



July 12, 2008 – Municipal Jail Public Forum Comments Submitted via Comment Cards

"I understand the north police precinct is too small and will need a new location. Will the precinct be co-located with the jail?"

Betty Means
Licton Springs

"Concerns – on going release of offenders into our neighborhood, proximity to vulnerable citizens, e.g. seniors, mental health facilities (prevail), elimination of longtime area business, city does not own this property – would require eminent domain; is this site large enough?"

Marilyn Ring-Nelson & James A. Nelson
Haller Lake

"We have one year old child walking to Bitterlake Park. To keep him safe from any danger, we don't want a jail around here. If you seriously put a jail facility there, please put as many police men around there as you can."

Junko Chung
Northgate

"Consider the properties that are already owned by the city; need to look for a big site Aurora site is not big enough; should not build jail that is close by schools, and residential area, and senior area or environmental area; will increase crimes and traffic on Aurora Ave.; need to chose close to the court house; do not need jail on Aurora area."

Leanne Van
Haller Lake

"We are amazed that the N. Seattle site is even being considered. There are so many logical reasons not to chose a site that the city doesn't own, that is so close to schools and neighborhoods, and that is so far from the courthouse and social services (to name a few reasons). This community is a powerhouse in fighting to maintain our quality of life. We will fight this is every possible way!"

Ken & Linda Reid
Haller Lake

"The North Seattle site is too close to many residential areas and schools and hospital. It is environmentally a poor site because it floods often. Why not choose a site that the city already owns – not a good business like Puetz. Aurora already has a crime problem and we don't need more potential problems. The North Seattle site is far from the court. There will be a lot of people coming and going on Aurora. High school students will be using the same bus as released inmates. Northgate Elem. kids who walk will be vulnerable. Many vulnerable seniors ride that Aurora bus."

Ann Owens
Haller Lake

“As a local school teacher, I have great concern over safe passage of students to and from schools. From looking at the city map, the Puetz site has more schools in close proximity over the other sites.”

Randy Hankness
Haller Lake

“Would bail bondsmen be a new actively on Aurora? Generally speaking I’m more concerned about losing a wetland (which helps the neighborhood) than gaining a building.”

S. Knudson
Haller Lake

“There’s lots of space downtown to build a high-rise jail and let all the four sites off the hook. The Haller Lake site does not have proper drainage. Why aren’t members of the city council here?”

Dick Morgunard
Haller Lake

“What additional space servicing the jail? Single bus line servicing prisoners and school children. Safety issues with the close residential area. Extreme traffic. Parking – families – lawyers.”

Dr. James Owens
Haller Lake

“Please do not build a jail in my neighborhood. Decrease property value, neighborhood safety, we love Puetz, impact on interurban trail, schools in the area, property safety. Build downtown – makes sense.”

Monica Reed
Haller Lake

“The Aurora and Haller Lake neighborhoods are the worst of the four choices for the jail location. The is a residential area – siting a jail here sends the wrong message to the whole neighborhood. Traffic, drainage, the large neighboring cemetery areas and transportation are all major issues. Plus the loss of a family and business that WE USE! Please put the jail downtown or in an industrial site.”

Drummond Reed
Haller Lake

“I do not want the Haller Lake jail.”

Montana Reed
Haller Lake

“There are so many residential areas nearby the site. Aurora has already enough problems. We don’t want anymore problems. I personally work at Home Depot. We have a grave shift and I’m concerned about our associate’s safety.”

Michiyo Nguyen
Haller Lake

“No jail. I am concerned about safety of neighbors.”

Cheryl Wei
Haller Lake

"I am against the jail built in North Seattle."

Jian Wong
Haller Lake

"I own the unit in Stendall Place which is just across the road from Peutz. Stendall Place is higher class residential area. A jail next door (could be seen across the street from my unit) is extreme zoning. Property owners of nicer areas like Stendall Place deserve protection from the kind of detrimental zoning. The flooding – I have witnessed it every winter."

