

**Letters To The Editor: 2012**  
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**Letters-To-The-Editor (LTTE)**

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The following approximate 800 LTTE published in *The Grants Pass Daily Courier* (TGPDC) were researched and identified by the JS&PSS Exploratory Committee. They represent a dedicated effort to read and collect all LTTE from January 1, 2012 - November 7, 2015 as of December 1, 2015. However, they are not considered comprehensive in the sense that they represent all LTTE published in the TGPDC on the public safety issue. The Committee's gut is that they represent 90% - 95% of all LTTE on Josephine County's Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) Problem/Issue for the study's time frame.

<b>2012</b>	<b>169 LTTE (full year)</b> - This document.
2013	163 LTTE (full year)
2014	164 LTTE (full year)
2015	<u>336 LTTE</u> (January 1 - November 7, 2015)
<b>Total</b>	<b>832 LTTE</b>

A simple overview analysis is that the number of LTTE for the years, 2012, 2013, and 2014 are remarkably similar being over 160 LTTE, and within 5 LTTE of each other.

At 336 LTTE, the year 2015 had twice as many LTTE as the other years, but also had two tax measures on the ballot that year. Divide 336 LTTE by two ballot measures and you get 168 (336/2 = 168), so close to the other years as to be almost uncanny. Using this simple approach finds all 4 years and 5 sets of LTTE addressing 5 ballots having the same remarkably similarity of being within 5 LTTE of each other.

## Letter-To-Editor In The Grants Pass Daily Courier, Grants Pass, Oregon: 2012

- Dec. 17, 2012. Bruce Wilson. *Gilbertson Fails to Do His Job on Recent Accident*  
Dec. 19, 2012. Stephen Shepherd. *Looks like the Fix Is in for a Joco Property Tax*  
Dec. 19, 2012. Susan Conley. *Mass Shooting Reminder We Need Law Enforcement*  
Dec. 22, 2012. Averill Cavaunish. *Time for Some New Ideas on Public Safety in*  
Dec. 27, 2012. Larry Carpenter. *Critics of Sheriff Have Unrealistic Expectations*
- Nov. 14, 2012. Stan Long. *Time to Consider Merging Law Enforcement in Area*  
Nov. 7, 2012. Roxann Brunner. *Government Lives like Royalty on Work of Serfs*
- Oct. 2, 2012. Joe Peters. *Fed up with Government Asking for More Money*  
Oct. 9, 2012. James P. Harrigan. *If You Don't Want Another Levy, Vote 'Yes' on 17.45*  
Oct. 11, 2012. Georglyn K. Lamphier. *Vote 'Yes' on 17.45 and Take Back Our Community*  
Oct. 27, 2012. Tony Corriea. *Commissioners Should Find Ways to Save Money*
- Sep. 4, 2012. Chuck Closterman. *Don't Pay Taxes but Miss Taking Care of Ourselves*  
Sep. 8, 2012. Robert B. Freedle. *County Needs More Cash and a Lot less Criticism*  
Sep. 10, 2012. Vivian Kirkpatrick-Pilger. *Jo County the Big Loser in the Recall of Cassanelli*  
Sep. 17, 2012. Gary Swanson. *Let's Try Again to Pass Levy for Criminal Justice*  
Sep. 20, 2012. Dana Redmond. *Law Followers May Move as Gangs Relocate Here*  
Sep. 25, 2012. Mark Seligman. *Write in Seligman for Commissioner, Position 3*  
Sep. 26, 2012. Dennis Rasmussen. *Non-voters Should Join Work for Benefit of All*
- Aug. 4, 2012. William C. Cook. *Tough to Fault the Sheriff on 'Transparency' Issue*  
Aug. 7, 2012. Tony Guillory. *Deputy Shooting Relates to Inadequate Funding*  
Aug. 17, 2012. T. W. Scott. *Small-log Sawmill Won't Solve Financial Woes*  
Aug. 24, 2012. Laura Barlow. *She's Willing to Pay Tax, Even Though Levy Failed*
- Jul. 2, 2012. Wilson L. Clow Jr. *People Need to Realize We Are Not Safe from Crime*  
Jul. 3, 2012. Diane Provolt. *'Catch and Release' Isn't What We Want Advertised*  
Jul. 4, 2012. Jack Wood. *Murphy's Levy Vote Idea a Complete Joke*  
Jul. 7, 2012. Linda Ranger. *County Property Owners Not Falling for Scare Blitz*  
Jul. 10, 2012. Suzanne Lavine. *A Fee or Tax on Hotel, Restaurant Bills Needed*  
Jul. 13, 2012. Pamela Bick. *Levy Supporter Opposes Footing County Expenses*  
Jul. 13, 2012. Bruce Short. *Higher Taxes Would Go to Pay for Needed Services*  
Jul. 17, 2012. Mike Dowell. *Henner's Opinion Biased Related to Police Merger*  
Jul. 19, 2012. Martha Murphy. *This City Resident Pays for Area's Public Safety*  
Jul. 19, 2012. Jeff Habermehl. *Joco Rangers Could Be Law Enforcement Arm*  
Jul. 20, 2012. Leonard G. Wilson. *Catch and Release Thing Is Not Working out in Joco*  
Jul. 23, 2012. Bill Bonville. *Spending Priorities List for \$4.66m County Payment*  
Jul. 30, 2012. Ralph Trigo. *A Little Food for Thought on Issues in the Region*
- Jun. 1, 2012. Debbie Wayman. *Sky Did Not Fall after Tax Levy Went down in Flames*  
Jun. 1, 2012. Ronald Cook. *Tax Levy Was Grossly Not Fair for Us in Josephine County*

