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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)
2014	164 LTTE (full year) - This document.
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 31, 2014. Gordon Langenbeck. *Local Leaders Need To Explore Funding Options.*
December 28, 2014. Leilani Hill. *Proposed Levy For 2015 Not Thought Out Very Well.*
December 21, 2014. Wilson Clow. *Voters Not Willing To Pay More Taxes For Anything.*
December 16, 2014. Robert Thomas. *Don't Sign Levy Petition.*
December 4, 2014. Paul R. Mitchell. *Cranberry Funding Better Spent On Criminal Justice.*
- November 26, 2014. Larry West. *Support Efforts Of Those Taking Positive Steps.*
November 4, 2014. Steven E. Johnson. *A Levy Would Pass If It Increased Gradually.*
- October 29, 2014. Rich McMillen. *Gilbertson Takes Credit For Programs Already In Place.*
October 28, 2014. Ken Selig. *Lack Of Volunteers Result Of Gilbertson's Failures.*
October 23, 2014. Judy Cox. *Library Volunteer Sees Need To Create District.*
October 23, 2014. Paul Jackson. *Inadequate Protection Will Destroy Community.*
October 22, 2014. Steve Ware. *Illogical Statements Fail To Sink Library Support.*
October 21, 2014. Carolyn J. Brown. *Libraries Matter Not Only For Us, But Our Children.*
October 21, 2014. Rober Dorband. *Libraries Give Youths Learning Opportunities.*
October 21, 2014. Robert Thomas. *Fund Library Some Way Other Than Taxes.*
October 15, 2014. Carol Dickson. *IV Neighbors Fed Up With Botched Investigations.*
October 15, 2014. Rich DeShon. *Sheriff's Supports Can't Point To Success.*
- September 26, 2014. Ken Selig. *Failure To Communicate Shows Need For Change.*
September 23, 2014. Jim Glenn. *Sheriff Uses Failed Logic Over Jail Bed Issue.*
September 3, 2014. Roxann Brunner. *City Need To Reduce Burden On Taxpayers.*
September 1, 2014. Ruta Warren. *Emergency Callers Don't Receive Timely Response.*
- August 26, 2014. John Ahlf. *Board's Decision Not Best For County Residents.*
August 15, 2014. Nancy Curry. *Don't Turn Government Into Reality Television.*
August 10, 2014. Joe Peters. *Grants Pass Suckers Pay Twice For Jail Inmates.*
- July 23, 2014. G. L. Murray. *We All Suffer From Failed Criminal Justice System.*
July 18, 2014. Rick Epstein. *Society Treats Criminals Better Than Ones In Need.*
July 13, 2014. Melissa Bear. *Clean Sweep Needed To Eliminate Federal Waste.*
July 2, 2014. Jan Battersby. *Rice And His Group Want To Take Our Rights Away.*
July 1, 2014. Paul Falletta. *Civilized Society Works For All, Not Free For All.*
- June 29, 2014. George Hill. *Criminals Getting A Joy Ride After Doing Crime.*
June 29, 2014. Chuck Closterman. *Utility Fee For Jail Reflects GP Heeding Its Voters.*
June 29, 2014. Stan Long. *Noise Issues Show Need For Law Enforcement.*
June 26, 2014. Michael Jones. *Speeding Tickets Could Raise Funds For Patrols.*
June 26, 2014. Ralph Orton. *More Study Of Previous Sobering Centers Needed.*
June 26, 2014. Leonard Wilson. *Fees Add Up, But It's Just Money Down The Drain.*
June 26, 2014. Joe Peters. *Not Fair To Pay Through Both Taxes And Fees.*
June 20, 2014. Mark Kelso. *City Paying With Money From Utility Fee Increase.*

June 20, 2014. Don Ewald. *PG Utility Fee Even More Laughable Than Recall.*
 June 15, 2014. Richard Howard. *Trimming Fat From City Police Could Solve Woes.*
 June 13, 2014. James “Jim” Cox. *Safety Levy Request Needs To Be Pared Down.*
 June 12, 2014. Mark Zumwalt. *New Sheriff Would Be Step In Right Direction.*
