



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
Whatcom County Council

FROM: Jill Nixon, Legislative Coordinator II

DATE: January 8, 2025

RE: Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP) Committee Member Terms

Background

The JPOP Committee was formed as a subcommittee of the Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force (IPRTF) via [Ordinance 2023-039](#). Despite being an IPRTF subcommittee, the Council retained the authority to appoint members to the JPOP Committee, but did not say how long the member terms would be.

On 1/23/2024, Council's Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee recommended initial terms for JPOP Committee members be staggered 2- and 3-year terms, which is standard when appointing members to a new advisory group.

That recommendation was not discussed at Council, however Council made appointments to JPOP Committee in March and April 2024 with clearly defined terms of 2 or 3 years. Terms were specific in the Council packet.

Those 2-year appointments expire January 31, 2026. Council has not yet officially determined how long the JPOP Committee's regular appointed member terms will be moving forward.

Action Requested

Motion to designate term length of (no longer than 4 years) for JPOP Committee members.