

JACKSON COUNTY'S JAIL-ONLY 40% TAX INCREASE:

- WE CAN'T AFFORD IT.
- IT WON'T WORK.
- IT WOULD PREVENT
THE REAL SOLUTIONS
WE NEED.



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Jackson County is asking voters in May to approve a plan that would...

- **Create a new separate and permanent taxing district**, controlled by the county commissioners and county administrator.
- **Raise county property taxes by more than 40%** that could be used only for a supersized new jail – with three times the maximum capacity of the current jail. The new jail would also use up \$66 million that taxpayers have already paid and that represents most of the county's available reserves.
- **Cost more than \$1 billion** over the next 23 years to build and operate, according to the county's figures.
- **Use up money needed in our communities** for crime reduction, affordable housing, mental health and addiction treatment, transportation, and other essential services.

A "NO" Vote is a Vote for Better Alternatives

A poll paid for by the county shows that **71% of voters are opposed** to the county's proposed new permanent jail-only tax district. Those opposed included majorities of Republicans, Democrats, and unaffiliated voters, and both homeowners and renters.

Independent studies show that holding more people in jail longer...

- **Means jailing many people who don't belong in jail in the first place** and need treatment and crisis assistance.
- **Leads to more repeat crimes**, not fewer.
- **Disconnects people from family** and other support systems.
- **Creates new trauma and new barriers** to getting jobs, rental housing, and needed benefits.

Voting "NO" is the only way to get the county to work with community groups and other agencies to develop a more comprehensive plan, like other counties have, that reduces crime and includes better prevention, diversion, crisis assistance, and treatment. And that addresses underlying problems like affordable housing, mental illness, addiction, and poverty.

Only with a comprehensive plan like that would we know whether Jackson County needs a new jail and, if so, how big.

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