E. Moore
Stendall Place

"The Aurora Avenue corridor is already a stressed area for crime. We don't need this added source of the criminal element. There is too much senior activity and schools close to this location. Police presence in the area would need to be greatly increased. Property value would be adversely affected. There is no need to purchase a new site for the jail. Bus 358 already has serious security issues."

Marijo Steele
Haller Lake

"Why not to use North Seattle: Capital costs – use existing sites owned by the city, flooding is costly, not all 7 acre sites are equal, timely and costly to mitigate, low point; Displace community assets/business – Peutz is a community open space, removed from tax rolls, negative impact on local businesses; Lack of social services – need to address existing problems before we add new ones; Schools – too many schools in area, big impact, lack of busses to separate released, inmates from kids; Distance from downtown."

Don Ranger
Haller Lake

"If we are chosen (North Seattle): Better transportation to move released inmates back to their homes; transitional housing; better access; increased police presence; crime baseline study; new city leadership."

Don Ranger
Haller Lake

"Concern of safety of children in neighborhood, property value goes down if we get a jail, I won't feel safe to leave my door open with screen even though it has a lock on it, my grand children's safety, I live about 3 blocks away from where they want to put the jail, save Peutz because everyone loves and uses it!"

Mary Giles
Haller Lake

"We need to build a high-rise jail downtown! There is transportation, social services, judicial services, medical services, and shelters to house people who have no where to go. There is already a low-price presence in the North Seattle area and a high crime rate. There are students, families, and elderly people who ride the 358 bus (the only bus on Aurora), why add criminals?"

Ariella S. Adams
North Seattle/Haller Lake

"The Haller Lake site does not make economic sense. Transportation costs to courthouse. It is not an expandable property. The city needs to think 10-20-30 years in the future. City should not

spend money to acquire site, Puetz's owner doesn't even want to sell. This neighborhood has a large senior population that is vulnerable to crime. This neighborhood already has an issue with prostitution and crime. We cannot add a jail here without providing easy access to social programs. We already have an issue with the 358 bus – it's scary for a lot of residents to use. Drugs deals, etc. are major issues on the buses and with more and more students have to use public transportation rather than school buses that the schools can't afford. We are not protecting our youth and seniors! Plus, the cemetery in the area is already vulnerable to vandalism and crime. Our community does not have the social programs readily available to handle this transition. We are already struggling and scared to ride the buses and walk on Aurora at night. This change would have a negative, backwards, and costly effect to the community and the city!"

Sara Slater
Haller Lake

"Where are the city council members" Did they not wish to hear our comments? Why has the city not taken care of the drug and prostitution on Aurora Ave. and in this area? Do that first before you talk of a jail!"

S. Mitrane

"Additional fuel costs will mount every day, week and month, if the site is in N. Seattle. The Puetz site barely meets size requirements, we need to think about 20-years ahead."

Glenn Slater
Haller Lake

"The city has not provided detailed information on what the new jail will look like, cost, how it will operate. This session did nothing to improve this. I would urge the city to make future meetings more informative."

Sarah Benki-Nugent
Haller Lake

"High density complex close to courts is a better solution. High school students required to ride metro buses now."

George Matter
Haller Lake

There is already a lack of presence in the area and without a significant increase in police presence (not in cars, but on foot) the area will not be safer, but will get more dangerous."

J. Caldwell
Bitterlake

"I have several concerns about building a jail at the N. Seattle site. This site is surrounded by residential neighborhoods and not currently owned by the city. Procuring Puetz would not only cost \$, the city will lose it as a tax base. Other concerns are increased transportation congested. Most important to me is that my 14 year old son will be riding the metro bus to Garfield High School, riding the bus down Aurora Ave. Crime along Aurora has decreased over the past several years and I am concerned that release of inmates and visitors to those inmates will increase crime in the area."

Alicia Matter
Haller Lake

"It is a total waste of taxpayers money to buy a site when the city already owns 3 more appropriate sites – including one downtown site."

Doug McPherson
Haller Lake

"To: City Council – Please involve input and ideas from our elected judicial officials who are very knowledgeable about the needs of a jail and issues around operations! Thank you!"

