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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. They both failed. **“Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?”**

**Advocacy Groups: Pro, Con, & Neutral** What are advocacy groups?<sup>5</sup> Answer: groups supporting a cause or proposal. Effective advocates influence public policy, laws and budgets by using facts, their relationships, the media, and messaging to educate government officials and the public on the changes they want to bring.

The HJSEC initially identified the Grants Pass Chapter of John Birch Society as a result of taking a position on the JO CO JS&PSS issue in *The Grants Pass Daily Courier*.

### Grants Pass Chapter of John Birch Society

Description of basic info and philosophy of party.

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## Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee

### Position of Grants Pass Chapter of John Birch Society On JO CO JS&PSS Issue<sup>6,7</sup>



April 27, 2013. *Second Time  
Around for Law Enforcement  
Tax Measure*<sup>6</sup>

**Check Out Town Hall  
Meeting Tuesday On  
Measure 17.49**

*The Constitutional Party of Josephine County and the Grants Pass Chapter of the John Birch Society will host a town hall meeting about Measure 17.49 on Tuesday [April 30, 2013] at 6:30 p.m. in the Fruittale Grange at 1440 Parkdale drive, Grants Pass.*

*Measure 17.49 is a three-year local option tax meant to pay for local criminal justice and public safety services. The proposed tax rate is \$1.48 per 1,000 of assessed property value. If approved, it would generate about \$9.1 million for the Josephine County Jail, Juvenile Justice Center, District Attorney's Office, sheriff's patrols and civil services, court services, Animal Protection, and potentially school security resources. The issue comes to voters on May 21.*

*For details, call **Damon Mancuso at 541-291-3158** or Jack Brown at 541-659-4313.*

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## Grants Pass Chapter of John Birch Society

### *Opponents, Public Officials Square Off*<sup>7</sup>

*The Constitution Party of Josephine County and the Grants Pass Chapter of the John Birch Society hosted the event at the Fruittale Grange in Grants Pass to discuss a proposed three-year local option tax that could cost property owners \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed property value — about \$296 a year on a property assessed at \$200,000.*

*About 50 people came to the meeting to learn more about the measure, but when some in the crowd were more enthusiastic about making personal comments than posing questions to the panel, chairman of the Constitution Party of Oregon Jack Alan Brown Jr. cautioned that he didn't want the event "to be an open-air circus."*

*Sheriff Gil Gilbertson, Grants Pass City Councilor Mark Gatlin, and Josephine County Commissioners Keith Heck and Cherryl Walker spoke in support of the measure.*

*Recalled Josephine County Commissioner Sandi Cassanelli, videographer Dale Matthews and Jim Rafferty, owner of the business Hardwoods Plus and organizer of a political action committee called We're For A Constitutional Government, spoke in opposition of the tax.*

### **John Birch Society's Position On Measure 17.49??**

**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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### *Justice System Exploratory Committee*

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