

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
for August 4, 2008**

Name: Barbara Doskin

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"Why put a jail in one of Seattle's poorest, most fragile neighborhoods? Why destroy last remnants of greenbelt wetlands? Why put a jail in an isolated area away from transportation and other amenities close to homes and schools. Issue of saving City of Seattle taxpayer money at the expense of our neighborhood. Why not put something that will actually improve the neighborhood?"

Name: Betsy McConnell Gutierrez

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: West Seattle Junction/Genesee Hill

"What positive contributions would be included in the plan to improve the community? What improvements will be made in transportation to lessen the impact of increased traffic? Can't we invest the money in people instead of jails increase options to help mental health, DUI and DV issues."

Name: Bob Anderton

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: South Park

"Seattle should coordinate with King County and other cities to reach a regional solution. Seattle already hosts a jail. Other cities should host a jail, given that Seattle's jail population is decreasing, rather than increasing. I, in particular, believe the Eastside of Lake Washington should host."

Name: Boots Winterstein

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"I prefer a regional approach, and an emphasis on prevention and support rather than incarceration. If, however, it is determined after SEPA and EIS especially that the W. Marginal Way site is needed and best. I do not object. It is in an industrial commercial area, close to highways. I do not believe it is a safety hazard."

Name: David Preston Preston

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"Seattle should negotiate a deal with King County to expand the RJC or Seattle jail rather than building any new jails. I am opposed to either the city or county building jails until they fix existing problems at the Seattle jail problems like violations of civil rights, inadequate medical care and outbreaks of infectious disease."

Name: Guy Marris

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"There is significant growth in the S. West Seattle area. Has the impact been addressed against current residential population, or projected out 5 / 10 + years."

Name: Jessie Cook

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"How are prisoners handled today? Are they kept downtown until arraignment then transported to Kent? When prisoners are released, today, do they get released at all hours of the day and night? Are they transported to downtown Seattle to be released or do they just walk out the front door into the Kent neighborhood? What assurances do we have that felons will never be housed at this new jail? When will we get answers to the questions that we have posed in the last 2 forums? Just posting the questions on the Internet with no responses really means nothing. How will the city pay for this facility? If your assumptions that a low-rise jail is not what needs to be built, will you start the process over and consider the previously eliminated sites? Our sales tax is one of the highest in the nation; will funds for this jail come from sales taxes?"

Name: Kathy Nyland

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: N/A

"The regional approach makes the most sense when it comes to a new jail. If, a big if, it is proven that we need a new facility, Seattle should partner with other cities and new facilities should serve the region. It is important to note for social justice reasons that Seattle already houses the county facility. When the county needed to site a location for a Secured Correction Transition Facility (SCTF), Seattle was chosen to serve our region's needs. Our region is bigger than Seattle."

Name: Klaus Ropers

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

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"To release not into jails quiet neighborhood. To improve law enforcement patrols, more frequent in jail surrounding. For Meyers Way, as its bordering K.C. Seattle Police must be able to work in K.C. (White Center). For West Marginal, in case of liquefaction or Tsunami you will have no time to rescue / re-locate inmates, but just open the doors, adding more problems."

Name: Lori Puckett

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"I live in White Center near White Center Hts. Elementary. I work at Pacific Plumbing Supply Co. at 7500 W Marginal Way. I have been riding my bicycle and walking to work. This whole area has been steadily growing stronger and safer, but it is still fragile and I would hate to lose the ability to walk and ride safely on this route because of my safety concerns."

Name: Martha Belmont

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Madison Park

I have followed this story regarding a new jail being built on the news and feel very strongly on the issue. I do not live in any of the neighborhoods, but have many friends and clients that do. I feel that because most of the crime I hear about daily and nightly on the news is being committed in the South end of Seattle, that this is where the jail should be built. In the Kent area.

Martha

Name: Max Motor

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"Don't care for support arena of criminal process, whatever that may include bond people, etc., also would feel upstaged by seeing criminals get a better place to stay than honorable citizen's homes, lowering property values, and home sales not a plus."

Name: Melissa Saxe

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"My husband and I strongly oppose the city considering a site location for a city jail in Highland Park. The neighborhood has gone through a significant change for the better and this proposal would detract those improvements. A jail does not belong in a community with schools and residents. The city should continue to find a site for a multistory building in downtown."

Name: Paul Winterstein

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"Preference build no more jails. Incarceration is not working. If a facility needs to be built, sites should be balanced across the city, not concentrated in an area. The West Marginal Way site seems a good location."

Name: Rachel Jade Claire Harmon

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: West Seattle Junction/Genesee Hill

"The only address to my concern: Do not build a new jail. There is a lack of protection in this city for real victims; real criminals are not locked up, sex offenders and child molesters continually are released and revictimize children. I'm tired of the attack on the poor, paying taxes and the jails are dirty and full of TB and MRSA and can't be sued for that. If you're rich you have more equal rights, those should not be the only people who make decisions to make themselves richer, jails make money for who?"

Name: Rebecca Chu

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

"Add criterion what will be the impact to the surrounding community and neighborhood plans? There are a lot of issues that still need to be settled before you identify the type of structure you need. 07/08 - Seattle / Eastside cities feasibility study. 07/08 - Complete assessment of low-rise vs. highrise money assumptions. If you find that you can build a multistory jail or the Seattle / Eastside - suggest revisit all 35 sites and reanalyze since criteria for sites could change."

Name: Sally MacGregor

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: West Seattle Junction/Genesee Hill

"The public outreach for this process has been terrible. The only way I found out about this was through an email from a friend in Highland Park, reading the West Seattle Blog, and an email from a representative from Puget Ridge. I received nothing from the City of Seattle."

Name: Yilu Shi Shi

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Highland Park

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"Highland Park and White Center are two neighborhoods trying to improve and get better. If a jail was to be put in, it would not help with the community image and revitalization. How can the city put in a jail in a community trying its very best to improve? A 7acre jail site worked in Kent and was considered "successful. First, please define "successful;" second, you are "forcing" a site that worked in Kent into a Seattle neighborhood. It's comparing apples to oranges. What's successful in Kent doesn't mean anything