Jun. 1, 2012. Steve Johnson. *All County Departments Need to Take the Same Hit*  
 Jun. 1, 2012. Gil Gilbertson, Sheriff. *Sheriff: Our Priorities Are Absolutely Clear in Area*  
 Jun. 2, 2012. Gary Bean. *Property Owners Are Easy Targets to Pick on Here*  
 Jun. 4, 2012. Dennis D. James. *The Bill for Lawlessness Is Going to Come Due for Us*  
 Jun. 5, 2012. C. McConnell. *County Just Lost 70 Hard-working Citizens*  
 Jun. 5, 2012. Jeff Habermehl. *Well-presented Sales Tax Could Solve County Woes*  
 Jun. 6, 2012. Janet C. Bell. *Citizens Need to Voice Public Safety Concerns*  
 Jun. 6, 2012. Bernie Conrad. *Levy's Failure Reveals a Distrust in Government*  
 Jun. 7, 2012. Catherine A. Swift. *Endangered Species Act a Bad Deal for Josephine County*  
 Jun. 8, 2012. Mark Kelso. *Fix Justice System with Volunteers, Restructuring*  
 Jun. 8, 2012. Al Vrooman. *Services Cut Instead of Enacting Prosperity Plan*  
 Jun. 9, 2012. Rycke Brown. *Looking for a Clean and Orderly, Well-policed City*  
 Jun. 9, 2012. Ernie Coffman. *Property Tax 'No' Voters Need to Suggest Solution*  
 Jun. 9, 2012. Marc Holder. *Local Property Tax Issue Is a Head Banging Affair*  
 Jun. 11, 2012. Jerry Larson. *Contract with Donors Is a Way to Solve Levy Issue*  
 Jun. 12, 2012. Becky Thomas. *Address Real Problems with Money, Government*  
 Jun. 13, 2012. Cheryl Bean. *Landlords Couldn't Pass along Entire Levy Cost*  
 Jun. 14, 2012. Tony Mantle. *Public Employee Benefits Are Unsustainable for Us*  
 Jun. 15, 2012. Larry West. *Levy Failure Could Be Devastating to Hospital*  
 Jun. 15, 2012. Jake Schmidt. *'No' Voters Not Required to Come up with Solution*  
 Jun. 16, 2012. Armin Wolff. *Law Enforcement, Public Safety Should Come First*  
 Jun. 19, 2012. Bill Kangas. *Stop Talking about Levy; Find Alternatives Instead*  
 Jun. 20, 2012. Deette Roberg. *Many Who Voted 'No' Just Struggling to Get by*  
 Jun. 22, 2012. Robert Bennett. *Private Sector Employees out of Money, Patience*  
 Jun. 25, 2012. Bill Conklin. *A County Sales Tax Could Provide Financial Relief*  
 Jun. 26, 2012. Craig Hicks. *Unify Law Enforcement, Education, Fire Services*  
 Jun. 27, 2012. Carol Dickson. *Environmental Extremists, Not 'No' Voters, to Blame*  
 Jun. 28, 2012. Bob Bath. *Truancy Courts Help Keep Students, Parents in Line*  
 Jun. 28, 2012. Bud Fuller. *Two-tier Taxing Proposal Could Help Jo County*  
 Jun. 29, 2012. Robert Thomas. *Murphy Tax Proposal Flawed*  
 Jun. 29, 2012. David J. Kalvelage. *We Need to Use Timber Resource More Effectively*

