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I am writing in opposition to the siting of a jail at Aurora Avenue N and N 117th Street. I live near Aurora in the general area where people have been working hard to reduce crime. Even the Mayor's office has been supportive of the Aurora Avenue Task Force to help tackle Aurora's problems. However, if we bring a jail to the same area that we are working so hard to turn around, and where the expected average stay is 10 days, isn't this bringing additional risks to the area rather than support??? I don't understand how continued progress will be able to be made if a jail is built in the area. I feel like it goes against everything the task force is working so hard to accomplish. Please consider other less residential areas that are not so vulnerable to crime.