



## 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

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### **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.