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 May 2, 2012. Harry T. Mackin. *We Need to Approve Levy to Retain Independence*  
 May 3, 2012. Jim Finley. *Overburdened Property Owners Digging Too Deep*  
 May 4, 2012. Gary Swanson. *On Behalf of the Jccrb*  
 May 4, 2012. Shelley Lynn Jones. *Loss of JO CO Jobs Hurts Economy, Community*  
 May 4, 2012. Gil Gilbertson, Sheriff. *Voters' Pamphlet Has False Levy Information*  
 May 5, 2012. Joe W. Henner. *Both City, County Folks Lose If Levy Fails May 15*  
 May 5, 2012. Susan Stone. *County Needs Solutions, Not Slogans at this Time*  
 May 5, 2012. C. McBride. *Tough Times Require That Fat Is Cut from Budgets*  
 May 5, 2012. Calvin M. Losh. *Levy Opponents Standing on Shaky Ground in Joco*  
 May 7, 2012. Carmen L. Warren. *Don't Push Self-destruct Button, Vote 'Yes' on Levy*  
 May 7, 2012. John Pascale. *A Definitive 'No' Vote on Joco Property Tax Levy*

May 7, 2012. Scott Holsworth. *Voting Against Property Tax Levy Is Roll of the Dice*  
 May 8, 2012. Mark Seligman. *Seligman Touts Unique Positions as Candidate*  
 May 8, 2012. Dr. Steven Marshak. *Doctor Thinks of Children When Weighing Levy Vote*  
 May 8, 2012. Diane Mead, Ltte. *Some Can't Afford Levy, Even If They Support it*  
 May 8, 2012. Melissa Lombardo. *Compare Cost of Justice to Prices of Latte, Cable*  
 May 9, 2012. Katie Curtis. *Family Living with Fear Needs Justice Levy Votes*  
 May 9, 2012. Carl A. Raskin. *Give Sheriff What He Needs to Do His Job*  
 May 10, 2012. Darren Calvert *Voting 'Yes' on Property Tax Is a Vote for Family*  
 May 11, 2012. John Scholfield. *Lack of Protection? We Have That Already*  
 May 11, 2012. Phil Wandtke. *Renters Will Be Affected by Tax Levy Increase, Too*  
 May 11, 2012. Maurice Hackett. *Government Greed Behind Property Tax Hike Request*  
 May 14, 2012. Craig Johnson. *County Can't Afford to Not Approve Property Tax Levy*  
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 May 15, 2012. Steve Shepherd. *No Cost-of-living Hikes If Our County Is Broke*  
 May 15, 2012. Terry Soeteber. *Pass the Levy and Keep Trained People Working*  
 May 16, 2012. Leonard G. Wilson, Ltte. *Attempt to Beautify Part of Darneille Lane Failing*  
 May 18, 2012. Randy Cort. *America Has Never Been, Never Will Be a Democracy*  
 May 18, 2012. Jim Jensen. *Embarrassing That Only 51 Percent Cast Ballots*  
 May 18, 2012. Stan Firestone. *Hard to Believe Anyone Would Vote No on Levy*  
 May 19, 2012. Dana Redmond. *Voters Failed County with 'No' Vote on Tax Proposal*  
 May 19, 2012. M. Smith. *We Backed County into a Financial Corner Again*  
 May 21, 2012. Sherry Crump. *Lots of Blame to Spread for Not Securing Future*  
 May 22, 2012. Harry E. Abrams. *May Those Who Opposed Levy Need Justice System*  
 May 23, 2012. Melissa Bear. *Vote Against Levy Was Not in Residents' Best Interest*  
 May 25, 2012. David Strutz. *Taxpayers Need Lean and Mean Sheriff's Protection*  
 May 26, 2012. Bill Bonville. *'Pay Themselves' Isn't the Right Mentality for Joco*  
 May 28, 2012. Joe Peters. *Accept the Fact Property Tax Levy Was Defeated*  
 May 28, 2012. Ken Mead. *Need to Know What the Priorities Are in County*  
 May 29, 2012. Roy Lindsay. *Levy Detractors Absent When Solutions Sought*  
 May 29, 2012. Erna Ruben. *Understand, Not Judge, Votes Against Tax Boost*  
 May 29, 2012. R. Laplante. *Run Justice System with Donations, Volunteers*  
 May 30, 2012. Bill Wright. *Deepest Budget Cuts Going to Most Important*

