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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.

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

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.

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- December 14, 2013 James Cox. *Safety Lacks As County Spends On Other Things.*
December 12, 2013 Robert Thomas. *Studies Don't Prove Dam Removal Was Necessary.*
December 10, 2013 Dale Matthews. *Readers Can Measure Story Values Themselves.*
- November 17, 2013 Helon Howard. *Short-Term Logging Fix May Destroy Area Beauty.*
November 13, 2013 Nancy Bradley. *Pickup Purchase Proof Safety Levy Not Needed.*
November 12, 2013 Robert Thomas. *Use County Lottery, Not Taxes, To Fund Safety.*
November 6, 2013 Alfred Medley. *It Would Be Nice To See A Low-Key Forestry Debate.*
November 6, 2013 Erna Buben. *Saying 'No' Only Hope Against Our Government.*
November 6, 2013 Brenda Bollet. *Send Message That Crime Will Not Be Tolerated.*
November 6, 2013 Burt Eikleberry. *Shipley's Column A Well-Written Eye-Opener.*
November 5, 2013 Joe Peters. *GP Public Safety Levy Has Indeed Increased.*
November 3, 2013 Judy Reynolds. *Animal Shelter In Need Of Any Kind Of Help.*
- October 31, 2013. Mary Thornton. *Public Safety A Bargain While Other Costs Go Up.*
October 30, 2013. Misty Thornton. *Grants Pass Residents Choose City For Reason.*
October 30, 2013. Mark Kelso. *City Squandered Money, So Don't Give It More.*
October 30, 2013. Nancy Klapatch. *Celebrate Fairgrounds Or Watch It Disappear At 100.*
October 29, 2013. Damon Mancuso. *It's An Easy Election: Vote 'No' On Everything.*
October 29, 2013. Terry Lee Reid. *We'll Have Money If You Eliminate Greedy Unions.*
October 27, 2013. Jim Williams. *Levy Passage Will Invite More Reckless Spending.*
October 27, 2013. Laurel Samson. *Check The Facts And Vote 'Yes' On Public Safety Levy.*
October 24, 2013. Lisa Holloman. *GP Resident Thankful 911 Service Was Available.*
October 24, 2013. Julie James. *Many Reasons To Vote 'Yes' On Safety Levy.*
October 23, 2013. Ferris Simpson. *100 Percent Of The Levy Will Pay For Public Safety.*
October 23, 2013. Dorothy Davis. *Can We Be Sure Money Will Fund Public Safety.*
October 22, 2013. Rick Riker. *Support Is Needed For GP Public Safety Levy.*
October 22, 2013. Jerry Leagield. *Know All Of The Facts On The Local Safety Levy.*
October 17, 2013. Richard Michelin. *Parks Not Part Of City's Discretionary Spending.*
October 17, 2013. Midge Renton. *GP Public Safety Levy Worth The Investment.*
October 16, 2013. Jeff Rogers. *Nuisance Measure Have Hole In Neighbor Safety.*
October 15, 2013. Mark Seligman. *Out Elected Officials Just Can't Be Trusted.*
October 15, 2013. Mattnew James. *Voting 'Yes' On Public Safety Levy Makes Sense.*
October 11, 2013. W. A. Patrick. *Commissioners Failing To Protect Property Rights.*
October 11, 2013. Roy Lindsay. *Police Ride-A-Long An Eye-Opening Experience.*
October 8, 2013. Robert Haglund. *Your Gun Doesn't Give Protection To Everyone.*
October 3, 2013. Mark Rapley. *Value Of Police, Fire Is Having Help Available.*
- September 27, 2013. C. Beausoleil. *Say 'No' To Public Land Plan, 'Yes' To Flat Tax.*
September 26, 2013. Jon Jordan. *GP Residents Should Back Public Safety Levy.*
September 12, 2013. Robert Locher III. *Recent Tragedy Shows Need Of Law Enforcement.*

September 10, 2013. Janet Walker. *Forest Management Should Be Left To Experts.*

September 8, 2013. Mitzi Carpenter. *Won't Vote For Any Tax Hike Because Of New Car.*

September 8, 2013. Gordon Langenbeck. *County Should Chase Foreclosure Dollars.*

September 5, 2013. Munroe Crutchley. *Public Agencies Offered No Help With Problem Box.*

August 30, 2013. Brenda Bollet. *Plenty Of Ways To Save Money On Jail Costs.*

August 29, 2013. Ralph Trigo. *County Resident Believes He Pays Enough Taxes.*

August 27, 2013. Sandi Larsen. *Inaction Behind Lack Of Animal Control Support.*

August 23, 2013. Greg Anderson. *Government Vengefully Takes Away Services.*

August 23, 2013. Virginia Meadows. *Thanks For Saving Life.*

August 22, 2013. Jeannie Southwick. *He's Already Paying His Fair Share, So He Voted No.*

