

Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>  
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Name: Anthony Badon

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: West Seattle Junction/Genesee Hill

Why can't you put it in Wallingford or Bellevue or Mercer Island? Hmmmm... Why is West/South Seattle always considered a dumping ground?

Name: James Roe

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Madison Park

The jail needs to be downtown--where the Courts are and where anyone in work-release can catch a bus. Build it in that big hole in the ground between 3rd and 4th in front of City Hall. Cover with green roof and create a park. Tunnel directly to Municipal Courthouse for safety. Building out on Aurora or Interbay or other places means lots of movement back and forth. THINK of what a jail is used for--most of the time it is for PRE-TRIAL--so make it as close to Courts as possible.

Name: Mary M

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

I'm a parent with young children who attend school in the neighborhoods around the proposed north Seattle jail site. I'm concerned that a jail would negatively impact safety and the quality of our neighborhood. While the proposed Putz Golf site is in a commercial corridor, it's closely flanked by residential neighborhoods housing families and schools. Most of our neighborhoods lack sidewalks, which is already a safety concern and deterrent to walking or playing outside. Please do not add a nearby jail to the list of concerns parents have about their children going outdoors to play and exercise. I would much prefer to see a jail built in a commercial district that is apart from residential neighborhoods.

Name: Michael Rivard

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

Representing TriCourt Apartments, in the Bitter Lake community, 85 units, we favor the jail site selection of Aurora Ave. The fears of community leaders having inmates released out into the public streets is baseless and ignorant. The Aurora Ave site will be less stressful for employees and even those arrested along with family and support personnel for being in a dense commercial zone with surrounding residential areas. We need a jail that functions well with the community and the Aurora Ave site will provide a positive solution for everyone. This will be a fully functioning community and property values will increase greatly. Thank You.