

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

Neighborhood: Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

I am writing in opposition to the siting of a jail at 117th Street and Aurora Avenue N. More than 2.5 years ago I helped start Greenwood Aurora Involved Neighbors (GAIN). We have been working proactively to reduce crime in our area. Aurora is at a turning point. Aurora needs continued support, not additional risks. Of the four sites: It is the only one with immediately adjacent single family and multi-family housing. It is the furthest site from the downtown courthouse. It is the site with the greatest number (7) of public and private K-12 schools within one mile. This area is already one plagued with high crime. The 358 bus-line carries nearly 10,000 riders a day and expected to increase when Bus Rapid Transit comes to Aurora in a few years. How will we be able to get people out of their cars and using the bus if they think recently released inmates are riding the bus?

Name: Paul Hagopian

Neighborhood: South Park

I do not want a jail in my backyard!