Linda Ramsdell
Haller Lake

"Please! No jail. This area of Aurora is long due for some up lifting and this proposed jail will only drag it down and undo all the efforts that have been put into "cleaning up" Aurora. Thank you!"

Hettie Collier
Northgate

"No jail in Haller Lake. Build high-rise in downtown Seattle – save taxpayer money that would otherwise be used if an outlying (North Seattle) jail were built. Inmate needs: bus passes, gas costs and officer time of transport, addiction treatment, supportive housing and jobs, crime sprawl, homeless shelters, free food/missions, medical care at Harborview Medical Center."

Pam Woodroffe
Haller Lake

"No Haller Lake jail. Build it in downtown Seattle."

Unknown

"No Haller Lake jail. Build downtown high-rise."

Unknown

"Very concerned about North Seattle proposed site – this is in a flood zone. Drainage, sewage issues and if go ahead – contingency plan to evacuate jail inmates when it does flood? I'm very concerned about impact to public transportation, as well as transportation costs to get inmates to the courthouse. I'm very concerned about inmates released to environment already challenged with drugs, prostitution and other crime."

Amy Palmer
Broadview

"This area (North Seattle) is condensed with elder community and 7 schools in 1 mile radius. Please care about these people."

Unknown
Haller Lake

"The county is shirking its responsibility in refusing to consider expanding regional jails. Expand 2 regional facilities currently in use and look at an eastside regional facility. Regional facilities are safer and cost less than multiple sites. Where are city council members? Where is Ron Simms? Where are county council members?"

Amy Freedhein
Broadview

“You said you were looking for a place with good soil and no flooding and Puetz is a flood zone where there is lots of water.”

Riley Asmussen
Haller Lake

“Seattle has its jail – any new jail should be located near an existing courthouse such as Shoreline – Kent – etc. Miscreants are not a positive influence in the area of 8 schools, resident of the area which includes senior citizen housing, a cemetery and businesses – increased crime. Traffic impact on area is congested and would increase.

Maxine Asmussem
Haller Lake

“I believe the logistics of the north end site is, in my opinion, the worse scenario for a Seattle alone or joint jail venture, due to traffic and location. The traffic impact on highway 99 would be greatly negative during rush hour. This is an area which RTA has no current or future plans, so highway 99 is a major traveled route.”

Randy Asmussen
Haller Lake

“You stated that you need 7 acres then why is the city trying to push sub divisions?”

Riley Asmussen
Haller Lake

“Put the jail in the mayor's neighborhood.”

Unknown

“Build it downtown! Build it downtown! Build it downtown! Build it downtown! (Get the idea?)”

Rick Barrett
Haller Lake

“The puetz site is fatally flawed! Build a jail on “Lake Puetz,” in a community that has worked hard to become revitalized, in a city designated “urban village,” in close proximity to 7 schools, in a neighborhood that struggles already with drugs and prostitution, that lacks adequate police resources and transportation, and that is called home to thousands of children and seniors, NO!!! Thank you for making a decision that supports our community at large.”

Meegan McKiernan
Haller Lake

“For a city that is working to be greener, building a jail anywhere but downtown is a contradiction. The increase in travel to a non-downtown jail will cause an increase in green house gases. The city should practice what it preaches.”

David Glogen
Haller Lake

“This neighborhood is imp. neighborhood revitalization plan. This site is not comparable to the Kent RJC; it's not fair to represent it in that way. We already have problems with drugs, prostitution and crime on Aurora, the greenbelt adjacent to the east and the cemetery. We have more schools and more residential housing than Kent for the other three sites. There is an inadequate police presence. The site is smaller than the others, there is barely enough space. There is a huge student population using the 358. I'm concerned with the transportation of prisoners and the environmental impact. For mitigation: release people downtown, more bus

routes, bring in the U Village, and increase police presence. We need clarification on: the release process (time of day, method, number per day, what resources are available?), what lighting would be needed (light pollution)?”

