

Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipal/jail/questions.htm>
on May 8, 2008

Name: Ted Ellis

Neighborhood: Arbor Heights

Hello, I am concerned as a resident of the Arbor Heights / Shorewood community about the planned jail on Myer's Way. As a recent (3 year) resident of this community - I am concerned that a number of the efforts our community has taken to clean up the neighborhood and area will be lost. We take a lot of pride in our corner of Seattle- and I am excited every time I see new residents or someone taking pride in their little piece of land. I'm afraid that a jail near our sensitive community would drastically turn back efforts that common folks are taking. The White Center area has a feel that we are right on the cusp of turning the corner - and a jail and it's potential releases would jepodize a lot of hard work and money that folks have bonded together to accomplish. Please say NO to the Myers Way jail. With regards, Seattle, WA

Name: Linda Moneymaker

Neighborhood: Highland Park

I am opposed to placing the jail at the Highland Park/West Marginal site. I believe this is too close to a residential neighborhood that is growing quickly. Highland Park is becoming very desirable for families. We should not locate a jail so close to a neighborhood like this.

Name: Joan Hanson

Neighborhood: Haller Lake

If the Plutz golf site is up for sale, why can't it be aquired for a new park in an area that is being built up in high density residential usage? This site is too close to established residential neighborhoods. Please consider a site in a more established industrial location.

Name: Cynthia Baker

Neighborhood: Magnolia

I live in Interbay/Magnolia and I strongly oppose a jail on the Interbay site. As a resident, I already have to deal with the noise,pollution,etc. from rail yard 24/7. I also feel that construction & operation of a jail in an area with a lot of new retail & SFH/multi-maily housing would be severely detrimental to the proposed growth in this neighborhood. Additionally, its proximity to residential neighborhoods is unacceptable. Surely, the city owns property in a less dense, more suitable area. Additionally, your plans for a 7-acre site in a dense urban neighborhood to support low-rise is unrealistic. Why does Seattle always shoot for the ideal, instead of the realistic & pragmatic? I've lived in other cities with a lot more challenges and I don't get why Seattle government- particularly the City Council- is always proposing pie-in-sky projects, instead of focusing on realistic solutions to significant urban problems- traffic/transit, public safety, & managing sustainable growth

Name: Todd Emery

Neighborhood: Highland Park

I would like to say that if I have a vote I don't want a jail at the Highland park location or the Myers way locatoin. My house is right in the middle of both these two locatoins. I don't want my property value driven down by having a jail with in walking distance. I also think the area is

starting to clean up very well and don't want the negativity around our neighborhood. I have kids as do many of our neighbors. Please select a different location that is many more industrial or that will not harm nice neighborhoods such as ours.

Name: Anita Emery

Neighborhood: West Seattle Junction/Genesee Hill

Why would we even consider putting a jail in a residential area - what are we thinking.

Name: Brian Kadish

Neighborhood: Highland Park

I just found out that you are looking at 2 locations in the south end of Seattle for the jail. I live in the area and we are still trying to overcome being a low income, high crime area stigma and now you want to consider the area for a jail. The sites that you have proposed Highland Park and Myers Way are in an area that is in a regrowth process and by putting a jail in the community I believe you will be hurting the progress made in the area. I would also like to mention that both sites are close to elementary schools. Please keep me informed in the process for choosing a site. I have faith in the city that they will make a choice that will not harm vital areas of the city by making them unappealing. I do not have an email please contact me via phone 206-286-8172. Thanks for your time.

Name: Patrick Baroch

Neighborhood: Highland Park

Please reconsider your selection of the TWO sites in West Seattle for the new Seattle Municipal Jail. BOTH sites are within 1/2 mile from residential areas, schools, and playgrounds. The Highland Park Way site is across the street from a massive greenbelt with dense forest and a network of contiguous trails which lead from the West Seattle Bridge to White Center. This site is also across the street from the Duwamish River which seems like a very likely and convenient escape route. The Myers Way site is also across the street from dense residential housing and within a 1/2 mile of play fields and community centers. Please place a very high risk facility like this jail as far away from residential areas as possible. Surely there are sites in the SODO and Harbor Island areas that could support the new Municipal Jail without impacting as many people, families, and kids.

Name: David Seely

Neighborhood: Ballard

Typo! A big one, too lol.