

## Commissioner measures could have detrimental effects

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed change of increasing the number of Jackson County Commissioners from three to five. I believe it could have detrimental effects on our local government.

Jackson County is widely recognized as one of the best-run counties in Oregon, known for its financial stability, operational efficiency, and excellent service to constituents.

Here are my reasons for opposing this change:

- A smaller Board of Commissioners allows for more efficient decision-making. With three commissioners, discussions can be focused and decisions can be made swiftly. Adding two more commissioners may lead to prolonged debates and inefficiencies.
- A five-member Board of Commissioners increases the risk of gridlock. Disagreements and deadlocks could hinder progress on critical issues. A smaller Board of Commissioners is more agile and responsive.
- And finally, with the current three commissioner system, we get to vote for three commissioners not just two. Each commissioner represents all of Jackson County. As a member of Jackson County, we may contact each of the Jackson County Commissioners with our concerns.

I urge the citizens of Jackson County to carefully consider the implications of this proposed change. Let us prioritize efficiency, transparency and accountability over unnecessary expansion.

Our local government should focus on serving the people effectively rather than increasing the bureaucracy.

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