

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED?**  
*in the*  
***Justice System & Public Safety Services Study Design: 2015***

**Hugo JS&PSS Exploratory Committee**  
**Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society**



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Interested in becoming involved in the *Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) Study Design: 2015* (see “Arguments For Supporting Study Design” for more information)? We would like to consider your application to get involved if you believe in the following factors.

1. Core Beliefs of the JS&PSS Exploratory Committee
2. Purpose of Study Design
3. Uniqueness of Study
4. Citizen Decision-Makers

Do you believe in the core beliefs of the Hugo JS&PSS Exploratory Committee? These core beliefs are the foundation for our interest and volunteer work on the JS&PSS problem/issue.

- Freedom of speech and the right to vote.
- All citizens, voters, and votes are legitimate.
- Fair Representation.

Do you believe in the purpose of the proposed JS&PSS Study which is to provide grass roots opportunities to Josephine County (JO CO) citizens for active citizen involvement (CI), accessibility to information and education, and to better understand the JS&PSS Issue as the decision-makers?

There are substantial differences between Oregon counties in terms of their geographic and demographic characteristics, historic crime rates, willingness to tolerate certain levels of crime, and past and present funding of various public safety services. Given these, and other, substantial differences, understanding how to determine whether Josephine County is providing a “minimally adequate public safety services” base is a difficult task indeed.

Just as important are purposes that are not part of the Study. The purpose of the Study is NOT to recommend an alternative or a decision for citizens of JO CO and/or county government. It is to inventory the public identified: issues, affected conditions, range of alternatives, and the impacts of each alternative evaluated by condition indicators and standards. The Study will not have a proposed action, preferred alternative, environmentally preferred alternative, citizen alternative, government alternative, or recommended decision. It will have a range of alternative actions identified by the public.

Do you believe in the significant unique decision-maker differences between the proposed JS&PSS Study and the usual major information/impact study? A few differences follow (see “Arguments For Supporting Study Design” for more differences; Appendix B).

- Study Design flows from “public” identified issues, affected conditions, alternatives, and impact standards.
- Study purpose is limited to investigating, researching, and evaluating the JS&PSS Issue.
- Non-political: Study will not be used in politics in the sense of lobbying for a particular outcome (e.g., Study will not make evaluations of proposals or alternatives as to right or wrong, make recommendations to the citizens on how to vote, etc.).
- The end result of the Study is information for informed public decision-making, not a decision by the government.

Do you believe in a Study whose approach relies on citizens to provide insight about how to identify and manage problems and formulate their own goals and solutions for the future? It emphasizes the importance of citizens being the decision-making body that decides its future. As active participants, people at the grassroots level gain ownership of JS&PSS information processes and become "stakeholder" decision-makers in the solutions.

We are very interested in sharing our ideas if you believe in the above four factors. Please telephone or write us if interested and we will schedule an information meeting.

Sincerely,

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## **Web References For *Justice System & Public Safety Services Study Design: 2015***

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#### ***Justice System & Public Safety Services Study Design: 2015***

- Arguments For Supporting Study Design
- Interested In Becoming Involved?
- Publicly Identified Problems/Issues
- Publicly Identified Range of Alternative Solutions
  
- Appendices to Study Design
  - Appendix A. Issues
  - Appendix A1. Being Heard
  - Appendix A2. All Values Are Legitimate
  - Appendix A3. Measures Representing Public Opinion
  - Appendix A3.1. Letters To The Editor As A Measure Of Crime Salience
  - Appendix A3.2. Content Analysis Writing@CSU

#### **Authority: 2013 *Justice System & Public Safety Services Issue Scope Of Work***

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