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Officer Matthew McCally (Fmr.) King County District Court, Washington Seattle, WA

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 community corrections 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 arrest and 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 for graduate study at the University of Washington. In 1999, he was certified at the Highline College Reserve Officer Academy, taught by the Des Moines Police Department.

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 political talk radio program 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. McCally is a staff member at various area schools, including the Seattle Colleges system, where he is responsible for information, facilities, faculty, and student security.

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