 June 10, 2014. Jim Warriner. *Do Voters Value Animal Safety Over Humans?*
 June 6, 2014. Lorraine Patterson. *Government Spending Covers Wrong Priorities.*
 June 5, 2014. Roxann Brunner. *Politicians Lack Empathy Due To High Salaries.*
 June 4, 2014. Steven Jackson. *Tax Increase Supports Should Make A Donation.*
 June 4, 2014. Dan Davids. *Boating Mishap Leads To Sheriff’s Office Support.*
 June 1, 2014. John Fusco. *Economy, Mistrust Explain Levy Failure.*

May 30, 2014. Cindy Henry. *Wildfire Another Reason To Block Aggregate Mine.*
 May 29, 2014. Phyllis Ray. *Emerson Quote Sums Up Our Sheriff, New Reserves.*
 May 28, 2014. Bruce “Doc” Wilson. *Levy Failed Due To Waste Like County Vehicle Use.*
 May 27, 2014. Steve Klapp. *Dream Homes Available For Gravel Pit Enthusiasts.*
 May 27, 2014. Neeka Goodwin. *Lack Of Teen Services Contributes To Crime.*
 May 25, 2014. Paul Thayer-Freeman. *Levy’s Failure Is A Big Loss For All In Community.*
 May 15, 2014. Nancy Aroian. *Voters Should Support Safety Levy, GMO Ban.*
 May 15, 2014. Anthony Mantle. *Sheriff’s Office Budget Needs New Priorities.*
 May 15, 2014. Crystal Gordon. *Price For Using GMOs Outweighs Costs Of Ban.*
 May 15, 2014. Rebekah Lidey. *Young Girl Wants To Live In A Safe Community.*
 May 15, 2014. Paul Falletta. *Gilbertson-Seligman Act One Of Pure Desperation.*
 May 14, 2014. Robert Broadhead. *Endorsements Missed Mark On GMOs, Sheriff.*
 May 14, 2014. Don Ewald. *Election Decision Should Be Your Own.*
 May 13, 2014. Steven Marshak. *People, Not “Powers” Put Safety Levy On Ballot.*
 May 11, 2014. Archie Lidey. *County Children Deserve Adequate Protection Too.*
 May 11, 2014. Kerry Michele-Buller. *Public Safety Funding Is A Major Concern.*
 May 11, 2014. Tana Mason. *Shelter Needed Until All Animals Have Homes.*
 May 11, 2014. Lee Rust. *No Need To Look Hard For Potential Citations.*
 May 9, 2014. Wilson L. Clow, Jr. *It’s Time To Save Your Money And Just Say No.*
 May 9, 2014. Michael Schwartz. *We Should At Least Agree Jail Levy Worth Supporting.*
 May 9, 2014. Linda Bradley-Lloyd. *Shelter Levy Would Do Much For Little Cost.*
 May 8, 2014. Damon Mancuso. *Reject Tax ‘Rent’ Increase But Support GMO Ban.*
 May 8, 2014. Robert “Bud” Fuller. *Former Teacher At Jail Endorse Ed Vincent.*
 May 8, 2014. Don Fasching. *Gilbertson’s Challengers Out Of Touch With Reality.*
 May 7, 2014. Mae Beth Williams. *Voting For Safety, Libraries Is In Our Best Interest.*
 May 7, 2014. Lloyd Stiewig. *Vandals Make Safety Levy Vote An Easy Call.*
 May 7, 2014. Scott Hampson. *Other Revenue Sources To Fund Safety Aren’t Reliable.*
 May 6, 2014. Sue Conley. *With Adequate Funding, We’d Get More Services.*
 May 6, 2014. Elizabeth Hirni. *Criminal Justice Cuts Are Hurting Area’s Economy.*
 May 6, 2014. William West. *Public Safety Levy Good For Property Owners.*
 May 4, 2014. Rebecca Peterson. *Juvenile Shelter Funding An Important Part Of Levy.*
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 May 1, 2014. Sandy Borngasser. *Justice Important For The Whole Community.*
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 April 30, 2014. Holly Lidey. *Budget Cuts Created Era Of Domestic Abuse.*
 April 29, 2014. Ken Selig. *We Need New Leadership To Oversee Public Safety.*
 April 27, 2014. Tammy Asnicar. *Years Of County Bashing Hasn't Improved Area.*
 April 27, 2014. Ron Dez. *Men Should Not Steal Through Secret Ballot.*
 April 25, 2014. Kay U. Smith. *Safety Levy Would Create Deterrent, Consequences.*
