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Letters to the Editor
Kevin Widdison, Editor
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Dear Kevin:

I submit the following letter to the editor.

The 2012 expiration of federal funding in Josephine County, used mostly for public safety services, resulted in the county proposing two tax levies as solutions. They both failed. Now we have another proposed levy.

Up front I support funding for a justice system, and, as necessary, that without new sources of revenue that we need to live within our means. I also believe government is a "good" necessity and not an "evil necessity" for public safety services the individual does not have the capacity for, or the will to provide.

From a public safety point of view, what works? What does not work? What backfires? I also wonder about potential sources of revenue other than the single property tax.

I have numerous questions about the justice system and public safety services (JS&PSS) as I believe that the JS&PSS issue not well understood. This is the issue the Hugo JS&PSS Committee is charged to address through research and sharing with its neighbors through the web.

Although the committee is just getting started, I figure this issue will be around long after this levy proposal is resolved with a decision, pro or con. I encourage the reader to check out the committee's web site, an answer to one of your questions might be there at <http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/justicesystemexploratorycommittee.htm>.

Sincerely,

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