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My thinking is, we've become so accepting of drugs, alcohol and marijuana are now commonplace social norms. And while they can be taken in a pleasant way, if you will, they are also abused. This in and of itself is a detriment to society. And now with 110 saying small amounts of truly hard drugs is no big deal, we are enabling even more use of all drugs. It's commonsense and understandable that some in society to always push the limits. My sense is we must return to say, hard drugs are illegal and should be treated as such as any level. No free or low cost passes. We must empower our police to charge those who are caught and demand our DAs prosecute and punish as per the laws. Providence Rhode Island has a similar situation, where their laws empower them to put anyone who breaks a law and ends up in prison, must take one of 5 drugs (if they have an addiction) to get them clean. I've asked the City to look into this since 2020, which you can view on YouTube's "Seattle Is Dying". A one hour documentary as to their problems which mirror ours. The last 15 minutes highlights Providence RI and their successful program. PLEASE view this asap and see how we can copy what's already been proven to work. We've done little long enough. We need to get back to law and order. It's the American way. Thank you.