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Why would anyone put a jail at 1600 W. Armory Way? New businesses such as Whole Foods and Amgen are transforming the once shoddy Interbay area to an attractive neighborhood for mixed use and residential buildings. Given the Mayor and City Council's sustainability directive, and the possibility of bicycle commutes from the Interbay area to downtown, one would expect them to ENCOURAGE residential development along Interbay instead of putting a jail there! Of the four sites, the Interbay area has the greatest potential to be put to higher value uses due to its proximity to employment bases, closeness to really good public schools in the Q Anne/Magnolia cluster and views of the Puget Sound. Why put a jail there? It would seem a great waste of taxpayer money and a misallocation of precious real estate resources. There will be a community uproar and a good fight when it comes to siting a jail in Interbay.