



## July 30, 2008 – Municipal Jail Public Forum Comments Submitted via Comment Cards

“The Interbay property has such great potential for new commercial, residential or industrial development. Locating a jail on that site seems like such a waste of that potential. Please consider the opportunity cost for choosing this location.”

Darren Austin  
Magnolia

“Please follow city guidelines for industrial lands – it’s our tax base! No jail in Interbay. Stop locking people up!”

Janis Traver  
Magnolia

“No to the Interbay site: too close to animal shelter and new whole foods, alley behind (west) animal shelter must stay open, since people can be released anytime in 24 hours the bus service is scare and it’s not a good corner to wait on.”

Cousuelo Tarrabee  
Queen Anne

“We want tourists visiting the city and boarding tourists at cruise ships next to this facility will lead to more opportunities for picking passports. Jails and tourists don’t mix.”

Simpoa  
Queen Anne

“Intertbay was not suitable for a fire station because of concern for earthquakes – how can you justify this land for housing people?”

Simpoa  
Queen Anne

“Interbay should be called ‘get out of dodge’ site. 100 trains pass the site per day, 1500 boats moored, 6000 vehicles for provisioning ships, will allow for easy escape.”

Simpoa  
Queen Anne

“What are the ‘economies of scale’ that prohibit dispersing prisoners among two or more precinct facilities? Why is there no discussion about combining new jails with existing police stations?”

Tom Vincent  
Queen Anne

“Why is the only option being discussed housing all prisoners in one huge building? Wouldn’t two or three smaller facilities have less of an impact on the community?”

Tom Vincent  
Queen Anne

“I am concerned that by accepting as fact that a new jail is required, efforts to work with the county to solve the problem will dwindle.”

Tom Vincent  
Queen Anne

"I would like to propose the use of the first four or five floors of the Key Tower for this purpose. It's proximity to courts, etc. is the best available. Barring that, I strongly favor the Interbay site. As it is the farthest away from homes. And yet close to courts. No industry is interested in that site, so why not there?"

J. Merrill

"I'm concerned about using the industrial – commercial land in Interbay – land that the mayor and council have been trying to conserve in order to attract mid-range wage jobs. The need the vitality that greater employment will bring to the area. Use the JTF property owned by the city."

Ross Budden  
Queen Anne

"I do not believe that a new jail is needed and if one was built it should be a high-rise downtown that serves all King County cities. The economy of scale maker this the best choice not to mention safety and transportation issues."

Jim Lemoine  
Ballard

"Look at other options first, i.e. – combined jails, downtown high-rise, etc. Jails should stay out of neighborhoods. If truly necessary – the city should select a site based on cost (cost includes the initial cost of the land; construction/development costs; loss of future revenue from current and potential future use."

Marsha LeMoine  
Ballard

"It seems that the county is questioning whether a jail in the city is truly needed. (The Stranger 07/02/08). Where is that information in the presentations? Where is the county in these discussions? We haven't heard much from them and I would like to hear more."

Unknown

"This is a short-sighted, counter-intuitive, and inhumane response. The numbers don't add up to require a new jail. Kudos to Seattle for moving relatively fast on this...now let's set an even better example by being the first to change the paradigm and make no jail our goal. A \$117 million facility is a awfully big mistake to make for no other reason than institutional momentum."

Darina Garcia  
Belltown

"Interbay is the worst site because of the tsunami and liquefaction issues. Prisoners are at risk as wave and inundation occurs within 2 – 5 minutes. Map on City of Seattle Interbay vulnerability included."

Gene Hoglund  
Magnolia

"I hope that the city is actively supporting diversion programs for the city's felony charges – thus removing the inmate population projections for the county!!"

Abi Ludwig  
Ballard

“Density, the jail should not sprawl out on a 7-acre site. The jail needs to be downtown where the courts and social services are. The Interbay site is a tsunami and liquefaction zone. The site is next to trains (100 a day) and boats plus the large cruise ships (800,000 a year).”

