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My name is Edward Sherman. I am one of the owners of Pacific Plumbing Supply.

Our business is located directly across the street and facing f the proposed jail site at the intersection of S W Marginal Way and Highland Park.

Dalk We have approximately 300 will call customers daily that come to pick up plumbing supplies and many ladies with small children who will be coming to pick out fixture and faucets from our future showroom .

These visits amount to over 7000 visits a month

We employ 65 loyal and talented people.

I am so concerned with the possibility of when the jailed inmates are released and see defenseless women and customers entering and leaving our store and the valuable inventory that it will take just one incident of a kidnapping or theft to start a tidal wave of loss of these customers and employees. They will fear for their safety. Think of November when it gets dark early in the afternoon...a perfect scenario for a kidnap.

If I were one of our customers or employees I would feel very nervous when I would arrive at our company and see a prison across the street and inmates being released and potential of homeless wondering in the green belt area near our company . I would say "why should I shop here and fear for my safety or life? I'll go to a different plumbing supplier. Life is too short"

economic effect in community our employees buy at 50 hrs in year community

I am also very concerned about the economic effect of this jail on our company. It has a potential to precipitate a drop in our sales to the point of putting the company in a constant loss position and could cause key employees to seek work else where in a safer environment. This could end up damaging the future of our 60 year old company. You see in our business the top 10% of the sales is really the profit. The first 90% of sales just cover our costs. Our management team estimates that the presence of the jail will cause a 10% to 20% drop in sales. Hence this could have a very negative impact of the viability of our company

when we bought this business property on Marginal Way and Highland Park some 4 years ago, we researched the zoning and it was perfect for our type of business. This zoning law also says "no jails allowed". We invested a huge sum to develop this flag ship store with 50,000 ft on some 100,000' of land. *ITS DIST center for 15 branches - NADJ*

to remain healthy for oth 15 branches to be healthy

We had to follow the zoning laws and invested a very large sum of money to buy and remodel a permissible building for a permissible use.

Yet here is the city, in one fell swoop, flaunting the zoning law to put up a jail. That's just not fair and seems to me it's not legal. If our private company acts within the scope of the zoning law why shouldn't the city be required to follow the same zoning law? And that law prohibits jails.

Mayor would have bought the property if knew about jail
The city, if the jail is erected, will become our most formidable competitor and will probably be responsible for our loss of sales and loss of employees.

I am also concerned about the potential for depressing our business property value.

The properties in our area are zoned manufacturing and industrial for a reason! It's to allow for development of more businesses that manufacture, store, and distribute goods. It's close to the docks. Our city is expanding and we will need to increase our industrial buildings to either manufacturer or warehouse goods as population explodes.

I say "leave the zoning alone. Don't allow a jail to be built at Highland Park"

How about building the jail in a safe place. San Francisco got it right when they chose an Island in their bay and erected Alcatraz. Why don't we do the same? There's plenty of Islands here in the Puget Sound waters. Why not put a jail on one of these islands? What about building a floating jail in Puget Sound?

In closing our business developed from the bravery of a 12 year old boy whose parents sent him to the US with 50 rubles in the year 1900. The parents sent him away rather than face an oppressive government which would have forced this 12 year old boy to enter the Russian Army and be immediately sent to Siberia! His mission once in Seattle was to earn enough money to pay for the rest of his family's passage to Seattle. He did it! He sold used material and salvage from a horse and wagon. Later it developed into a store and much later we now have our Pacific Plumbing Supply.

Isn't it ironic, that more than 100 years later, we are faced with the possibility of an oppressive decision by city government to erect a jail right in our faces while flaunting the zoning laws? Hasn't our world progressed

enough so that our city will not endanger the lives of 7000 customers a month and 65 employees with a jail footsteps away?

In honor of that 12 year old boy in 1900 and my father who opened this business in 1949 as he was dying of lung cancer, and our many employees and customers, I will vigorously fight this plan for a jail in Highland Park!

Sincerely

Edward Sherman
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Pacific Plumbing Supply

would be surprised if city forced w/ law suits
not really a class action law
suits to prevent jail

City would be heavily lawbreakers who
committed crimes w/ many jail beds
& don't try to analyze law
abiding highland park citizens
with enacting a plan to cause their
fear

Add to speech:

1. City is benefiting law breakers by providing additional beds and the expense of penalizing law abiding Highland Park citizens by erecting a jail in their neighborhood. This doesn't make sense.
2. The city is actually antagonizing the Highland Park Community where they should be making very nice to them.
3. Why doesn't the city just sell the jail land that it owns at a sweetheart price for a big profit to a developer for purpose of erecting what we need and what is zoned for: more ware and manufacturing buildings to provide goods and services to our expanding Seattle population!
4. I wouldn't be surprised if the city faced multiple law suits that would be very costly to the city if they pursue this sight. There would be a lot of unhappy citizens