

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?⁵ 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 *We're For A Constitutional Government PAC* advocacy group as a result of it taking a position on the JO CO JS&PSS issue in *The Grants Pass Daily Courier*.

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We're for A Constitutional Government, known as W4ACG, was founded by Jim Rafferty, 471-4941; Bill Hill 761-3954; and Kurt Ramme 474-2906. Part of W4ACG's mission statement follows.

"We will only support those measures that do not deprive us of our basic inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

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Position of W4ACG PAC On JO CO JS&PSS Issue^{6,7}

Opponents, Public Officials Square Off⁶

The Constitution Party of Josephine County and the Grants Pass Chapter of the John Birch Society hosted the event at the Fruitdale 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.

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We're For A Constitutional Government Political Action Committee (PAC)

*County Must Learn To Live Within Its Means*⁷ This quest opinion has a significant amount of information without room to quote here.

Once again, a property tax measure will be testing the endurance of Josephine County voters. This is the sixth time in 10 years that this issue has been presented to us. We voted "no" on it every time in the past and will have to vote "no" once again.

We believe there are numerous reasons to vote "no" on Measure 17.49. - summarize

There are also plenty of questions. - summarize.

W4ACG PAC's Position On Measure 17.49 is to vote no. Its rationale is that the measure deprives its members life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

True? How to tie this statement into reasons in guest opinion?

"To change the crippling influence of runaway bureaucracy is our foremost problem; and upon its solution depends the survival of the American way of life. The sheer bulk and range of government today, top-heavy, loose-jointed and running amuck with arbitrary powers, has become a suffocating restraint upon our whole economy." — From Lawrence Sullivan's book "The Dead Hand of Bureaucracy."

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

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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