

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

Neighborhood: High Point

The timing and siting of a jail facility in the West Seattle/Duwamish area is one of the worst ideas I've heard in a long time. The area has had it's share of problems already and this will only add to it. Has any thought been given to the already problematic transportation issues? This is expected to be built at the same time as the Spokane/Alaska viaduct construction is ongoing? That's fabulous! Add to our West Seattle transportation issues even more! Forget giving us a good transit system, just give us a jail. Great! Exactly how are the released inmates going to get around? Exactly what convenient, regular bus are they expected to use? Are they going to walk? What facilities are in the area for them to use (i.e. bail bonds, quick cash places, food, drink, public restrooms and public offices)? There's nothing at all. The closest and easiest area to get to for those on foot is the very close greenbelt, and the neighborhood immediately up the hill.

Name: Mark Walls

Neighborhood: Queen Anne

I am opposed to a new jail in the Interbay site. According to the study published on this site there looks like a 1 in 7 chance it will lower my property value. According to the study there also looks like there could be 1 to 12.5 escapes from the facility a year and I do not want that happening in my neighborhood. I live with in a block of the proposed site and am truly concerned about the prospect as a jail as a neighbor.

Name: Connelly Johnson

Neighborhood: Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

Dear Mayor Nickels, I am writing in opposition to the siting of a jail at Aurora Avenue N and N 117th Street. The last thing the Aurora Ave.N area needs is a jail. The only thing worse would be another slum-lord motel. Now is the time to improve Aurora from N. 70th St. to Shoreline, to give hope to those homeowners who have faith in the resurgence of that area. It is difficult to live in an area of Seattle this is known for its prostitutes and drug dealers, having a jail in the immediate area won't help. This is the site furthest away from the courthouse. It is time to start improving Aurora. We don't need a jail, we don't another fly-by-night used car lot, we don't more scary-to-walk-by motels. This area needs the support of the city so it no longer is the butt of Seattle jokes. This city needs to cultivate developers and business that will bring stability to the area. Please help the Aurora neighborhood help itself. Thank you, Connelly Johnson