Unknown

“This seems to be the only site basically in the middle of a residential area. Traffic on Aurora is already terribly congested, we cannot absorb the kind of traffic this would entail. What about putting it in a flood area? Taking a large green space and replacing it with concrete. There already are drugs and prostitution and not enough police. There are too many schools and children in the area and it’s dangerous for them. Upon release they may hangout at the cemetery and the hospital grounds. I am concerned about the impact on the hospital. There will be a drop in housing value. This is a terrible idea. No jail in a residential or hospital area, or on a flood plain.”

Carole Leventhal
Broadview

“No jail please!”

HH Getchell
Bitter Lake

“I’m concerned with the impact on residential and businesses. Cost – city would need to exercise eminent domain on privately owned land, which would increase the cost. The Puetz site is the smallest. If an expansion is needed it would not be possible. Bus lines – students take route #358, inmates released at 8 a.m. would be riding with students on their way to school. Aurora Avenue is already a drug and prostitution area. The cemetery is a large open, unsecured area where inmates can hangout. Location to schools – there are more schools within one mile than the other sites. Traffic impact – the Puetz site only has access on small easement from Aurora or out on to Stone Way, which leads directly to residential. Flooding – look at the pictures of the flooding at Puetz! There is minimal room for parking.”

Jeff, Jones, Deanne Jones
Haller Lake

“Kent – U Village shopping center; movie theater; wetland speaking; project manager; photo – rainbow; Catherine Cornwell interview during forum; Puetz golf is like a park for children; small site – parking; transportation; schools – 7 within one mile (densely population); released onto Stone Avenue N with apartments, condos, and townhouse with children; against land use code; wetland; plain flooding; chain cemetery; high-rise in a commercial industrial.”

Unknown

“Mayor Nickols should be as sensitive to this kind of “?” he is acquiosont/supporting of commercial development. Clearly, there is little or no regard for working class neighborhoods or anything other than profit generating cookie cutter developers based on current and past track record for this area (e.g. sidewalks). I have zero faith in any promises/plans for so-called mitigation.”

Unknown

“Poorly signed, absolutely no markings/signs as to where this is being held in the NSCC Campus. Really disappointing.”

Unknown

"I was sorry the info packet provided did not include photos of all four sites – only C & D. Was this a mistake? It would have been nice to have all four in paper form to take with!"

Unknown

"North Aurora represents a community in transition with an increasing amount of community involvement and growth in our area. We see the benefits of this as crime (drug trafficking, prostitution) data indicates an increase in safety in our community. How will building a jail in our area that has an increasing number of established residents, schools, and retail developments improve or benefit our community?"

Wendy Chamberlin
North Greenwood

"Absolutely not! This process needs more time to find a better site – how about West Seattle? Number 30 looks good! How about underground? Drainage a problem? Once the city gets its sewers working that problem will go away right? Ask Puetz! Ask my neighbors – fix the drainage – locate the jail south."

Richard Gosinya
Broadview

"The wetland's issue will make the construction cost excessive. Aurora is a bottleneck and how is the transportation issue going to be solved?"

Unknown

"What indications can you provide that clearly reveal your efforts to pursue that clearly reveal your efforts to pursue a guarantee from the county (For the purpose of working together to extend an agreement or build a high-rise jail together)? One speaker mentioned it is more economical to operate one jail. Why are the county and multiple cities not working to build a high-rise jail as the one and only option?"

Doug Staab
Bitter Lake

"Save taxpayer money. Utilize the jail presently in use. Do not increase the number of jails. Force an agreement with King County. Mayor favors density. Put high-rise jail downtown. Use services that are already being used."

Unknown

"This site is not appropriate for one huge reason for me – it is four times closer to an elementary school than at least one other site. Release time at the jail is 8:00 a.m. arrival time at Northgate is 8:45 a.m. Jail runaways would require a lockdown at schools."

Dave Golden
Northgate

"This site (Lake Puetz) is in conflict with the city's commitment to the department of the Bitterlake Urban Village. We don't object to the city making investments here as, for example, in streets, curbs and sidewalks. This project should go elsewhere."

