

## 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. They both failed.<sup>1-4</sup> **“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.<sup>3</sup>

### HJSEC’s ADEQUATE INFORMATION

**STANDARDS**<sup>6</sup> In its research the HJSEC will analyze and document selected available information on the JS&PSS issue and sub-issues for compliance with its adequate information standard and its five analysis elements (EI).

- Analysis EI 1. Information Is Understood Or Not
- Analysis EI 2. Supporting Arguments Are Made Or Not
- Analysis EI 3. Standard(s) of Review
- Analysis EI 4. Applicable Evidence/Facts
- Analysis EI 5. Primary Refs. & Sources of Information

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 (HJSEC), HNA&HS. August 22, 2013. *Adequate Information to Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue Scope Of Work*. Including Appendix A. Hugo, OR.

6. HJSEC, HNA&HS. September 9 2013. *Adequate Information & Analysis Methodology*. Hugo, OR.

## Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee (HJSEC)

**Adequate Information Standard**<sup>5-6</sup> An informed citizenry and informed decision-making need the facts and, to have and understand, the substantive standards and criteria that apply to a public action identified by the decision-maker. The decision-maker’s obligation is to ensure that its actions occur at a stage that provides opportunity for public participation. The decision-maker must also explain the thresholds (i.e., standards and criteria) 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. Where focused testimony raised legitimate concerns about the PSS issue or sub-issues, or compliance with a relevant approval standard or criterion, the local government’s proposals, actions, decisions, or findings must address such concerns.

**Adequate.** Satisfactory for a particular purpose.

1. As much or as good as necessary for some requirement or purpose; fully sufficient, suitable, or fit (i.e., This car is adequate to our needs; adequate food for fifty people).
2. Barely sufficient or suitable – Being adequate is not good enough.
3. Law. Reasonably sufficient for starting legal action: adequate grounds.

**Synonyms:** satisfactory, competent, sufficient, enough; capable.

## Information is Understood Or Not

**ANALYSIS ELEMENT 1. INFORMATION IS UNDERSTOOD OR NOT**<sup>5-6</sup> There are many different shades of understanding.

1. **To get or perceive the meaning of; know or grasp what is meant by; comprehend: to *understand* a question.**
2. To gather or assume from what is heard, known, etc.; infer: are we to *understand* that you want to go?
3. To take as meant or meaning; interpret: to *understand* his silence as refusal.
4. To take for granted or as a fact: it is *understood* that no one is to leave.
5. To supply mentally (an idea, word, etc.), as for grammatical completeness.
6. **To get as information; learn.**
7. **To know thoroughly; grasp or perceive clearly and fully the nature, character, functioning, etc.**
8. To have a sympathetic rapport with: no one *understands* me

For the HJSEC, the “understood or understand” is a combination of 1, 6, and 7 above. It means to get or perceive clearly the meaning of; know throughly or grasp what is meant by; and specifically to understand written communications. 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. Information (e.g., citizen ideas, JSPSS sub-issues, etc.) not in writing is a defacto “not understood conclusion” (i.e., you can not understand what is not shared).

**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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# ADEQUATE ANALYSIS: INFORMATION IS UNDERSTOOD OR NOT

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Justice System & Public Safety Services Series



*“The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew.”*

December 1, 1862 Annual Message to Congress --  
Concluding Remarks by Abraham Lincoln.

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