

Common CI Issues & Problems In Josephine County

A common theme to all the citizen involvement (CI) issues and problems in Josephine County is a CI program that can be improved.¹ According to the Oregon Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (OCIAAC) the first 10 of the following CI issues and problems are common statewide.²

1. Common Land Use Issues & Problems
2. **Funding**
3. Staffing
4. Time
5. Legal Constraints
6. Apathy
7. Technocracy
8. The Need for Predictability
9. State and Federal Mandates
10. The Overburdened Citizen
11. Oregon Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee



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Oregon CIAC Funding Observations & Suggestions

CIAC Funding Observations³

“CI takes money. A city or county cannot run newspaper ads, mail notices, hold public hearings, or put out a newsletter without having some funding.”

“One funding problem is that some people see the CI program as a frill. As a result, that program may be the first to get cut when budget problems arise. That is often penny-wise, but pound-foolish: weakening the citizen involvement program may lead to costly litigation and plan revisions.”

Inadequate CI Funding

“Another problem is that local budgets may not earmark funds specifically for CI. Rather than having a line item in the budget, citizen involvement gets buried in some larger category — “Long-Range Planning,” for example. That makes it impossible to determine whether the funding for CI is adequate. That also makes it all too easy to siphon funds away from CI for use in other programs.”

More Information

Oregon CIAC Suggestions.³ “Clearly identify CI activities in the budget. Specify dollar amounts for the projected costs of mailing notices, printing documents, holding public hearings, distributing a newsletter, and other activities related to CI.”

The Hugo Neighborhood believes there are ways to help fund the CI program.^{4&5} However, ultimately a meaningful CI program depends on support from the local government’s elected officials.

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More Information. Would you like to learn more? Contact a member of the Hugo Land Use Committee.



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Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them to our Treasurer. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

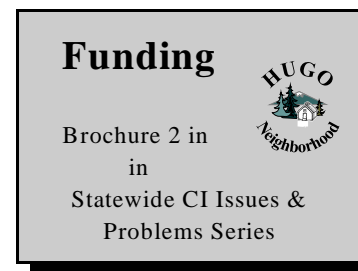
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