

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
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Name: Erin Murphy

Neighborhood: Interbay

I have lived in Interbay for nearly two years now, and have seen it go thru rapid changes in just this short period of time. There are still a lot of unsavory characters around the neighborhood, but the condos, grocery stores, gyms, etc that are going in - are making this neighborhood safer. I am a single gal and I want to feel that my neighborhood is getting safer not scarier. I don't think that interbay is a good option for the jail.

Name: Frank Tran

Neighborhood: Highland Park

Our life will be affected depressions and stresses when two jails are built near our houses (one is 1.25 miles and one is 2.45 miles). We concern for our children life (5 years old daughter and 8 years old son). Why did Seattle city pick to build two jails in a small neighbor Highland Park? Why did Seattle city pick to build two jails in a small neighbor Highland Park?

Frank Tran family.

Name: Sara Slater

Neighborhood:

Dear Mayor Greg Nickels and City Councilmembers, I am writing to inform you that developing the jail site at 11762 Aurora Avenue North would not be a good decision for the City of Seattle's economic future and the local community needs. I recognize the need for the city to find a site for a municipal jail. I do not agree that this North Seattle site meets reasonable criteria for a cost efficient jail location. I have outlined below a few of these reasons below:

- It is the furthest site from the downtown courthouse and with rising transportation costs this would not be efficient.
- The site is privately owned (Puetz Driving Range). In the event that the city has to exercise eminent domain, this could result in a lengthy and expensive court battle for all parties involved. Adding to the intensity of the tight deadline of having the site acquired by January 2009 and open in 2013.
- The North Seattle site is the smallest of the four sites, which restricts the ability for future expansion. North Seattle is 7.15 acres, Interbay is 7.66 acres, and the two city owned properties are 10.51 and 12 acres.
- We need to have a community that can support the released inmates' unique needs (re-entering work force, mentally ill, homelessness).
- Aurora has been vulnerable to high levels of crime. Although some areas of Aurora have seen a reduction in crime, 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.
- The 358 bus-line carries nearly 10,000 riders a day and is expected to increase when Bus Rapid Transit comes to Aurora in a few years. The 358 is already known as one of the higher crime routes. Adding additional risks of released inmates will only contribute to its already risky status. Plus, more and more students will be using the bus for getting to and from school.
- There are 7 schools within one mile: Ingraham High School (0.6 miles), Broadview Thompson K-8 (0.6 miles), Northgate Elementary (0.6 miles), Christ the King Elementary (0.6

miles), Haller Lake Children's Center (0.6 miles), Living Wisdom School (0.9 miles), Northgate Christian Academy (1 mile).

- There are more than 1000 residential units within 600 yards of the proposed site.
- Additional site access will need to be developed. There is only a narrow street that leads up to the site from Aurora Avenue.
- The site is located within a designated wetlands area.

Please choose a site that is further from residential areas and schools, closer to the downtown courthouse, less vulnerable to crime, and makes more economic sense for the City of Seattle.

Sincerely, Sara Slater