
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.¹⁻⁴

1. May 2012 JO CO-wide Measure 17 - 43, Criminal Justice System Operations Four Year Local Option Tax (i.e., \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 57 - 43 percent.
2. May 2013 JO CO-wide Measure 17 - 49, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Three Year Local Option Tax (i.e., \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 51 - 49 percent.

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS)¹⁻² The HNA&HS established the Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*). It did so because it believes that PSS are vital to the Hugo community and JO CO, and it views the JS&PSS issue as part of its mission of education in land use and history and *Protecting Our Community's Rural Quality of Life*. The mission of the *Exploratory Committee* is to independently research the JO CO JS&PSS issue and publicly provide its analysis through the web.

Objectives not proposed for the *Exploratory Committee* is for it to conclude there is a right or wrong answer or to recommend how the citizens should vote on any new ballot pertaining to the issue. Its mission is limited to educating citizens the best it can and sharing this information publicly.

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.

Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee (HJSEC)

Government Needs Support⁴ Up front the HNA&HS and the HJSEC support funding for a justice system, and, as necessary, that without new sources of revenue that we need to live within our means. It also believes government is a “good” necessary and not an “evil necessity” for PSS the individual does not have the capacity for, or the will to provide.

The Best Government Is Open & Transparent⁴ The HNA&HS also believes there is a high probability for another levy to be on a future ballot. It believes this is reasonable as we need PSS even though the form and the cost are a potential concern. So do we trust government? In general, yes we do and we demand accountability. Do not fail to set boundaries and hold people accountable, or you could feel used and mistreated.

Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee (HJSEC)^{2&6} This educational brochure is part of the HJSEC’s adequate information analysis. It is a analysis process based upon the HJSEC’s research. The conclusion of the process represents its findings (e.g., opinions, conclusions, recommendations, etc.) on compliance with its adequate information standards

“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

Adequate Information Analysis

HJSEC’s Adequate Information Standards⁶ In its research of the JS&PSS issue and sub-issues, the HJSEC will analyze and document selected available information on the JS&PSS issue for compliance with its adequate information standards.

Br.III.G.	Adequate Information & Analysis
Br.III.G.1	Information Is Understood Or Not
Br.III.G.2	Supporting Arguments Are Made Or Not
Br.III.G.2.1	Standard(s) of Review
Br.III.G.2.2	Applicable Evidence/Facts
Br.III.G.2.3	Primary References and Sources of Information
Br.III.G.3	Compliance With Standards Or Not

Adequate Information Educational Brochures⁷ The HJSEC believes that when compared with the total scope of work the educational brochures on adequate information will be relatively few, perhaps on some of the following sub-topics.

- Citizen Identified PSS
- PSS Costs & Level Of Services
- Rural Patrol
- Taxes
- Standards

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

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 2013. *Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue Scope Of Work*. Hugo, OR.

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

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