
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. The two measures failed, and 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?”***

Citizens of JO CO have written their opinions many times about the JO CO JS&PSS issue. The following are just a few written in *The Grants Pass Daily Courier* by titles, dates, and authors.

Example Letters To The Editor: Jan - Mar 20013

- *Tax Levy Proposal Should Include Sheriff Patrols.* Susan Conley. 01/24/13.
- *Stop Messing Around And Re-establish Law And Order.* Al Vrooman. 03/08/13.

Example Letters To The Editor: Apr - May 20013

- *Public Safety Tax Needs A ‘Yes’ From Residents.* Colene Martin. 04/05/13.
- *Proposed tax increase won't solve Problems.* Bill Bonville. 05/10/13.
- *Owning a Gun Won't Solve Safety Problems.* 05/07/13. Howard "Buzz" Quillin.
- *Income Should Be A Factor For Justice System Funds.* 05/07/13. Anthony Mantle.
- *Budget Deficit Another Excuse Police Using.* 05/07/13. Ed S. Ferguson.
- *Hatred, Fear, Distraction No Way To Run Society.* 05/09/13. Sylvia Thrower.
- *People Can't Afford Tax: Wouldn't Help Anyway.* 05/09/13. Robert Klum.
- *New Property Taxes Won't Fix The County's Problems.* 05/10/13. Jim Gower.
- *Josephine County Needs Suitable Law Enforcement.* 05/10/13. Don Reedy.

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Example Letters To The Editor: Apr - May 20013

- *Not Enough Assurances To Justify A Hike In Taxes.* 05/10/13. Bill Wright.
- *‘No New Taxes’ Pledge Is A Pitiful Slogan in JoCo.* 05/10/13. Bruce Fallon.
- *At Least City Residents Get Services To Warrant Rates.* 05/10/13. Jay Heber.
- *Proposed Tax Increase Won't Solve Problems.* 05/10/13. Bill Bonville.
- *For Those Eager To Pay More Tax, Go Right Ahead.* 05/12/13. Ron Dez.
- *Let's Make This County The Toughest On Criminals.* 05/12/13. Dr. Felicia Cohen.
- *Bad Guys Are Coming Because They're Not Afraid.* 05/12/13. Drury Wood.
- *Sheriff Puts Full Support Behind Tax Levy Proposal.* Gil Gilbertson. 05/15/13.
- *Taxation Without Benefit Of Representation in JoCo.* Darryl Dickerson. 05/15/13.
- *Undecided Voter Dislikes Directionless Negativity.* James Warriner. 05/16/13.
- *Letter Writers Missed Some Important Points.* Charles Mould. 05/16/13.
- *Lowering Pay Would Fix County's Money Problem.* Del & Linda Burgess. 05/16/13.
- *Tax Distinction Needed; Is Sheriff Trustworthy?* Sandra La Plante. 05/16/13.
- *GP Mayor Urging ‘Yes’ Vote For Safety's Sake.* Darin Fowler. 05/17/13.
- *Citizens Can Be Recruited To Help With Enforcing Law.* Vicki Taylor. 05/17/13.
- *Won't Sacrifice House Over Poor Budgeting.* Dorothy Davis. 05/17/13.
- *Voting Down Safety Levy Will Cost In Other Ways.* Jim Gurley. 05/19/13.
- *Veteran Urges Support For Criminal Justice Levy.* Glenn Salo. 05/19/13.
- *Vote Against Levy; GP Needs Its Own System.* Robert Thomas. 05/19/13.
- *Not Enough Money, Time To Help Save The County.* Debbie Green. 05/22/13.
- *City Funds Should Be Used To Help The County.* Rob Pell. 05/26/13.
- *Auxiliary Deputies Could Help Ease Staffing Woes.* Dennis Capshaw. 05/26/13.

Examples Of Citizens' Write

Example Letters To The Editor: Apr - May 20013

- *Don't Be So Quick To Critize ‘No’ Voters.* Sharon A. Soffe. 05/29/13
- *First Responsibility Should Always Be For Our Safety.* Steve Johnson. 05/29/13
- *Commissioners Should Heed Einstein's Words.* Phyllis Ray. 05/29/13
- *Levy Failure May Mean New Structure Needed.* Carol Dickson. 05/30/13
- *Voter Make Case For Change In County Name.* Jim Broeffle. 05/30/13
- *This Area Could Learn From Skagit County.* Charlotte Hutt. 05/30/13
- *Those Who Benefitted In Past Must Think Of Future.* Heidi A. Simpson. 05/30/13
- *Put More Thought Into Any Future Levy Attempt.* Craig Hicks. 05/31/13
- *County Residents Should Pay for Own Services.* Robert Fuller. 05/31/13
- *Split Law Enforcement Services For City, County.* David Strutz. 05/31/13
- *Sherrif Shares Thoughts On Donations, Solutions.* Gil Gilbertson. 05/31/13

Guest Opinion

- *Let's Control Our Destiny And Vote Yes.* Pat Fahey. 05/03/13. Guest Opinion.
- *County Must Learn To Live Within Its Means.* Jim Fafferty. 05/03/13. Guest Opinion.
- *Assessor's Office Is Fiscally Responsible.* Connie Roach.. 05/10/13. Guest Opinion.

Want more information? Want more information or a letter to the editor in these lists? Contact a member of the *Exploratory Committee*.

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1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.
 2. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission*. Hugo, OR.
 3. HNA&HS. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate*. Hugo, OR.
 4. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Government Needs Support*. Hugo, OR.

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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