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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.

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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.
Dec. 17, 2012. Bruce Wilson. *Gilbertson Fails to Do His Job on Recent Accident*
Dec. 27, 2012. Larry Carpenter. *Critics of Sheriff Have Unrealistic Expectations*


Oct. 9, 2012. James P. Harrigan. *If You Don't Want Another Levy, Vote 'Yes' on 17.45*
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. 10, 2012. Vivian Kirkpatrick-Pilger. *Jo County the Big Loser in the Recall of Cassanelli*


Jul. 3, 2012. Diane Provolt. *'Catch and Release' Isn't What We Want Advertised*
Jul. 10, 2012. Suzanne Lavine. *A Fee or Tax on Hotel, Restaurant Bills Needed*
Jul. 19, 2012. Martha Murphy. *This City Resident Pays for Area's Public Safety*

Jun. 1, 2012. Steve Johnson. All County Departments Need to Take the Same Hit
Jun. 9, 2012. Marc Holder. Local Property Tax Issue Is a Head Banging Affair
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. 29, 2012. David J. Kalvelage. We Need to Use Timber Resource More Effectively

May 1, 2012. Tony Mantle. Public Employee Benefits Need to Be Discussed
May 2, 2012. Harry T. Mackin. We Need to Approve Levy to Retain Independence
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 7, 2012. John Pascale. A Definitive 'No' Vote on Joco Property Tax Levy
Apr. 16, 2012. Michael Schneyder. *Law and Order Is Not Free; We must Pay for Service*


Apr. 18, 2012. Allen Hallmark. *We Need to Pull Together Behind Measure 17.43*


Apr. 20, 2012. Brent Howell. *Let's Turn Our Jail into a Tourist Attraction*


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*


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


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*


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


Feb. 14, 2012. Frank Iverson. *Boo for the Committee Pushing for County Levy*

Feb. 21, 2012. Tony Corriea. *Don't Raise Taxes While So Many in Foreclosure*

Feb. 21, 2012. Roy Lindsay. *Citizens Had Basic Rights to Propose County Plan*


