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

Citizens of JO CO have taken advantage of the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and its protection for freedom of speech. Many have written their opinions about the JO CO JS&PSS issue and their frustration with the ‘No Voters’ and/or the ‘No Vote’

1st Amendment. *Protects freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of the press, as well as the right to assemble and petition the government*

The 1st amendment is freedom of speech which gives everyone in the U.S. the right to speak freely without censorship or limitation. Thus, regardless of sex, color, class or creed, everyone has the right to freedom of expression.

1st Amendment Quotes

- *To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker.* Frederick Douglass.
- *The Framers of the Constitution knew that free speech is the friend of change and revolution. But they also knew that it is always the deadliest enemy of tyranny.* Hugo Black.
- *You know, everybody believes in free speech until you start questioning them about it.* Larry Flynt.
- *Free speech is meant to protect unpopular speech. Popular speech, by definition, needs no protection.* Neal Boortz.
- *Free speech includes the right to not speak.* Jimmy Wales.

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

Comments In *The Grants Pass Daily Courier* (TDC)

- *At no time is freedom of speech more precious than when a man hits his thumb with a hammer.* Marshall Lumsden
- *Every man has a right to utter what he thinks truth, and every other man has a right to knock him down for it. Martyrdom is the test.* Samuel Johnson.
- *People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid.* Soren Kierkegaard
- *That said, the question remains: how to strike the balance between free speech and mutual respect in this mixed-up world, both blessed and cursed with instant communication? We should not fight fire with fire, threats with threats.* Timothy Garton Ash.

Comments In TDC The following are just a few freedom of speech comments from January 2013.

- Bad Citizens
- Free Riders
- Anti-government Freeloaders
- Evil
- Stupid Property Owners Are Only Penalizing Themselves
- Dumb
- Bad Homeowner
- Selfish Homeowner
- Advice from Freeloaders Not Realistic
- Property Owners Have a Chance to Change Their Minds to No Longer Tolerate Lawlessness

Freedom Of Speech Statements

Where Will It End? Will It End? Should It End?

Expressions of views that do not involve a “clear and present danger of serious, substantive evil” come under the protection of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of the press. According to an expert opinion on this subject, “the public interest is best served by permitting free expression of views.” This principle ensures that the most diverse and opposing opinions will be expressed, even though some may be highly offensive.

Highly Offensive 1st Expressions

- Thank God for Dead Soldiers
- God Hates Fags
- He Looks Like A Terrorist
- Those Illegal Aliens

Citizen’s Vision What vision of PSS do the citizens of JO CO want for their community?

In Summary, local people’s written frustrations are pretty mild when compared to some highly offensive out of county, but they do not foster understanding and cooperation.

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

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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*Freedom of speech means
the freedom to disagree*

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