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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. The two measures failed. We ask the question: “*Is JO CO providing a minimally 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* for July 2013 which identifies the titles, dates, and authors.

### Example Letters To The Editor: July 2013

- *Politicians Now Ignoring Desires Of The Majority.* 07/04/13. Robert Buckner.
- *Invest In Your Safety.* 07/05/13. Claryce Bishop.
- *Playing Blame Game Not Solving Funding Problems.* 07/05/13. Jack Hillman.
- *We Are Ones Who Can Make County Liveable.* 07/09/13. Phyllis Ray.
- *Residents Need To Make Stand Against New Taxes.* 07/09/13. Joe Peters.
- *Services Without Funding Just Magical Thinking.* 07/10/13. P. Griffin.

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- *Family Tax Could Help Pay JoCo's Public Safety Bills.* 07/11/13. Neil McCain.
- *Working Together Is Best Way To Solve Problems.* 07/12/13. Robert Larsen.
- *Innovative Thinking Can Help Funding Woes.* 07/14/13. Darryl L. Dickerson.
- *Wrong Questions Being Asked About Our County.* 07/14/13. Scott Allan Draper.
- *A Reasonable Sales Tax Provides Hugo Benefit.* 07/16/13. Al Hammersley.
- *Cutting Politician's Salaries Would Help.* 07/16/13. Del & Linda Burgess.
- *Politicians Ignore Will Of Voters; Privatize Justice.* 07/19/13. John Loeblein.
- *Time To Downsize, Make Use Of County's Old Jail.* 07/19/13. Betty Martin.
- *Sales Tax Would Impact Wrong Part Of Populations.* 07/23/13. R. Wood.
- *Lack Of Police Response Disturbing To Seniors.* 07/24/13. Kathi Jones.
- *If GOP Wants Answers – Ask The Democratic Party.* 07/28/13. Robert Larsen.

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## Examples Of Citizens' Write

### Example Guest Opinions

- *Levy's Failure Uproots Another Family.* Amy Wels. 07/05/13. Guest Opinion.
- *Services Without Funding Just Magical Thinking.* P. Griffin. 07/10/13. Guest Opinion.

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

Fill out the page with some quotes

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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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