

Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipal/jail/questions.htm>  
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Name: Cathy Jessup

Neighborhood: Highland Park

I am appalled that 2 of the 4 sites identified are in the Highland Park area. It shows the lack of regard the city has for the neighborhood, and that the primary factor in selecting site had more to do with the wealth of the area and the ability to fight back or to effectively lobby city officials (with Money). All residents in Highland Park will suffer significant consequences of the Marginal way or Meyers Way sit is selcted, especially with home values being decimated and the safety of the area greatly decreased. It is also false that the lease with King County is non-renewable, the county is meeting Monday to vote on extending the Lease! King County Sheriff Sue Rahr is on record stating this whole endeavor is a waste of taxpayers money, and that the Kent facility is perfectly adequate to meet all needs in this area. GET OUT OF THE JAIL BUSINESS!!!!

Name: Donna Cooper

Neighborhood: Fauntleroy/Seaview

There is already a disproportionate amount of social service/food bank facility type operations, including a psychiatric clinic, not to mention a half-way house, industrial district, and transfer station) built either in or immediately adjacent to the West Seattle community. Its time that the City stop dumping in West Seattle's backyard (and front yard for that matter), things that other communities don't want in their back and front yards. We strongly and vigorously recommend the 11762 Aurora Avenue N. site for the jail.

Name: Carolyn Stauffer

Neighborhood: Highland Park

What are you doing with all of the compiled comments from this website, community meetings, and from the 50 "community leaders" interviewed? compiling them for your website? Don't you hear some resounding themes? are you listening? Is this a black hole of due diligence? A JAIL BELONGS DOWNTOWN. RELOOK at the ASSUMPTION that a low-rise jail is the best alternative for a Seattle jail- pay a consultant to OBJECTIVELY CHALLENGE that ASSUMPTION, not to CONFIRM that ASSUMPTION. Use studies of other jails that are relevant to Seattle and to these neighborhood site settings. Mayor's priorities: don't use any more industrial lands for non-industrial uses, and increase density in the city: PUT THE JAIL DOWNTOWN WHERE IT BELONGS. I thought this was a forward thinking progressive city- GET WITH THE PROGRAM- these four sites are ridiculous, the city and Doug Carey should be ashamed and embarrassed for even suggesting them and spending tax payer dollars to go this far in the process with them.

Name: Allison Hollis

Neighborhood: Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

I am writing in opposition to the siting of a jail at Aurora Avenue N and N 117th Street. I live near Aurora in an area supported by Greenwood Aurora Involved Neighbors (GAIN). Our

neighborhood has been working hard to reduce crime. Until recently the area north of 85th Street was always on the top 10 list for 911 drug calls. The police reported to us in November 2006 that we dropped off that list completely, and have remained off for most of this time. We believe this turnaround happened through community involvement and support of the police and City. Aurora needs continued support, not additional risks. Your office has been working very closely with us to help tackle Aurora's problems through its support of the Aurora Avenue Task Force, and I hope you continue to consider us by choosing a site that is further from residential areas and schools, which are so vulnerable to crime.