

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
for July 12, 2008**

Name: Amy Palmer

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

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.

Name: Ann Owens

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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.

Name: Ann VanAlt

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

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.

Name: Ariella Adams

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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?

Name: Bill Smith

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/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.

Name: Carole Leventhal

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

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.

Name: Cindy Potter

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

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

Name: Dale Johnson

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

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. Name David Glogen City Seattle

Name: David Glogen

City: N.A

Neighborhood: 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.

Name: Drummond Reed

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

The Aurora and Haller Lake neighborhoods are the worst of the four choices for the jail location. This 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.

Name: E. Moore

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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

Name: Frank Ay

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

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.

Name: Glenn Slater

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

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

Name: Hettie Collier

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Northgate/Maple Leaf

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!

Name: HH Getchell

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

No jail please!

Name: J. Perez-Aragon

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

Not legal as per land use code. Release into environment that gives immediate access to reoffense 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 marcs ups 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.

Name: James Owens

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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.

Name: Jeff Jones

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

I'm concerned with the impact on residential and businesses. Cost city would need to exercise imminent 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 St one Way, which leads directly to residential. Flooding looks at the pictures of the flooding at Puetz! There is minimal room for parking.

Name: Jian Wong

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

I am against the jail built in North Seattle.

Name: Julie Herrera

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

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

Name: Junko Chung

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Northgate/Maple Leaf

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."

Name: Ken Reid

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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!

Name: Leanne Van

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

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.

Name: Linda Ramsdell

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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.

Name: M. Rotunno

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Northgate/Maple Leaf

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 reoffend. 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.

Name: Marilyn Nelson

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

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?"

Name: Meegan McKiernan

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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.

Name: Meg Rinaldi

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

Build the jail downtown!

Name: Michiyo Nguyen

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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.

Name: Pam Woodroffe

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

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.

Name: Pete Rogerson

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

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

Name: Rachel Matthews

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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.

Name: N/A

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller 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!

Name: Randy Asmussen

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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.

Name: Richard Gosinya

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

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.

Name: Rick Barrett

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

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

Name: Riley Asmussen

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

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.

Name: Sara Slater

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: 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 102030 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. Drug 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!

Name: Shawn MacPherson

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

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

Name: Sue Wilson

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

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 there is another place for customers who are longstanding

Name: Susan Moore

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

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 there were no city council members present who will vote?

Name: Suzie Morse

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter 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 lowincome 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.

Name: Terry Biggart

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

This site (Lake Puetz) is in conflict with the city's commitment to the development 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.

Name: Tom Maxwell

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

If you build a onestory 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.

Name: N/A

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

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

Name: Wendy Chamberlin

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

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?

Name: William Murray

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/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.

Name: N/A

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/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.

Name: N/A

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter 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?

Name: William Smith

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

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?????