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 Apr. 6, 2012. Phyllis Ray. *Gilbertson Gets It, but the Commissioners Don't*  
 Apr. 9, 2012. Holly Bridges. *Coming out in Support of County Property Tax Levy*  
 Apr. 9, 2012. K. David Smith. *We Do Not Need to Inflict More Pain on Ourselves*  
 Apr. 10, 2012. Elizabeth Hirni. *Don't Become Victim to Levy Misconceptions*  
 Apr. 10, 2012. Gerard Fitzgerald. *Same Opinion Applies to Horse Racing, Safety Levy*  
 Apr. 11, 2012. Connie Roach. *Safety Levy Objections out of Touch with Reality*  
 Apr. 12, 2012. Dr. Felicia Cohen. *Property Tax Levy Is Well Worth the Investment*  
 Apr. 12, 2012. Christy Hodge. *We Cannot Keep Living on Handouts in this County*  
 Apr. 13, 2012. G. Schulte. *Safety Levy Proposal Needs to Be Reworked*  
 Apr. 13, 2012. Erin Smith-Mateja. *Local Criminal Justice Levy Worth Every Penny*  
 Apr. 14, 2012. Jim Morris. *Passing the Levy a Good Move for Public Safety*

Apr. 16, 2012. Michael Schneyder. *Law and Order Is Not Free; We must Pay for Service*

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Apr. 18, 2012. Kris Gleisner. *Patron-supported Jcl Holding Spring Drive*

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Apr. 20, 2012. Richard "Dick" Smith. *Freedom Doesn't Mean You Get Things for Free*

Apr. 21, 2012. Marla Lombardo. *Levy Is Going to Hurt, but the Alternative Is Worse*

Apr. 21, 2012. C. Warren. *Takings Deputies off the Streets Would Be Unwise*

Apr. 24, 2012. Steve Ware. *Levy Letter Overestimated Percent of Tax Increase*

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Apr. 26, 2012. Alan Koebrick. *Commissioner Hopeful Has Plan B If Levy Fails*

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Apr. 28, 2012. Laird Funk. *His Levy Vote Dependent on Sheriff's Pot Priorities*

Apr. 28, 2012. Craig Hicks. *Merger of City and Sheriff Forces Could Save Money*

Apr. 28, 2012. Wilson Clow. *12-gauge Shotgun Helps Resident Sleep at Night*

Apr. 28, 2012. Marilyn Arnold. *Pass-the-buck Politicians Are Ruining Things for Us*

Apr. 30, 2012. Dan M. Runyon. *County Can Not Afford to Lose Sheriff's Deputies*

  

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Mar. 2, 2012. Bill Wisswell. *He'll Vote No on Tax Levy, Because of Work on Ditch*

Mar. 7, 2012. H. Ray Myers. *County Folks Shouldn't Look to City for Bailout*

Mar. 9, 2012. Jeff Wolf. *Passing Criminal Justice Levy Would Be a Bargain*

Mar. 13, 2012. William Hill. *County Can Cut Expenses Instead of Imposing Taxes*

Mar. 15, 2012. Marilyn Arnold. *Powerful Unions Need to Do More for the Children*

Mar. 23, 2012. Tony Corriea. *A Call to Vote 'No' on the Property Tax Levy in May*

Mar. 28, 2012. Peree Peterson. *Commissioners Should Not Need to Hike Taxes*

Mar. 28, 2012. G. Henderson. *Plan B for a Property Tax Levy Would Be Good Idea*

Mar. 31, 2012. Frank Schneider. *Passing Property Tax Levy Beats Alternative for Joco*

  

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Feb. 22, 2012. Mark Kelso. *Dreaming up Lots of Ways to Waste Taxpayer Money*

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Feb. 25, 2012. John Taft. *County Needs to Get Rid of Unions If it Wants Levy*

Feb. 25, 2012. Nancy Bradley. *Potential Tax Increase Is a Tough Thing to Swallow*

  

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Jan. 17, 2012. Murl Ming. *House Prisoners in Barn, Sell off Land If No O&C*

Jan. 25, 2012. Liz Medley. *Joco Libraries Deserving of Our Continued Support*