

RESOLUTION NO. 15783

A Resolution amending the membership and purpose of the Thurston County Law & Justice Council.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 10412, the Board of County Commissioners established a local Law & Justice Council in 1993, to develop a local law and justice plan for the county; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11056, the Board of County Commissioners, in 1995, changed the membership of the council by adding a representative of the State Department of Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration and by allowing each city or town legislative authority to have the option of having a representative; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11208, the Board of County Commissioners, in 1996, adopted the Thurston County Law & Justice Plan dated December 1995; and

WHEREAS, by Senate Bill 6157 the Legislature, in 2007, amended RCW 72.09.300, and re-crafted the membership and purpose of the local Law & Justice Councils; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 14083 the Board of County Commissioners amended the Law & Justice council membership and purpose to be consistent with RCW 72.09.300; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 14821 adopted on December 11, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners amended the membership and purpose of the Thurston County Law & Justice Council; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is interested in updating the Law & Justice Council's responsibilities and members as recommended by the Law & Justice Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THURSTON COUNTY as follows:

Section 1. Repeal of Prior Resolutions. Resolutions Nos. 10412, 11056, 11208, 14083 and 14821 are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Charter of the Council. The Thurston County Law & Justice Council Charter attached as Attachment A, which sets forth the purpose, responsibilities, and voting membership of the Council is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

ADOPTED: June 11, 2019

ATTEST:

Board of County Commissioners
Thurston County, Washington

LaBonita J. Bowmer
Clerk of the Board

Joe [Signature]
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JON TUNHEIM
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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Commissioner

By: Elizabeth Petrich
Elizabeth Petrich
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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Commissioner

ATTACHMENT A

THURSTON COUNTY LAW & JUSTICE COUNCIL

CHARTER

- Name:** Thurston County Law & Justice Council
- Purpose:** Provide an inter-jurisdictional forum for consideration of initiatives and resources to improve criminal justice services, enhance public safety and fairness and reduce crime throughout Thurston County.
- Authority:** In 1987, the Washington State Legislature enacted legislation to establish local law and justice councils. (RCW 72.09.300). The role of the Law & Justice Council as defined by the state statute is to develop a local law and justice plan for the county, including issues related to proportionality, rehabilitative services and community services for juvenile offenders, data collection and reporting for both adult and juvenile offenders, alternatives to incarceration and services for offenders and current and future service/facility needs for local jail population.
- Background:** In 1993, Thurston County created its Law & Justice Council (Resolution 10412) and a Law & Justice Plan were formally adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in June 1996 (Resolution 11208).
- In 1998, the Thurston County Law & Justice Council was disbanded and replaced by an inter-governmental group convened to plan a new county jail and by an internal County work group, the Jail Population Management Group.
- In Spring 2007, the State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 6157, known as the "Offender Re-entry Bill," focused on reducing criminal offender recidivism by increasing access to and coordination of offender services in communities. Section 108 of SB 6157 revitalized county law and justice councils with a focus on maximizing local resources including personnel and facilities, reducing duplication of services, and sharing resources between local and state government in order to accomplish local efficiencies without diminishing effectiveness.

In late 2008, the impacts of the U.S. national recession began to seriously impact the Washington State economy and revenues of local governments, including Thurston County. The 2009 legislative session brought many reductions in state funded services for adult offenders and changed supervision and service delivery requirements for the State Department of Corrections. At the same time, Thurston County was faced with reducing over \$7 million in County General Fund expenditures, which reduced staffing levels in the Sheriff's Office (including the county jail), the Clerk's Office, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Office of Assigned Counsel, and both District and Superior Courts. The Thurston County Commissioners and the Sheriff had been working on a strategic plan to open the new Accountability and Restitution Center in 2012. The Law & Justice Council served as an advisory body to this effort. On December 12, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners amended the Council's membership to reflect Senate Bill 6157 updates to RCW 72.09.300 (Resolution 14821).

Council
Responsibilities:

The Thurston County Law & Justice Council will be responsible for:

- 1) Seeking resources and "best practice" approaches to addressing emerging public safety and Law & Justice issues;
- 2) Monitoring impacts of changes in law enforcement staffing levels, countywide, on public safety;
- 3) Monitoring impacts of changes in State Department of Corrections services to/supervision of parolees and making recommendations to local jurisdictions regarding appropriate responses;
- 4) Monitoring the availability and effectiveness of community services and supports for Thurston County as those services impact crime and crime prevention;
- 5) Reviewing crime trends and certain measurables provided by each supporting jurisdiction and suggesting interagency approaches as needed;

- 6) Serving as the oversight committee for multi-jurisdictional law and justice projects with an intent to reduce duplication of services and recommend cost containment and service efficiencies (consider consolidation of interjurisdictional law and justice work group/task forces);
- 7) Serving as a Thurston Thrives action body;
- 8) Advising the Board of County Commissioners and City Councils on county-wide public safety issues;
- 9) Fulfilling the requirements of RCW 72.09.300.

Voting Membership:

Thurston County Commissioner
 Thurston County Sheriff
 Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney
 Thurston County Clerk
 Thurston County Superior Court Judge
 Thurston County District Court Judge
 Municipal Court Judge - Olympia
 City Council Representatives
 Chief of Thurston County Corrections
 Municipal Police Chiefs
 Municipal Prosecutor –designated
 Municipal Public Defense
 Representative from Washington Department of Corrections
 Thurston County Public Defense Director
 Thurston County Risk Manager
 Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Director
 Thurston County Juvenile Court Administrator
 Thurston County Pretrial Services, Director
 State Dept. of Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration
 Thurston County Coroner
 911 T-Com Services Director
 Nisqually Tribe representative
 Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis representative
 Military representative – JBLM
 Volunteer representatives from two community based
 Organizations appointed by the BOCC (with input provided
 by the Law and Justice Council).

Sub-Committees:

The Law & Justice Council may establish regular and ad-hoc sub-committees as needed. Each Sub-Committee shall appoint their own Chair; Sub-committee chairs will attend regular Law &

Justice Council meetings. If a Sub-committee Chair is not an appointed member to the Council, the Chair will be ex-officio, non-voting member of the Council.

Meetings:

Quarterly.

Governance:

The Thurston County Law & Justice Council shall elect a Chair from among its members at the first meeting. The term for the Chair shall be one year, renewable for a maximum of three one-year terms.

Staffing:

Thurston County will provide staff support for the Law & Justice Council. Other jurisdictions may be asked to assist with staff support for specific projects, based on need.

Reporting:

The Thurston County Law & Justice Council may produce reports for use by all local jurisdictions in the county.