August 22, 2013. Linda D. Smith. *Outraged At Treatment Of Pfc. Bradley Manning.*

August 21, 2013. H. Ray Myers. *Loggers Being Replaced With Potheads In Oregon.*

August 21, 2013. Al Hammersley. *Sales Tax Key To Funding Criminal Justice System.*

August 14, 2013. Bob Anderson. *Wildland firefighters Have It Harder Than City Crews.*

August 14, 2013. Larry West. *Listening To Naysayers Has Hurt Our Community.*

August 14, 2013. Marie C. Neder. *Donated Earrings Made Auctioned Piece Special.*

August 14, 2013. Duke Lyons. *We All Should Foot The Bill To Pay For Services.*

July 14, 2013. Darryl L. Dickerson. *Innovative Thinking Can Help Solve Funding Woes.*

July 14, 2013. Scott Allan Draper. *Wrong Questions Being Asked About Our County.*

June 13, 2013. Melissa Bear. *Federal Lawmakers Fail To Come Clean With Citizens.*

June 13, 2013. Lynne Vanderlinden. *Timber Counties In A Bad Position With Public Safety.*

June 13, 2013. Roy Widrig. *One Potential Solution To Criminal Justice Saga.*

June 13, 2013. Maxine Updike. *They're Retired, But Still Vote For Safety, Schools.*

June 13, 2013. Bart Van Syoc. *Voters Should Decide The Level Of Funding For The Jail.*

June 6, 2013. Jason Hadick. *Time For Commissioners To Come To Their Senses.*

June 6, 2013. Lorna Marona. *Failed Public Safety Tax Is Bad For Property Values.*

June 6, 2013. Mike Seyboldt. *Jail Not The Only Answer For Punishing Criminals.*

June 6, 2013. Daniel C. Martin. *Memorial Day Parade Not Right For Some People.*

June 6, 2013. Sue Fahey. *Time To Take Hard Look At Public Safety In County.*

June 2, 2013. Charlene Hauch. *Use Volunteer Retirees Instead Of Taking Money.*

June 2, 2013. Norma Matthews. *People Should Pay For Services Such As Safety.*

June 2, 2013. Andy Schnatz. *Massive Traffic Fines Could Fund Police.*

June 2, 2013. Mark Coffman. *Sheriff Should Serve Only those Who Send Money.*

June 2, 2013. Kenneth Quattlander. *Folks Already Donate To Provide Public Services.*

May 31, 2013. Craig Hicks. *Put More Thought Into Any Future Levy Attempt.*

May 31, 2013. Robert "Bud" Fuller. *County Residents Should Pay For Own Services.*

