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I've been an SUD treatment professional for 50 years, 40 of them in Lane County. I'm currently working a Lane County BHRN, delivering services to clients of color, systematically neglected, as well as abused, not only by the war on drugs, but also by city, county, and state governments. BM 110 efforts should remain focused on access to low-barrier harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services. While I respect the intent of the measure of creating generational wealth, intergenerational wealth cannot be sustained without first being in sustained recovery, and with increased financial literacy as part of that treatment and recovery plan. So it can be passed on to the next generations organically, independent of agencies which quite frankly, do not have a history, nor track record, of empowering communities of color. In fact I would suggest another set of funds be utilized other than cannabis funds, as poly substance abuse, has been a norm, alcohol and tobacco funds should be used as well. Finally, the activities of The Mission Asset Fund, should be adopted as a model program for import to Oregon. It is a MacArthur Genius grant funded program of economic empowerment, among people of color, in the San Francisco Mission District. Thank you...and I can supply more actionable details.