

Crime Victims for Justice

▮ Rehabilitation ▮ Restitution ▮ Prevention

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Crime Victims for Justice is a group of individuals and organizations dedicated to criminal justice reform in Oregon. This year, CVJ will be supporting legislative candidates who are willing to take a hard look at criminal justice issues in Oregon, and respond to the ever-growing cost of corrections in Oregon.

The following survey will be used by our group to determine endorsement and financial support. Please take a moment and fill out the survey. If you have any questions, please call Geoff Sugerman at 503-873-7927.

1. Outline the areas in which you believe criminal justice reform is needed. Feel free to expand and attach your answer on a separate piece of paper: _____

2. The Department of Corrections budget accounts for approximately 7% of the state's general fund budget and has been increasing rapidly due to Measure 11 and prison expansion. Please tell us if you support or oppose the following reforms:

Reforming Measure 11 to allow for earned time credit:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____
Delay prison construction in Lakeview and Madras:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____
Education/treatment programs to reduce recidivism:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____
Statewide task force to review DOC/sentencing laws:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____
Removing juveniles from Measure 11:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____
Removing first-time offenders from Measure 11:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____

3. What ideas do you have or would you support to gain control of the spiraling costs of corrections in Oregon? _____

4. There are a number of other criminal justice issues we are concerned about. Please tell us if you oppose or support these proposals:

Moratorium on the death penalty in Oregon:	Favor:_____	Oppose:_____
Create commission to review death penalty in Oregon:	Favor:_____	Oppose:_____
Ensure mentally incompetent do not receive death penalty:	Favor:_____	Oppose:_____
Improved funding for indigent defense:	Favor:_____	Oppose:_____
Mandatory sentences for property crimes:	Favor:_____	Oppose:_____
Testing and treatment for prisons with Hepatitis C:	Favor _____	Oppose:_____

5. Many of our members are vitally interested in reducing recidivism. Our research shows recidivism most often occurs when offenders are released without job help and placement services, drug and alcohol treatment program, education programs and efforts to reform their previous behavior. Do you support increased funding for these types of programs:

Job help and placement services:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____
Drug and alcohol Treatment Programs:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____
Education Programs:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____
Programs to reform previous behavior:	Support:_____	Oppose:_____

6. Please tell us if there are any other criminal justice reform issues you would like us to consider:

7. Many crime victims are upset about a number of criminal justice issues. For example, prosecutors are allowed to determine who is a victim in a crime, often choosing one victim over another. Tell us how you feel about the role of crime victims in our criminal justice system._____

8. Do you favor removing crime victims advocate offices from the jurisdiction of district attorneys to ensure crime victims are all treated equally? Favor: _____ Oppose:_____

9. Restitution is another issue affecting crime victims. Today, many victims have to use civil courts to receive the money awarded to them. Do you favor a stronger state enforcement system to ensure victims receive their restitution? Favor _____ Oppose:_____

10. Do you support Oregon's \$2 billion prison expansion plan during this time of declining state revenues? Support:___ Oppose:___

11. Currently, there is no true oversight of the criminal justice system in Oregon, particularly in determining what policies and procedures work or don't work in rehabilitating offenders. Do you favor creating the Oregon Crime and Delinquency Policy Board (SB126, 2000) which would be charged with reviewing and recommending changes in the Oregon criminal justice system? Support:_____ Oppose:_____

12. Racial profiling is an issue that has been in the news a lot recently. Would you favor or oppose legislation requiring district attorneys to publicly report by race on the disposition of cases (dismissed, plea bargains, incarceration)? Favor: _____ Oppose:_____

13. What is the single most important issue facing Oregon's Criminal Justice system today?

14. Please tell us if elected what criminal justice reform issues are most important to you?

Thank you for your response to this important survey. When completed, you can fax the survey to 503-873-4965, e-mail it to geoff-sugs@msn.com or mail it to 116 N. Ames, Silverton, OR 97381. Thank you.