



July 30, 2008 – Municipal Jail Public Forum Caucus Discussion Questions

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

- Least impact to the neighboring communities
- Using a site that has the least number of options for a better use
- Cost to acquire the land
- Cost to build the facility
- Putting a jail in neighborhood will discourage community friendly development – especially when development has begun to progress in places like Interbay
- Proximity to play fields and schools and diverse residential neighborhoods
- Use underutilized property like adjacent to the JTF on Meyers
- Cost
- Long-term growth
- Don't!
- Desires of citizens
- Near crime center – downtown
- 40% decrease of jail population – continue to improve this
- Consider a mid and high-rise jail in spite of study if citizens want it
- Design against liquefaction zone
- Regional site with an increased size
- Proximity to inmate release services
- Buy additional land around the RJC and expand
- Environmental effects
- Cost and safety
- Deterrent to economic growth
- Noise impact with homes east, west and north of jail
- Use the money designated for jail to keep people from getting incarcerated
- Build it downtown
- Cost of property, construction, and loss of future revenue from current or potential future use

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

- The Interbay property has such great potential for high density residential and commercial development. Siting a jail on that site seems like such a waste of that potential.
- Safety
- Transportation to and from the jail
- It will discourage development which will likely include much needed housing close to downtown
- Taking industrial land that will soon help support the Interbay neighborhood economy
- Bad for our economy in Interbay
- Traffic
- Effect on property value – external perception of “jail” community
- Loitering, releases, increased vandalism, increased petty crimes
- Discourage community
- Human services

- Mental health
- Homeless
- 30% homeless
- Interbay is going to be a new urban village. This location goes against the vision for this area

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

- Include other elements to improve the area (park area, greenbelts, etc.)
- Rezone surrounding areas for commercial or residential so that there can be some positive urban development
- To add variety to the site
- Work with King County to expand the RJC
- Build the jail downtown if it is really necessary
- Choose a site that is not close to schools and parks
- Partnering with other cities
- Let other cities take more responsibility
- Explore all other locations
- Partner a new with King County and other cities to centralize jail and prison facilities
- Put jail downtown
- More significant interest in neighborhood to make neighborhood nicer in return for jail
- Release inmates downtown at 10 a.m.
- Increase police presence
- Compare costs of downtown over new site
- What type of person leaving a jail gets on the bus
- Look at county options
- Lack of easy public transportation near the jail, do we need to pay more for bus service (current riders are not served)
- Interbay is the most expensive
- Safety