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**Officer Matthew McCally (Fmr.)
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Matt McCally served seven years as a probation officer for misdemeanor offenders at the District Court level in the suburbs south of Seattle. During his time as a probation officer, McCally became acutely aware of how probationers could be sent back to prison for something as trivial as smoking marijuana. This did not sit well with McCally's aim to help break the cycle of recidivism.

McCally attended Waseda University in Tokyo, where he studied the Japanese criminal justice system. He later earned a B.A. from Regents College while on active duty in the Army. After being honorably discharged, he moved to Seattle to study law at the University of Washington. In 1999, he graduated from the Des Moines Police Department's Reserve Officer Academy in Washington.

A seasoned political activist, McCally has been involved as a volunteer with local and state ballot initiatives including the successful Initiative 502, which legalized marijuana for adult-use in Washington in 2012. McCally previously hosted a radio program on KVI 570 in Seattle and was the press spokesman for several candidates for elected office. McCally is also the former chairman of the Libertarian Party of Washington State.

After more than 20 years in college admissions and academic advising, he recently switched careers, and currently helps provide information and facilities security at a downtown hospital.

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