

Law and Justice Impacts

October 23, 2024



Agenda

- Background
- Law and Justice Partner Impacts
- Next Steps



Law and Justice Requests

- City of Vancouver Police Department Proposition 4
- Sheriff's Office Requests



Public Discussions and *Key Dates

- July 10 – Council Time
- July 17 – Council Time
- July 22 – Council Time (Special Meeting)
- July 24 – Council Time (removed – didn't need)
- *Aug. 7 – Law and Justice Council: Ad Hoc Committee request emailed
- *Aug. 8 – Law and Justice Council: Presented request and received approval
- *Aug. 13 – Ad Hoc Committee meeting with SO and VPD
- Aug. 20 – County Manager Report
- *Oct. 10 – Law and Justice Council Presentation
- Oct. 15 – County Manager Report
- Oct. 16 – Council Time
- Oct. 18 – Council Time (Special Meeting)



Law and Justice Council

- Clark County Sheriff
- Municipal Police Department
- Clark County Prosecutor
- Municipal Prosecutor
- City Legislative Authority
- Superior, Juvenile, District, and Municipal Courts
- Battle Ground Municipal Court
- Clark County Jail
- Clark County Clerk
- Clark County Risk Manager
- Clark County Councilor
- Clark County Manager
- Clark County Community Services
- Defense Bar
- Public Defender's Office
- Washington State Patrol
- Washington Department of Corrections
- Substance Abuse Treatment Providers
- Mental Health Providers
- School District
- Public Health
- Cowlitz Tribe
- Three Residents (unincorporated, incorporated, business)



Countywide Law and Justice

- Superior Court
- District Court
- Juvenile Court
- Clerks Office
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Public Defense
- Jail Services



Ad Hoc Committee

Ad Hoc Committee: Pursuant to Section 4.0 of Law and Justice By-laws

Goal: To have a holistic, functional and sustainable approach to law and justice, ensuring public safety needs are met in the community.

Background:

- City of Vancouver Proposition
- Clark County Sheriff's Office Requests
- Law and Justice Regional Stakeholders



Ad Hoc Committee

Requests:

1. City of Vancouver and Sheriff's Office to provide an overview of their recommended public safety initiatives to the Ad Hoc Committee, to include:
 - Additional staffing
 - Additional programs
 - Anticipated capital needs
 - Financial impacts (expenses and revenue streams)
 - Anticipated timeline for implementation



Ad Hoc Committee

Requests:

2. Commence an Ad Hoc Committee with representation from all regional law and justice stakeholders, as well as financial representation from the county, to review the City and County's law enforcement request and outlined the following:
 - Specific data articulating the department/office impacts per one (1) additional officer/deputy.
 - Total impacts (e.g. total staff, costs, capital, etc.) if the City of Vancouver proposition is successful.
 - Total impacts (e.g. total staff, costs, capital, etc.) if the Sheriff's Office potential proposition is successful.
 - Potential revenues sources and amounts.



Ad Hoc Committee

Requests:

3. Provide a recommendation to the Law and Justice Council.
4. Provide a recommendation to the legislative body of applicable jurisdictions (e.g. Clark County Council).



Ad Hoc Committee

KO's Key Takeaways

- Law and Justice Partner discussion and collaboration added value and will continue.
- This type of review is unprecedented in the state.
- Very preliminary information – will adjust as impacts are assessed.
- CoV confirmed cost allocation only incorporates 6211 billing – which does not include any funding for felonies, which are more than 90% of those housed in the jail.
- Anticipated costs includes anything that may be billed through 6211.
- Traffic camera program may have significant impact on District Court.
- Additional law enforcement doesn't mean additional high-level crimes such as murder.
- Overtime is impacting people on a critical level across the board – Law Enforcement, Juvenile Detention Officers, Corrections Officers, etc.
- Countywide Law and Justice services are essential in supporting public safety, and is currently not sustainable.
- Data is important!
- Collaboration is important!



Countywide Law and Justice Partner Feedback

- Superior Court
- District Court
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Potential Next Steps

- Direction Options
 - Additional Data / Priorities
 - Draft Resolutions February Ballot Measure
 - Law and Justice Impacts for City of Vancouver Proposition
 - Sheriff's Office Additional Deputies
 - Law and Justice Impacts for Sheriff's Office
 - Financial Options for February Ballot Measure
 - Levy Lid Lift
 - Public Safety Sales tax
 - Other...



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Thank you!

