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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 a minimally adequate level of public safety services?"<sup>1-2</sup>

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

[http://www.oregon.gov/CJC/Pages/about\\_us.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/CJC/Pages/about_us.aspx)

### Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

**Administrative (OCJC) Overview: 2010**<sup>3</sup> In January 2004 Governor Ted Kulongoski asked the CJC to oversee a comprehensive review of the state's public safety system, and created several task forces (Adult Sentencing, Criminal Justice Systems, Elder Abuse, and Methamphetamine) and a Juvenile Justice Summit to address topical issues. A Public Safety Review Steering Committee was created to coordinate and review the work, and to submit final recommendations to Governor Kulongoski.<sup>3-4</sup>

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## OR CJC & 2009 OR Governor's Reset Cabinet

**OR Governor's Reset Cabinet: 2009** In September 2009 Governor Kulongoski established the seven member **Governor's Reset Cabinet to develop options for "resetting" state government in order to preserve and improve the critical services it provides to Oregonians** (EO 09-13). Addressing the expected **\$2.5 billion shortfall** in the 2011 biennial state budget, and the **anticipated increase in demand for prison space**, the Reset Cabinet's Public Safety Subcommittee, with CJC membership and Reset Cabinet member DOC director as chair, made a number of recommendations, including restructuring sentencing policy to a uniform sentencing guideline system focusing on offenders posing the greatest long term threat to communities; adopting federal earned time guidelines for all offenders not incarcerated for



life; and increasing the use of transitional resources such as halfway houses and electronic monitoring at the end of sentences.<sup>3-4</sup>

### OCJC Public Safety

**Subcommittee** The Governors Reset Cabinet adopted the Public Safety Subcommittee's proposals, and added recommendations that legislators selectively adjust Measure 11 sentences to provide sufficient protection for the public; continue the temporary suspension of Measure 57 implementation; enhance the effectiveness of community corrections agencies in reducing recidivism; and incentivizing uniformity in local charging, sentencing and offender management.<sup>3-4</sup>

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## Oregon (OR) Criminal Justice Commission (CJC)

**OR House Bill (HB) 3508** Faced with a budget shortfall, legislators passed HB 3508 in 2009 to "phase in" implementation of Measure 57, and increase the maximum possible time reduction for good behavior (earned time credits) from 20 to 30 percent. District attorneys were directed to identify offenders eligible for sentencing under Measure 57, and to provide these and other statistics to the CJC, which was requested to conduct a study on the impact of the measure and HB 3508 on recidivism (O.L. 2009, Ch. 660). In 2010 access to the increased earned time was restricted (O.L. 2010 SS, Ch. 2).<sup>3-4</sup>

The CJC was authorized in 2009 to apply for and receive gifts and grants from any public or private source, and to award grants from funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly or any other source to further its statutory duties as a commission (O.L. 2009, Ch. 308). The AFOAC was reduced in size in this legislative session from 12 to 10 members (O.L. 2009, Ch. 506).<sup>3-4</sup>

**OCJC Summer 2010 Newsletter**<sup>5</sup> The OCJC newsletter has a more human way of expressing the issue tasked to the Oregon Governor's Reset Cabinet. For example, *"It's not denial. I'm just selective about the reality I accept."* This quote from Bill Watterson, creator of the "Calvin and Hobbes" comic strip, resonates with the human capacity for denial about a reality we do not want to face.

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

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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 cost 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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### Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society

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