May 31, 2013. David Sruz. *Split Law Enforcement Services For City, County.*

May 31, 2013. Gil Gilbertson. *Sheriff Shares Thoughts On Donations, Solutions.*

May 30, 2013. Wayne Packwood. *GOP Impeachment Talk Missing In Bush Era.*
 May 30, 2013. Carol Dickson. *Levy Failure May Mean New Structure Needed.*
 May 30, 2013. Jim Broeffle. *Voters Make Case For Change In County Name.*
 May 30, 2013. Charlotte Hutt. *This Area Could Learn From Skagit County.*
 May 30, 2013. Heidi A. Simpson. *Those Who Benefitted In Past Must Think Of Future.*
 May 28, 2013. David Smith. *'No' Is Not the Answer to Public Safety Crisis*
 May 26, 2013. Rob Pell. *City Funds Should Be Used To Help The County.*
 May 26, 2013. Joan Diefenderfer. *Political Reasons Fuel Reactions On Many Issues.*
 May 26, 2013. Dennis Capshaw. *Auxillary Deputies Could Help Ease Staffing Woes.*
 May 24, 2013. Wayland Rumble. *'Yes' Voters Should Send Money to the Sheriff*
 May 24, 2013. Steve Ware. *Vote 'No' Crowd Should Show Us a Workable Plan*
 May 22, 2013. Debbie Green. *Not Enough Money, Time To Help Save the County.*
 May 22, 2013. Josie Anderson. *Please Take Time To Learn More About Epilepsy.*
 May 22, 2013. Nancy Klapatch. *Time To Step Up, Support Jo County Fairgrounds.*
 May 22, 2013. Sharlene Anderson. *Scandals Give Clear View Of Administration's Failures.*
 May 22, 2013. Dawn Richardson. *Assault Rifles Were Made To Be Used By The Military.*
 May 22, 2013. Michele Cazares. *Be Aware Of Activities That Make Crime Easier.*
 May 21, 2013. Brent Howell. *Thoughts Support Not Boosting Taxes with Levy*
 May 19, 2013. Cliff Kuhlman. *Measure Would Show GP's Pride In Education.*
 May 19, 2013. Jim Gurley. *Voting Down Safety Levy Will Cost In Other Ways.*
 May 19, 2013. Glenn Salo. *Veteran Urges Support For Criminal Justice Levy.*
 May 19, 2013. Robert Thomas. *Vote Against Levy; GP Needs Its Own System.*
 May 17, 2013. Darin Fowler. *GP Mayor Urging 'Yes' Vote For Safety's Sake.*
 May 17, 2013. Vicki Taylor. *Citizens Can Be Recruited To Help With Enforcing Law.*
 May 17, 2013. Dorothy Davis. *Wont' Sacrifice House Over Poor Budgeting.*
 May 17, 2013. Ralph J. Henningsen. *Environmentalists Should Stop Working Against Us.*
 May 16, 2013. James Warriner. *Undecided Voter Dislikes Directionless Negativity.*
 May 16, 2013. Del & Linda Burgess. *Lowering Pay Would Fix County's Money Problem.*
 May 16, 2013. Charles Mould. *Letter Writers Missed Some Important Points.*
 May 16, 2013. Dave Strahan. *Vote For Change In Race For Three Rivers Schools.*
 May 16, 2013. Leslie Meier. *School Board Needs Trio Familiar With Education.*
 May 16, 2013. Sandra LaPlante. *Tax Distinction Needed; Is Sheriff Trustworthy?*
 May 15, 2013. Robert Broadhead. *America Needs To Get Its Ducks In A Row – Quick.*
 May 15, 2013. Darryl Dickerson. *Taxation Without Benefit Of Representation in JoCo.*
 May 15, 2013. Toni Webb. *GP School District Needs To Spend Money Wisely.*
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 May 12, 2013. Ron Dez. *For Those Eager To Pay More Tax, Go Right Ahead.*
 May 12, 2013. Dr. Felicia Cohen. *Let's Make This County The Toughest On Criminals.*
 May 12, 2013. Steve G. Nelson. *Beware: GMO Crops Aren't What You Think.*
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 May 10, 2013. Jay Heber. *At Least City Residents Get Services To Warrant Rates.*
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 May 8, 2013. Fred H. Keller Jr. *We Need Imagination in Place of Hiking Our Taxes*
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 May 7, 2013. Lynne Vanderlinden. *Timber A Resource We Should Take Advantage Of.*
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 May 4, 2013. Jim Woods. *Standing up for Criminal Justice System in Joco*
 May 4, 2013. Tom & Debra Wilson. *No Passing the Tax Buck from These Area Landlords*
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 Apr. 25, 2013. Art & Kia Mcqueary. *Spend Money on Justice Taxes or Lose it to Crime*
 Apr. 25, 2013. Roy Lindsay. *Voting 'No' on Measure Only Helps the Criminals*
 Apr. 25, 2013. Pat Bath. *Support Levy to Prevent State from Taking Over*
 Apr. 25, 2013. Billy Cox, Ltte. *Levy Supporters Block Traffic, Won't Get Money*
 Apr. 25, 2013. Robert "Bud" Fuller, *Don't Ask City Residents to Fund County Cousins*
 Apr. 24, 2013. Marilyn Arnold. *Raising Taxes Is Always Picking the Easy Route*
 Apr. 23, 2013. Ralph Trigo. *Many Ways to Add Money Besides Raising Our Taxes*
 Apr. 23, 2013. Archie Lidey. *Why Don't We Have Any 'Vote Yes' Signs?*
 Apr. 20, 2013. William West. *Solutions Should Come from Locals, Not State*
 Apr. 19, 2013. Johanna Brown. *Levy Won't Hurt Heck as Much as Many Others*
 Apr. 18, 2013. Stephen Shepherd. *State Should Let Locals Pick Tax, Service Levels*
 Apr. 12, 2013. Jack Swift. *Ordinances Would Set up Kangaroo Court in County*
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 Apr. 4, 2013. Eric Hendrix. *Throwing Money Around Won't Fix Our Problems*
 Apr. 3, 2013. Steve Vorberg. *Few Have Reason to Not Support Law Enforcement*

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 Mar. 28, 2013. Larry West. *Commissioners Failing on Economic Development*
 Mar. 13, 2013. Elizabeth Hirni. *Quality of Life at Stake If We Don't Pass Levy*
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Feb. 22, 2013. Steve E. Johnson. *Wanting All or Nothing a Proven, Failed Strategy*
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Feb. 4, 2013. Dorothy Davis. *Sheriff Gilbertson Is Neck Deep in Political Rhetoric*

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Jan. 29, 2013. T. Kendall. *County Leaders must Find*
Jan. 24, 2013. Susan Conley. *Tax Levy Proposal Should Include Sheriff Patrols*
Jan. 16, 2013. J. Marcus. *Burden of Failed Tax Levy Falls to Residents of Gp*
Jan. 3, 2013. Marilyn Arnold. *Here's a Two-part Plan for Local Financial Relief*