

INTRO TO JUSTICE SYSTEM EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE'S *STUDY DESIGN*

(Public Outreach 1.4: December 15, 2015)

Web Page: *Justice System & Public Safety Services Study Design: 2015*
Justice System Exploratory Committee

Web Page: <http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/justicesystemexploratorycommittee.htm>



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JUSTICE SYSTEM EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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The Hugo Justice System & Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee's (JS&PSS Committee or Committee) was formed with a definition of its July 18, 2013 scope of work, *Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue Scope Of Work*. That year, and the next, it worked on understanding the issue, writing letters to the editor of The Grants Pass Daily Courier, and web publishing educational brochures on the issue.

- Hugo Justice System & Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee. Draft July 18, 2013. *Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue Scope Of Work* (Scope). Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

The 2012 expiration of federal SRS payments to JO CO, used mostly for public safety services, resulted in four county tax levies and one city sales tax as solutions. They all failed. However, there is a high probability for another levy and/or tax proposal to be on a future ballot. This is reasonable, as public safety services are needed, even though the form and the cost are issues.

1. **May 15, 2012 JO CO-wide Primary Election 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, Voter Turnout - Total 52.59%; 25,405 votes for Measure 17 - 43/ 49,561 registered voters = 51%.
2. **May 21, 2013 JO CO-wide Special Election 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, Voter Turnout - Total 51.97%; 26,331 votes for Measure 17 - 49/ 50,944 registered voters = 52%.
3. **May 20, 2014 JO CO-wide Primary Election Measure 17-59**, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Three Year Local Option Tax (i.e., \$1.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 53 - 48 percent, Voter Turnout - Total 56.51%; 27,991 votes for Measure 17 - 59/ 50,655 registered voters = 55%.
4. **May 19, 2015 JO CO-wide Special Election Measure 17-66**, For Patrol, Jail, Shelter of Abused Youth; Five Year Levy (i.e., \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 54 - 46 Percent, Voter Turnout - Total 50.65%; 25,824 votes for Measure 17 - 59/ 51,143 registered voters = 51%.
5. **November 3, 2015 Grants Pass City-wide Special Election Measure 17-67** 2 Percent Sales Tax for City Public Safety and Criminal Justice Services, failed 78 - 22 Percent.

After the 2th levy failure in as many years, the JS&PSS Committee asked the question, "What can we do to shed some light on the issues?" Members of the Committee believed that the first important step was the identification of the preliminary issues for why the levies failed. The reasons for the levy failures were complex and unknown as facts. However, it is believed that the identification of citizen problems/ issues is the most important step in developing a successful *Study Design*.

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The purpose of *Study Design*, the proposed JS&PSS study grant, and *Study* is to provide grass roots opportunities, for JO CO citizens for active citizen involvement (CI), accessibility to information, and education, to better understand the JS&PSS issue, which is partially driven by the history of revenue sharing from the federal government.