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Name: Patrick Rodgers

Neighborhood: Highland Park

We have worked real hard to turn things around in our neighborhood and now to hear that two of the four potential jail sites are close to our neighborhood is quite depressing. Surely there are better places for these potential sites. Thanks!

Name: Karmen Martin

Neighborhood: Riverview

Why is the City head-set on looking at a 1-story 7-acre jail removed from the urban core? Seems pretty far removed from the density-is-good and reduce-your-commute ethic of the mayor's office. What is this about? I understand that there are likely some legitimate reasons for a 1-story jail, but we need to look realistically at our situation as a city. While I am still waiting to see all the facts on this and how the City determined the siting criteria, it seems that it would make much more sense (transportation reasons alone) to have a municipal jail in the urban core near other amenities. Anywhere west of the Duwamish River seems a bad choice at the moment given the fact that West Seattle will soon be facing a dire transportation crisis with the viaduct going away.

Name: William Murray

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

I am appalled with the City of Seattle citing a Jail on North Aurora since it is in the Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village, 50' away from Senior Housing at Halcyon home park, Aki Kurose low income family housing and Bella B mobile home park the later two with children. There are 5 schools within one mile of the North Aurora site. A Jail would further marginalize the Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village and exacerbate the crime on Aurora Ave.

Name: Morgan Timblin

Neighborhood: Riverview

The W Marginal Way site ITSELF may be "industrial" but it is .57 of a mile from my home and our neighborhood. The greenspace that seems like a convenient wall separating the proposed site from the neighborhood is already used for drug use, sales, homeless encampments, and prostitution. This is not theory; these are things I've witnessed taking the toddler to the swings at 11 in the morning. The same goes for the S Myers site; both Westcrest and Riverview parks were scary places to bring my child in the DAYTIME six years ago; we are turning this neighborhood around and the last thing Riverview, Highland Park, South Park and/or White Center needs is to be home to the municipal jail and associated criminal traffic. Look at South Park and Delridge's notable amount of registered sexual offenders; look at Riverview and Highland Park's large number of low income housing units; these neighborhoods are shouldering enough already. I am outraged at the consideration of these sites. Thank you.