Terry Biggart
Bitterlake Urban Village

“Where was Mayor Gregory Nickels for this meeting of people at North Seattle Community College Wellness Center on Saturday July 12, 2008 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.?????? Would it be feasible to build the jail in a more upscale neighborhood – maybe in Mayor Nickel's neighborhood??????”

William G. Smith
Bitter Lake

“The site considered in North Seattle will undermine the progress we are doing as an urban hub village. Some released from jail would be homeless and might decide the urban trail or cemetery would be a good camp site. Also, this would have a negative impact on school children using the buses, as well as senior citizens who use public transportation.”

Bill and Shirley Smith
Bitter Lake

“Build the jail downtown!”

Meg Rinaldi
Greenlake/Aurora

“If you build a one-story jail, by the time it's finished you'll need ten more one story jails and you'll have as many jails as Starbucks coffee shops. Face the crime problem now and build a ten-story jail in downtown Seattle.”

Tom and Gloria Maxwell
Bitter Lake

“Why weren't the city council members at this meeting? I thought they were elected to address the concerns of the people.”

Tom and Gloria Maxwell
Bitter Lake

“S/B away from schools and senior housing. Jails S/B close to court houses – do it downtown! Use city owned property. Environmental impact; S/B considered. Property values will decrease due to limited protection. Drugs and prostitution will increase in the area. Traffic problems in the area.”

Celia Mileena
Haller Lake

“Why use money to buy additional site furthest from the downtown courts. Put it close to courts and save gas, green house, etc. Release to the environment and gives access to re-offend. Limited security – police resource and the cemetery. Puetz family owned community recreation facility – why kill a good community business that impacts the community. I'm concerned about the impact to seniors and children using mass transit where people from the jail will be released onto. It is a flood area. Small site with no room for expansion, etc. Bad area for congestion on 99, already no alternative route. Concerns for mass problems and delays. Route 358 is already problematic and dangerous. Aurora is going through a revitalization – how will jail destroy that? Property values decreased – not many people want a prison in their backyard. Businesses will be affected, some have already said they will move. We have more schools than any other site. Long-term costs to high-rise vertical location – better use of money. Have counties and city build

one joint jail saving money by sharing costs. Why waste precious land resources for a sprawling jail – build up or extension on the other jail sites. Already inadequate police in this area! Land code prohibits outside downtown area.”

M. Rotunno
Northgate on Aurora Ave.

“Not legal as per land use code. Release into environment that gives immediate access to re-offense – Aurora Ave N, drugs, motels, prostitution, perpetuating circle of crime. Cemetery sensitivity – no current security at Washelli. Puetz is a pillar of community activity – N. Seattle limited in sports centers, takes family activities away. Why spend additional real estate money when city already owns two sites, money, money, money, fiscal responsibility, in a time of crunched and limited budgets. Economic and overall impact on local businesses that would mark up store Aurora Village. Aurora site is most densely populated, 7 schools, highschoolers riding buses with released inmates. Limited security – Washelli Cemetery impact. Limited space – wouldn’t allow for expansion, lets plan for the future so we don’t run into this problem again. How many beds needed in 2025? Misdemeanors are often felonies that plead bargain down. Geotechnically unsound. Major flooding and drainage issues. It’s the furthest site from the courthouse. Compromise on ‘Aurora Revitalization Project.’ Impact on Seattle Interurban trail. Address drugs, prostitution before adding an extra burden to the community. Logistical release of inmates – released between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. no buses or transportation services, where would they go? This site has no industrial area around it and is mostly residential. Imminent domain is costly – could get held up in court. Jail should be sited in downtown Seattle.”

J. Perez-Aragon
Broadview

“Put the jail in downtown (high-rise format) where it belongs. It’s ridiculous to put a jail right next door to so many single family homes – total B.S.”

Randy Moore
Haller Lake

“Not legal per land use code. Cost of purchase of property and cost of re-engineering and re-stabilization of land could deem cost prohibited – fiscally irresponsible. This is the only proposed site with a community recreational facility.”

Julie Herrera
Broadview

“The city needs to build a high rise jail downtown where all the facilities are that service the jail population (courthouse, social services, bail bonds, attorneys, work release jobs).”

