We need to get past crisis response or we will get stuck there.

I am also in the Recovery Community. The last two times that I have been downtown, I've had the drug use of others in my face. It makes being downtown uncomfortable and annoying. Support the recovery community and provide consequences for drug use in public.

Thank you for your efforts to take our community back.

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