

Oregon is one of the worst-ranking states for drug addiction. This is a public health crisis that directly relates to racial equity and homelessness too. Let's address it in November:

Vote YES on Measure 109

Measure 109 will allow a breakthrough treatment for anxiety, depression, and other conditions.¹ It's all-natural, non-addictive, & non-overdosable.²

This **naturally-derived medicine, psilocybin**, is backed by researchers and professors of psychology, medicine, and neuroscience at prestigious institutions like Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Yale, UCLA, and NYU.

Measure 109 won't legalize psilocybin, for purchase by the general public. Rather, **it will allow trained therapists to conduct carefully-supervised therapeutic sessions.** Ongoing clinical trials show amazing results, and Measure 109 will bring the treatment to Oregon.

"Researchers have demonstrated in one treatment session what years of psychotropic drugs [e.g., antidepressants] and counseling have not been able to accomplish."³

—Roland Griffiths, Ph.D., professor of Psychiatry & Neuroscience at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

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Measure 110 won't legalize drugs, but it will remove criminal penalties for personal possession of small amounts. And, it will **connect drug users with treatment to help them get better** rather than sending them to jail.⁴

It costs over \$30,000 to arrest, prosecute and incarcerate someone for simple drug possession.⁵ It costs only around **\$10,000 to provide drug treatment instead.**⁴ Oregon ranks among the top of the country in drug abuse⁶, and the solution is treatment—not jail time.

This would be a **big win in terms of anti-racism too.** A Oregon Criminal Justice Commission study in 2016 found that Black people in Oregon were convicted of felony drug possession at more than double the rate of white people in the prior year.⁷

On average, every hour police in Oregon arrest a person for drug possession.⁸ Let's free up police time to focus on tasks that matter like finding missing children or solving murder cases.

Psilocybin is a naturally-occurring substance found in certain species of mushroom.

Because of its psychedelic properties, some people associate psilocybin with hippies or partying. But this substance has been used in traditional healing ceremonies for thousands of years.⁹

And today, some of the top medical institutions in the world—**Johns Hopkins, Yale, UCLA, the Imperial College of London**, etc.—are successfully using it in clinical trials to treat conditions like:

- Alzheimer's
- Major depression
- Opioid addiction
- Alcohol & nicotine addiction
- PTSD
- End-of-life anxiety for cancer patients
- Anorexia

The Lancet, one of the world's most respected medical journals, published a study in 2010: **Experts ranked controlled substances from most to least dangerous** (based on damage to user, impact on crime, and socioeconomic effects). **Alcohol ranked #1 most dangerous** (heroin was #2). **Psilocybin ranked #1 safest** (out of 20 substances).¹⁰

Psilocybin has already been decriminalized in Denver, Oakland, and Santa Cruz. Let's pass Measure 109 to make Oregon next.

The 50-year "War on Drugs" in this country has failed. **It's cost us \$1 trillion but has not stopped Americans from obtaining illegal drugs.**¹¹ Instead, it has resulted in disproportionate arrests of people of color, giving 1 in 9 Black children an incarcerated parent¹² (**Black people and white people use drugs at similar rates, yet Black people are imprisoned 6x more often**).¹³ Let's pass Measure 110 to focus on treatment over incarceration.

Sources: (1) voteyeson109.org, **(2)** bit.ly/2EAaGUb and bit.ly/3jdsdAg on drugpolicy.org, **(3)** bit.ly/2YAPq7W on Forbes, **(4)** voteyeson110.org, **(5)** ampr.gs/3b1FZmS on americanprogress.org, **(6)** bit.ly/3jop94J on wweek.com, **(7)** bit.ly/3ht5TSS on oregonlive.com, **(8)** bit.ly/2YMoD8J on oregon.gov, **(9)** bit.ly/34HIXvz on drugpolicy.org, **(10)** bit.ly/32CV2Q2 on thelancet.com and bit.ly/31BB0Gg in *Psychofarm*, **(11)** bit.ly/2Dcyn4w on drugpolicy.org and ampr.gs/3b1FZmS on americanprogress.org, **(12)** wapo.st/3joiYNR on washingtonpost.com, **(13)** bit.ly/34Iz3Kf on naacp.org