Shawn MacPherson
Haller Lake

“Cost, cost, cost – use existing city property, do not take private property away from a family at cashiered cost to the city. Cost, cost, cost – extra cost to transport from courts located downtown. Cost, cost, cost – to resolve the wetland, flooding issue.”

Norma Kagegams
Haller Lake

“I have many concerns about the proposed new jail site in Haller Lake. Our area has a large voting block of 800 senior/disabled units within 0.5 and 1 mile of the proposed site. In addition, there are an additional 250 low-income units which together with the senior population exceeds the criteria for jail placement. Our area already has large problems of drugs and prostitution.

The addition of a jail inmates released into this area will only feed the problem into a major crime wave. As a disabled, over 55 resident, I fear for my safety in public places and on the bus if the jail is sited in Haller Lake.”

Suzie Morse
Bitter Lake

“I concur with all the excellent comments! Now make sure you listen to them! No jail! No jail in the north end!”

Unknown

“This N Aurora site is directly adjacent to residential – including low income housing (Aki Kurose = LIHI housing), senior housing, condos and single-family homes. Jails do not belong next to homes.”

Cindy Potter
Greenwood

“Area too small, even the mayor said to the builders to build upward, more density in downtown, cheaper, why then would the city want to go counter this and move from downtown to a north area. The city should be more efficient, effective and productive and achieve economies of scale by just expanding the downtown area.”

Frank Ay
Haller Lake

“Ingraham High students ride the Metro 358. The 358 is the only bus route on Aurora and police by the King County Sheriff’s office. With the a \$73 million shortfall in 2009, King County will reduce sheriffs by hundreds of positions who police transit centers and the 358. How will we protect students riding the 358?”

William Murray
Bitter Lake

“Siting at North Aurora is 8.8 miles from downtown and would take officers off the street for hours transporting misdemeanants from South Seattle and other precincts.”

William Murray
Bitter Lake

“Lack of completed street. Aurora Avenue North has few completed streets (curbs, sidewalks, drains) and released inmates will not have a curb or a sidewalk to separate them from 45 M.P.H. traffic. Pedestrian fatalities could occur and the city could be liable for this.

William Murray
Bitter Lake

"This site is in much closer proximity to lost of residential areas than others. It is completely disingenuous for the city to compare this site to the site of the RJC in Kent. Northgate Revitalization and Neighborhood Plan would be severely undermined – after years of hard work done in good faith by hundreds of people! Other neighborhoods under consideration don't have comparable neighborhood plans! From an environmental standpoint: flooding, as the ELS will surely show! From an economic standpoint: use city property rather than fighting Puetz in court. Safety: this area struggles now, and not just on Aurora! Help us improve – don't write off North Seattle!

Rachel Matthews
Haller Lake

"If this site is chosen (and that would be a spectacularly unwise choice), by way of mitigation: - more bus routes – more police presence, including bike and on interurban trail and Washelli – landscape Aurora! If you're going to compare it to RJC, make it look like RJC! – release prisoners downtown, not here (in inmates interests too, there's no social services here for them) – invest heavily in Northgate and Bitter Lake to offset the negative impacts."

Rachel Matthews
Haller Lake

"Will there be a work release facility in North Seattle? Is it possible that the most dangerous inmates will end up being housed in North Seattle to save the cost of transporting inmates to work release programs? Inmates are ordered to stay away from areas of drug and prostitution activity yet North Seattle site would immediately be released into such an area? Thank you for this opportunity for comments."

Linda Ramsdell
Haller Lake

"We in the New Haven SHAG community on 130th and Hinder are very concerned with the prospect of a "jail" in our community. We are a vulnerable group of elders and the disabled. We value the safety of the Interurban trail and safety riding the 358 bus. The proposed site is very near to the Community Center where families gather. The site is also a wetland site and it not owned by the city."

Karen Abelsen
Bitter Lake

"The site is too close to Home Depot. A person from the jail will easily get a very dangerous tool or even a weapon from the store."

