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

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The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed.¹⁻⁴ **“Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?”** The voting citizens in JO CO are basically split on the level of PSS they want, and are able, or want, to pay for. This split is not considered good or bad; it is considered a reflection on the citizens practicing their legitimate right to have differences of opinions when they vote.³

HJSEC’s ADEQUATE INFORMATION & ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY⁵⁻⁶ This educational brochure is an overview of the following elements of the adequate information methodology. Each element has its own brochure.

Br. III.G.	Adequate Information Methodology And Analysis Of Selected Facts, Standards and Authorities, Alternatives, Impacts
Br.III.G.1	Adequate Information & Analysis Methodology
Br.III.G.1.1	Information Is Understood Or Not (e.g., issue addressed, defined services, identifies which PSS will be funded and how much, etc.)
Br.III.G.1.2	Supporting Arguments Are Made Or Not
Br.III.G.1.2.1	Standard(s) of Review
Br.III.G.1.2.2	Applicable Evidence/Facts
Br.III.G.1.2.3	Primary References and Sources of Information
Br.III.G.1.3	Compliance With Standards Or Not

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.

5. Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee, HNA&HS. July 14 - September 2013. *Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue Scope Of Work*. Hugo, OR.

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An informed citizenry and informed decision-making need the facts. The decision-maker must explain the thresholds which apply to its actions and state how applicable standards and criteria have been satisfied. Adequate information is also the demonstration that the government is listening to the people by addressing in writing specific issues relevant to compliance with applicable approval standards and criteria that were raised by citizens.

Analysis Element 1. Information Is Understood Or Not The word “understood” means to get or perceive the meaning of; know or grasp what is meant by; comprehend as to *understand* a question; and specifically to understand a written statement. Understanding a written statement (i.e., word, phrase, sentence, paragraph, page, paper) includes the technical and legal meaning, and if a process how the process will be applied or implemented.

Analysis Element 2. Supporting Arguments Are Made Or Not The public decision-maker’s responsibility is not only providing information to the citizenry. He should also provide a statement, opinion, or conclusion with the PROS (supporting ideas) and CONS (opposing ideas) of an argumentative issue. He clearly takes a stand and writes as if he is trying to persuade an opposing audience to adopt new beliefs or behavior. The primary objective is to persuade people to change beliefs that many of them do not want to change.

Analysis Element 3. Standard(s) of Review The decision-maker must identify the relevant action and approval standards (i.e., standards and criteria).

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Analysis Element 4. Applicable Evidence/Facts The decision-maker must identify the evidence/facts relied upon to take action. The action must be “supported by substantial evidence in the whole record.”

Analysis Element 5. Primary References and Sources of Information Verifiability means that people reading the HJSEC’s educational brochures can check where the information comes and make their own determination if the references or sources are reliable. The HJSEC’s goal is not to try impose “the truth” on its readers, and does not ask that they trust something just because they read it in a HJSEC educational brochure. It does not ask for their trust. Its goal is to empower citizens through educational materials that can be checked in order for the neighbors to find their own truth. The most reliable sources are third-party, published sources with a reputation for fact-checking and accuracy. Source material must have been published; unpublished or confidential materials not available for public review are not considered reliable.

Compliance With Standards Or Not Compliance is a condition where a written explanation(s) is available how substantial evidence/facts lead to the conclusion that HJSEC’s adequate information analysis elements 1 - 5 are met, or are not satisfied.

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

6. Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee, HNA&HS. August 23 2013. Appendix A. *Adequate Information to Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue Scope Of Work*. Hugo, OR.