

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>  
on May 23, 2008**

Name: Jose Mercado

Neighborhood: Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

Dear Mayor Greg Nickels and City Councilmembers, I am writing in opposition to the siting of a jail at Aurora Avenue N and N 117th Street. I recognize the need for the city to find a site for a municipal jail. I do not, however, agree that this site meets reasonable criteria for a safe and efficient jail location. Of the four sites mentioned: - It is the only one with immediately adjacent residences. - It is the furthest site from the downtown courthouse. - It is the site with the greatest number of K-12 schools within one mile. - The parcel is located within the boundaries of the Bitterlake Hub Urban Village.- Locating a jail with the potential flow of 20-40 inmates daily on our vulnerable streets threatens the gains we have made as a community. Please choose a site that is further from residential areas and schools, closer to the downtown courthouse and less vulnerable to crime.

Name: Barbara Dobkin

Neighborhood: Highland Park

As a resident of White Center, I am appalled at the idea of a jail in my neighborhood. Residents of this community have struggled to make this area a safe, family friendly neighborhood. The White Center proposed jail location is too close to the new Greenbridge community, as well as schools. Why should the people on the south end have to suffer this affront to our neighborhood?

Name: Eric Walter

Neighborhood: Licton Springs

Please do not decide to place the Jail on Aurora. This street is slowly making improvements. The improvements are beginning in the more affluent areas near Greenlake and gradually moving North. A jail on the North end of Aurora may drastically affect this process.

Name: Rebecca Chu

Neighborhood: Highland Park

Confused about where you allow the public to discuss the proposed jail site on the city's website. On one page (<http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/outreach.htm>), you say: "The City has added a section to its Web site: <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/>, where it provides information about the project and solicits feedback and questions from Seattle residents." What's on that page is a short paragraph why we need a jail. A. No effort to "solicit feedback and questions from Seattle residents. B. only info you provide is why we need a jail- it says nothing re: practical considerations for those affected by your decision. How did you apply the criteria for choosing the jail sites (35 to now 4 sites) and where is your analysis? That would be a really helpful tool. Isn't that kind of what an open and transparent process is all about?

Name: Herbert Getchell

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

i would ask you not to consider the new jail site on aurora ave for many reasons .high crime area, struggling hub village ,bus route 358 would have many released inmates riding the bus ,near to many schools ,and the distance from the city center would increase fuel costs thank you

Name: Lisa Huynh

Neighborhood: Highland Park

I dont think would be good idea to build jail in highland park, because this area has a lot of kids and hard workers people live here. It was shocked me when I heard about this project to planning build the jail.

Name: Tanya Huynh

Neighborhood: Highland Park

I think the jail sites would be extremely effects to the community. All the young kids are walking, biking to school everyday and also the residentals are concerning as well. I'd like to ask for your reconsideration. Thanks.

Name: Jane Ballard

Neighborhood: Green Lake

I do not support putting a jail on 117th and Aurora. Our neighborhood has been working hard to decrease crime and prostitution. Putting a jail would defeat our hard work which is at a critical turning point. There are residences and schools plus bus communters in very close proximity. A jail needs to be in a more distant location that does not jeopardize our community. A jail is needed, but in a different location.

Name: Mario Juarez

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

ARE YOU INSANE? You propose placing a JAIL in the middle of a neighborhood that is cleaning up, improving on multiple fronts and expanding the tax city's base? Could you try any harder to push us to the suburbs? We are professionals with kids, we enjoy city life and we embrace the multitude of lifestyles here (except criminal). But it is too much to ask us to accept a revolving-door facility of low-budget criminals and their friends in the midst of our community. The other sites are closer to the requisite social services (e.g., courthouse) and they are not situated next door to nice homes and residential areas. It's true, the crooks will have to work harder at the south-end sites to find homes and people to rob. The scenery won't be as nice, there won't be as many schools nearby to serve the pedophiles, and it will be harder to find clean walls to tag. But it's a sacrifice we are willing to help them make.

Name: Ronald Hornung

Neighborhood: Green Lake

I agree with the North Seattle site. As a resident of North Seattle for over 45 years, I have noticed that most of these projects get sent to the South or downtown, its time for the Northend to step up and take this on. The North precinct is also looking for a new location and could be used as a buffer to the single family zone nearby. I believe Shorline is in need of space and will

help with the cost of the new buildings. I see this as a win, win, win for Seattle, Shoreline and the tax payers who have some very large projects to pay for in the next five to ten years.

Name: Patricia Shigihara

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

Based on your site selection criteria, the sites on Aurora and Interbay will limit the facility size and flexibility. I therefore believe these are not good candidates. Thank you.