Roger Young
Haller Lake

"This jail should be downtown! Why was Aurora chosen? Several sites were fatally flawed. Aurora is fatally flawed – environmental, drainage issues, vulnerable citizens. Do something about the crime in this area before you add a jail!"

S. Mir

"We should be using a site that is owned by Seattle – instead of condemning property owned by a longstanding and viable business on Aurora N – always a difficult place to do business and where is there another place for customers who are longstanding?"

Sue Wilson
Haller Lake

"I question the fundamental assumption that a low-rise facility is appropriate for Seattle. Kent, for example, is a low-rise city with cheap land. Nothing, not houses, not retail, not even parking is built low-rise in Seattle. It may be cheaper for the city, but it is inappropriate for the city to zone everything denser and higher and want a low-rise for its jail. A 600 person jail is only about 6 stories, and siting for six stories could be in hundreds of places. It should also be near the courts! Policemen shouldn't taxi prisoners to downtown. Kent is a low-rise city, RJC courts are mostly civil. All low-rise jails used as an example are in low-rise cities with cheap available land. Nobody, housing or retail, is building low-rise in Seattle."

George Rickle
Greenwood

"The Aurora corridor is really trying to clean up the area and make it more inviting and conducive to economic and residential development. Dropping a jail into the middle of an area that's already struggling to kick out drug dealers, prostitution and other criminals will just make the problem worse, without any relief in sight. Please site this new jail in an area closer to the courts and services these offenders need."

Ann VanAlt
North Greenwood

"My concern is raised for ALL students potentially affected. High schoolers use Metro along Aurora; middle schoolers bus stops are shared by Metro bus stops along Aurora; elementary kids are walking to school."

Tamara Anderson
Licton Springs

"I have lived in Ballard for 17 years and recently purchased a home in Greenwood. In the past I would have not considered living in Greenwood or close to Aurora because of crime and drug use. I have purchased my home knowing the neighborhood changed and is much safer for me and my 9 year old son. I was shocked to hear of the potential site of the jail so close to where I live and the impact it will have on my son's and my safety. The potential location is too close to numerous schools, parks and neighborhoods. I strongly feel that this is a poor location for a jail. Why were there no city council members present who will vote?"

Susan Moore
Greenwood

"Aurora Ave. N has enough poop already. No more poop is needed along Aurora. No jail at Puetz! Reconsider a downtown mid-rise jail – sometimes location is more important than land cost. Any crisis event at the Puetz jail might require a lockdown at Northgate Elementary."

Pete Rogerson
Broadview

"It is a conflict with the city's commitment to develop the Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village to site a jail in the middle of the BL HUV."

Dale Johnson
Broadview

“The fact that this site even meets the criteria and is being considered is absolutely ridiculous, and is indicative of the lack of leadership and common sense of the city. The fact that no city council members were present at the forum leads me to believe that the city does not care. I have no confidence and will not be voting for any council member for re-election, except Bob Ferguson (not present, but accounted for).”

Justin
Greenwood

“The Aurora site is too close to the schools (7+) in the area. This site should not be chosen.”

Unknown

“Eastside and Westside combined, will this cause an increase in the size of the site? Will more beds need to be added, expansion. Environmental impact. Land acquisition cost and time. Traffic increase. Add to current drug and prostitution area, strains on police. Release of inmates logistics in relation to community – buses and kids, separation of buses for kids? Lockdowns in schools? School is four times closer than other sites. Vertical. How does Puetz qualify according to the requirements? – Flooding – transportation – engineering. Guarantee of jail staying misdemeanor? Forum – ESL residents notified? How?”

Unknown

“This jail shouldn’t be located anywhere but downtown, just like the new high-rise jails in Portland, Las Vegas, Los Angeles.”

Unknown

“County is revisiting missed deadline and extension. Expanding RJC. Would this facility site be considered for a regional jail? Would cities use the new Seattle facility?”

Unknown

“When did city/county negotiation for contract extension start? How long has city known of probable non-extension? When will decision for combined facility be made? How large will the facility be? Jail is supposedly for misdemeanor offenders – what consideration is given for housing serious offenders who plead down?”

Unknown