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## Josephine (JO) County (CO) Justice System (JS) & Public Safety Services (PSS)

### JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. We believe an informed public will consider the question behind the 2013 Measure 17 - 49, the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Three Year Local Option Tax: "Is JO CO providing an adequate level of public safety services?" We believe adequately answering the question involves several sub-questions, the answers of which will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

**Public Safety Services Research Projects** of the *Exploratory Committee* are preliminary and focused on several areas.

1. Issue Including Analysis Method
2. Historical Public Safety Services
3. Historical Public Safety Costs
4. Historical Public Safety Revenues
5. Historical Public Safety Remedies
6. Law Potentially Applicable to Issue
8. Proposed New Public Safety Services
7. Standards For New Public Safety Services
8. Factual Analysis
9. Estimate of Revenues Needed For New Public Safety Services: Historical, Actual, and/or Average
10. Sources of Revenue
11. Voter Approval
12. State Intervention

Each research project will be documented with its own summary educational brochure(s).

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1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. For HNA&HS. Hugo, OR.

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## Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee

**Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue** The 1937 O & C Act paid for services until 2000 when it was replaced by the "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS; P.L. 106-393). The SRS was reauthorized in 2008 which has a four year ramp-down in funding and expired in 2012.

**Historical Services?** County Jail, Juvenile Justice Center, District Attorney's Office, Court Services, and Animal Protection. Rural Patrols, Criminal Investigations and Related Sheriff's Office Support Services.



**Historical Cost?**  
Approximately \$12 million.

**Historical Revenues** Federal government.

**Historical Remedies** have JO CO focused on reducing county employees, reducing public safety services, and recently two proposed levies which failed.

1. 05/15/12 Measure 17 - 43, failed 57 - 43 percent.
2. 05/21/13 Measure 17 - 49, failed 51 - 49 percent.

**Laws Potentially Applicable to Issue** U.S. Constitution, Oregon Constitution, JO CO Home Charter.

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## Potential Research Projects

**Proposed New Services** JO CO 2013 Measure 17 - 49; 2012 ORS 203.009; OAR 213-070-0000 October 2010 breakdown of services by the Association of Oregon Counties' *Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Provision*.

**Standards For Services** What are the standards for the services provided (i.e., what are the level of services)? The standards could be a range of alternatives from the minimal adequate standard to providing the services to some maximum)?

**Factual Analysis** What factual analysis was provided to citizens that the services meet or do not meet the standards?

**Estimate of Revenues Needed For Services: Historical, Comparison, Actual, or Average** What is the estimate of the revenues needed to return to or maintain the services for a range of standards?

**Sources of Revenue** What are the potential sources of the revenue?

**Voter Approval** Any proposal for taxes should be approved by the public.

**State Intervention** Should the state impose taxes?

**Want more information?** Contact a member of the *Exploratory Committee*.

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2. Hugo Neighborhood Association. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate*. For HNA&HS. Hugo, OR.

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## Exploratory Committee's Mission

**Mission** An independent Justice System and Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*) to investigate the JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) issue was formed under the leadership of the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HNA&HS).

Big picture ideas for the exploratory effort include the following.

1. Identifying the JS&PSS issue.
2. Identifying the JS&PSS sub-issues for research and analysis.
3. Identifying a range in level of services
4. Identifying a range of costs for services.
5. Identifying revenues for services.

The ultimate goal is an adequate justice system and public safety services. Is it possible to have a higher level of service for a lower cost? The purpose of the *Exploratory Committee* is to gather information adequate enough to understand the JS&PSS issues. This includes educational outreach efforts.

The *Exploratory Committee's* purpose is limited to investigating and researching the JS&PSS issues. It will not make evaluations of right or wrong, nor make recommendations on how to vote.

The contents of this brochure are expressions of the opinions and beliefs of those that contribute based on their thoughts and experiences. Hopefully, their efforts will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

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# POTENTIAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

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Justice System & Public Safety Services Series



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