

Fauk, Camilla

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To: Fauk, Camilla
Subject: Opposition to CrRLJ 4.1

I am sending this message in order to oppose implementation of proposed new rule CrRLJ 4.1. It is my understanding that the proposed rule essentially will require:

- ? That a public defender to be present and available for all arraignments before the court can accept a plea – even for people who are not indigent, and
- ? That a prosecutor to be present at all in-custody hearings.

On behalf of the City of Toppenish, a community in the central Yakima Valley of approximately 9,100 people, I am expressing opposition to the fiscal impacts to the city budget and extra hearings and staff time that this rule would mandate. We must already choose between funding essential services such as police and fire, and these new expenses are yet another unfunded mandate.

Respectfully,

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