Brandon Skinner  
Queen Anne

“Interbay is very dangerous. Fed. documents with Seattle DPD are on file, that jail’s should not be constructed in tsunami inundation areas. The Interbay vulnerability map shows that Armory Way is in a 2 – 5 meter tsunami inundation and is the only site affected. Very bad location.”

Gene Hoglund  
Magnolia

“Focus on a regional solution. Focus on high-rise solution – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave next to K.C. court house for example, it is vacant property and close to services needed by inmates – bonds, social services. If Interbay – must study EIS impacts of jail / Fort Lawton / Dravus commercial and residential development. Follow SMC 25.05.060! Costs to build too high at Interbay and loss of opportunity at site. Focus on South Seattle sites – least dense sites – Interbay surrounding area has a large population of families. Use city owned property. Why did EIS/SEPA process not start with the siting selection? Jail discourages community friendly development. Kent RJC is not an example, it’s very different than Interbay. Don’t schedule meetings like this in an urban area on a week night. I had to leave work early. Hold the meetings in the communities impacted. Include the saved transportation costs by siting the jail downtown. Can you expand the RJC? Does zoning currently allow for a jail in Interbay? What percentage of misdemeanor inmates plead down to a misdemeanor or were charged with a felony but were only counted as a misdemeanor? It is misleading to call the proposed jail safe just because it only houses misdemeanors.”

Unknown  
Magnolia

“The Interbay area presents a tremendous opportunity for economic growth – commercial and retail entities have expressed and demonstrated an interest and commitment in and to developing this area. The Queen Anne and Magnolia neighborhoods are affluent and able to support that growth. Despite Kent’s purported success (a dubious economic model, at best) with development surrounding a jail, it is highly likely that the building of an Interbay jail will have an extreme chilling effect on this very real potential for economic growth. Furthermore, the proposed Interbay site is with a 2 – 3 mile radius of public schools servicing 2,000 + children in addition to many more private school students and preschool students. Queen Anne and Magnolia are incredibly vibrant, active communities full of young, growing families that highly value the safety of our many, many children. This site is absolutely the worst choice given the potential economic growth of this area, and the incredibly dense population of young families and children in the area.”

Erin Trimmingham  
Queen Anne

“Interbay is a rapidly growing, narrow spot of land, flanked by a very-family-heavy, vibrant, dense residential neighborhoods. The recent development (commercial) is further encouraging pedestrian and family activity. In addition to the number of kids, there is a p-patch, golf, miniature golf course, bike and pedestrian trails, sports fields

(youth and adult) right there. There are 6 public schools, multiple private schools and preschools, all within very close radius (2000 + kids). The Armory site is appraised at \$12 million – the city already owns other sites. Armory is riddled with environmental (landfill / methane and liquefaction). ECA concerns – our other sites have received ECA exemptions and are not as firmly embedded in residential neighborhoods. There is also a traffic load consideration for Elliot and where will released people go – we already have a fair number of transients in that area. It would seem an eastside location would be a win-win as the city is looking at joint ventures and there's lots of land on the eastside. Interbay would have high acquisition and building costs – seems like a very poor fit for such a densely residential and kid heavy neighborhood.”

Laura Trimmingham  
Queen Anne

“I would like to see the city take a proactive approach to dealing with the loss of misdemeanor jail space, and by investing in and being creative about coming up with solutions to address the cause of misdemeanor crimes: substance abuse programs, mental health services, job training, etc.”

Unknown

“I do not want to see neighborhood pitted against neighborhood (unlike \*some\* people).”

Unknown

“Find a way to put jail downtown! Not the four proposed sites.”

Brian Hall  
Highland Park

“Negative impact to 2 major residential neighborhoods, nine public parks or open space within one mile (includes 3 play fields, soccer, little league and young children playing), 4 schools in 1.5 miles, cost increase due to liquefaction zone, Interbay has increased density for retail and urban growth in neighborhood close to city, cruise ships – more tourists, safety.”

Unknown

“We have concerns that by the city making the assumption that a new jail is necessary, it is not supporting the needed efforts in working with the county to find alternative solutions to reducing the entire county inmate population.”

Unknown