

# Seattle and Political Correctness



When my husband and I bought, what was to be, our retirement home on Bainbridge Island, Seattle was a pretty nice city. For many years before we actually made the permanent move from Los Angeles, we'd visit a few times a year and always ferried over to Seattle to spend the day walking around and doing all the touristy things people do when visiting a new city.

Even after we made the final move in 1996, we visited Seattle frequently, regularly attended theatre and opera matinees and evening performances, my husband commuted daily to work on public transportation, I'd meet him and friends for lunch, traveled alone for doctors' appointments and felt very comfortable.

In a matter of 20 years, all that has changed. I feel very sorry for tourists who visit the "Emerald City" which was a lovely place but which is now run by Progressives which, in turn, means that Seattle is now spiraling downward as has New York City and San Francisco because of political correctness

and a tolerance for behavior never before engaged in by a civil society.

Although I love when friends and family visit, I cringe at the thought because it means I may have to take our visitors into Seattle for sightseeing. Fortunately, most who do visit are comfortable on their own or have been to Seattle more than once and are content with spending time on this side of the water.

Where I used to walk to doctors' visits or shopping, or used to use the Metro rail or buses, I now take a car service. You will not find me walking around Seattle unless I have absolutely no other choice. And, unfortunately, my husband I never venture over to Seattle in the evenings on our own.

If anyone is interested in how Seattle is transforming into the other west coast toilet (and I mean that literally) – San Francisco – take the time to watch local newsman, Eric Johnson's "Seattle is Dying" documentary which explores the impact of drug addiction and so-called homelessness on Seattle here. It is a sad and eye-opening commentary on what the Progressives on the City Council have allowed to happen.

I was prompted to write this article when I saw a news item captioned "Seattle-Area Councilman: Hosing Poop-Covered Sidewalks Might be Racially Insensitive." Larry Gossett, councilman in Seattle "said he didn't like the idea of power-washing the sidewalks because it brought back images of the use of hoses against civil-rights activists."

The Superior Court area on Third Avenue has become an "unsanitary and potentially frightening" scene that "reeks of urine and excrement" which prompted two judges to ask the city to power-wash the sidewalks, to which Mr. Gossett expressed his concern.

First of all, this all presupposes that the drug addicts and mentally ill people who are defecating on the sidewalks are

even aware of “the use of hoses against civil-rights activists.” I don’t think they are and I don’t think they care.

More importantly, how exactly does Mr. Gossett propose to get rid of this filth? What about the pedestrians, many who are staring at their phones anyway, stepping in bodily waste? I guess he’s more concerned about the people who are actually doing the damage, than the citizens of Seattle and visitors who have to deal with it. Perhaps he’d like our fire fighters to stop using hoses and use water-filled paper cups (no plastic!) instead to douse out fires.

Progressive policies have destroyed this once beautiful and welcoming city. I get it. What I don’t get is why the citizenry keep voting for this insanity when they have to walk on these sidewalks every day.

I don’t get it, but if you do, God bless you.