 April 25, 2014. Dan M. Runyon. *Daniels Has Qualifications To Improve Public Safety.*
 April 25, 2014. Jon Whalen. *Which Safety Services Do We Really Need?*
 April 25, 2014. Jeff Wolf. *Gilbertson's Experience Qualifies For Re-Election.*
 April 24, 2014. Judy Reynolds. *Supporting Animal Levy The Responsible Choice.*
 April 23, 2014. Wes Curtis. *Eight Years Long Enough For Sheriff Gilbertson.*
 April 23, 2014. Denny Ingalls. *News Raises Questions About Sheriff's Decisions.*
 April 23, 2014. J. A. Robinson. *History Will Repeat Itself With Coming Election.*
 April 17, 2014. Mike L. Walker. *Facts Should Support How Safety Dollars Spent.*
 April 17, 2014. G. L. Murray. *Sobering Center Funds Better Spent On Our Jail.*
 April 16, 2014. Stephen Shepherd. *We Shouldn't Have To Pay For Federal Forest Policies.*

 April 16, 2014. Suzanne Johnson. *Gilbertson's Proposal Simply Too Little, Too Late.*
 April 16, 2014. Terry Soeteber. *Children Are Paying The Price For Our Lack Of Effort.*
 April 15, 2014. Stan Long. *No Guarantee Of Patrols Ruins Support For Levy.*
 April 13, 2014. Laurel Samson. *Supporting Jail Levy Makes Good Business Sense.*
 April 12, 2014. Sue Farley. *How Much is Safety Worth To You?*
 April 11, 2014. Joan Kirkpatrick. *Unlocked Vehicles Waste Tax Money, Police Time.*
 April 11, 2014. Ted Risser. *Youth Services Deserve Support From Community.*
 April 11, 2014. Sandi Cassanelli. *Candidate Feels Views Were Misrepresented.*
 April 11, 2014. David Smith. *Beautiful Area Lacking Most Basic Of Services.*
 April 11, 2014. Shonna Fahey Bouteller. *It's Time To Fight Crime, Pay For Public Safety.*
 April 10, 2014. Michael P. Smith. *Tax Stinginess Degrades Social Fabric.*
 April 9, 2014. Jim Jensen. *Hospital's Gun-Ban Sign Doesn't Have Any Power.*
 April 9, 2014. Bob Anderson. *Henner's Replacement Doing Much Better Job.*
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 April 9, 2014. Francis S. Gilbert. *Don't Confuse Science With False Look-Alike.*
 April 9, 2014. Duane Schultz. *Former County Counsel Favors Rich Over Hicks.*
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 April 9, 2014. Donald R. Hardesty. *Mills Upgrade: Less Jobs And Community Revenue.*
 April 9, 2014. Jim Cole. *Hicks' Vision Of Counsel Already Exists With Rich.*
 April 6, 2014. W. A. Patrick. *Don't Believe Rhetoric About Justice Levy.*
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 April 4, 2014. Robert Fenner. *Seligman's Resilience Makes Him Best Choice.*
 April 3, 2014. Michael Schwartz. *Sufficient Justice Funding Will Save Us In Long Run.*
 April 3, 2014. Jack Swift. *Gilbertson's Track Record Shows He's Right For Job.*
 April 3, 2014. Edward Vincent. *If Elected, Vincent Vows To Make Positive Changes.*
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 April 2, 2014. Bill Lovelace. *Business Owner Seeks Voter's Support For Levy.*

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 March 20, 2014. Al Hammersley. *Use Of Levy Money Needs To Be Clarified.*
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 March 9, 2014. Butch Steele. *Service Must Improve Before Taxes Increase.*
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 March 9, 2014. Paulie Brading. *Deschutes County A Good Model For Sheriff Funding.*
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 February 13, 2014. Jim Dittmer. *Growing Concern Over Government's Control.*
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