



## June 26, 2008 – Municipal Jail Public Forum Caucus Discussion Questions

### What are the top five factors the City should consider in siting the Municipal Jail?

- Away from communities
- Partner with county, more site choices
- Not this close to homes, senior housing
- Lack of infrastructure/access
- Transportation services
- Neighborhood needs
- Close proximity to downtown courts
- Environmental concern
- Consider Eastside cities
- Near downtown
- A low-rise site is not feasible within city limits the size of Seattle
- Destruction of the wetlands
- Decreased property value around jail
- Should be away from child frequented areas
- Accessible to public transport
- In a geological stable area
- Can you actually get permits to do this – all of them? Don't waste taxpayers money picking a site you can't build on
- Does the jail siting jive with all the other policies and plan of the city?
- Please stop comparing this to the Kent Regional Justice Center – you are not proposing a center – just a jail
- Social justice – yes, the jail is a touchy – but the majority of the sites you proposed are in South Seattle. We know we are poorer, more ethnically and racially diverse – but it's time to share the burden of the ugly necessities of cities to other neighborhoods not just the south
- Environment, environment, environment – please stop destroying the wetlands
- Amenities/traffic
- Effect on community – social justice
- Government transparency – how did you get to these four sites, how will you get to the final site? Criteria
- Environment?
- Environmental protection
- Amenities for released inmates
- Limited land in a dense urban environment – why 7 acres in city limits?
- Property values
- Sufficient time allowed for site analysis – one year is not sufficient given all of the factors
- No more than 1000 people should live within 2 miles
- 2+ miles from present or future schools
- Have a buffer of at least ½ mile
- Should not impact natural, historical, and environmental features
- Proximity to courts, hospitals, and transportation
- Reconsider high-rise option in downtown area or combo with RJC
- Proximity to residences
- Proximity to parks

- Proximity to schools
- Environmental qualities on and adjacent to the proposed site
- Community effects
- Adjacency to schools, parks, and neighborhoods
- Environmental concerns on streams, traffic, transit
- Proximity to other county services related to the jail – courthouse, city hall
- Other options vs. Kent Justice Model
- Keeping with the city's vision to have high density infill – makes downtown a good possible option
- Working with the county on a county-wide solution
- Implementing more programs like during court and community service
- Linking a jail with courts and other services like bail bonds, restaurants, hotels, etc.
- It should be close to the courts
- It should be near bail bonds men and related services
- It should not be located near the gateway to a neighborhood
- Location, location, location
- How will the city pay for the jail?
- What will the city do to get this issue in front of minorities
- Environmental impact
- Transportation infrastructure
- Regional solution

**What is your biggest concern about the jail at this site?**

- Too close to schools, community centers, and park and ride
- Property value dropping
- Taxes
- Property values
- No transportation main line
- Property values
- Lack of transportation services
- Myers Way – wetlands
- W Marginal Way – transportation for releases
- Myers Way – close to new senior center, church and wooded area with trails
- It is a geologically unstable area
- The environment – lots of money has been pumped in to restoring Duwamish and Hamm sub-basin, millions of tax payers money
- Don't build the site on a wetland, which are essential for water quality and other important ecological functions
- Three options: city jail, joint jail – shoreline and eastside, and regional
- Impact on the community
- The presence of an unpopular facility can greatly influence a community's sense of pride, identity, and image
- Prisoners being released from the jail into neighborhood parks and busses
- The effect on my home price coupled with safety concerns
- Adjacency to elementary school and neighborhoods
- It is not a county-wide solution, we need to partner with the county
- There are 39 cities in King County – lets look at working with less populated areas of the county

**Given that the jail has to go somewhere, what are the top three things the City could do to address your concerns?**

- Equitable distribution of community burdens
- Disconnect of recognition of investment in neighborhoods to bring up
- Environmental impact – city violated
- That King County has not negotiated a regional answer
- Build it downtown
- Expand the Kent site
- Build one jail in the north end with all other cities
- Sand point
- Fort Lawton
- Between highway 99 and I-5 south of Spokane St.
- Consider equity of the impact on the neighborhood you site it in
- Please be consistent with the policies and regulations you hold yourself to – at least on paper
- Document and really be transparent – at this point, it is still not clear how you applied your criteria to the original 35 – we, as taxpayers, really want transparency
- Process – why are you deciding so quickly on the jail site – be clear on the process
- Criteria – you haven't explained the fatally flawed, yet – will you now? Transparency – real outreach
- Is this a center?
- Make public and transparent the entire selection process that has taken place up to now and will continue through the final selection
- What reasons were used to eliminate all other sites?
- Alter criteria
- Review other configuration choices
- Consider options closer to downtown/in downtown and do a cost analysis if these locations that consider community costs as well as direct expenses to the city
- Adverse effects to communities
- Adjacency to elementary schools and neighborhoods
- Close to an urban center with courts and amenities for visitors, transportation
- Re-think working with the county for a county wide solution
- South Park Bridge 2010 – traffic