



Dec. 10, 2008 – NEC Municipal Jail Public Forum Caucus Discussion Questions

What are the top five factors the NEC should consider in siting the Municipal Jail?

- Impacts to existing nearby residents
- Increased local crime rate by associates of inmates
- Decreased property values
- Increased crime by released inmates
- Not close to schools
- Not close to residential areas
- Not close to parks
- High residential area for released prisoners to be released into
- There are parks and playing fields in close proximity to this site
- Adequate transportation
- Police coverage
- Proximity to neighborhood
- Ability of community services such as shelter, food programs, etc.
- Awareness of surrounding neighborhoods and residential areas
- Awareness of schools and nearby parks
- Proximity of established businesses
- Declines and impact on private property value
- Proximity to established hospitals
- Residential proximity
- Access to courts
- Impact on infrastructure, police, roads, etc.
- Perception of a jail on area
- Residential property values will go down!
- Seattle – downtown – already has an established healthcare system within the jail and within Public Health and Seattle Mental Health. It has homeless shelters, hospitals, feeding program, transit, adequate police services and municipal courts. It has bail bondsmen. Unincorporated KC has none of these in Kingsgate. There are no schools and very few residences at the annex site. The annex area is already established based on the presence of a large jail.
- Proximity to schools, parks, established neighborhoods
- Safety of children
- Safety of public
- Opinions of members of the local community
- Location – a jail should not be located anywhere near parks, schools and neighborhoods or daycares or playcenters
- Safety of our children and what they may be exposed to
- Safety of our neighborhoods. How will this affect crime rates in our neighborhoods?

- Possible problems with drug addicts/alcoholics being released into our neighborhoods. Will more drugs move into our neighborhoods? How does this affect teens and pre-teens let alone children?
- What site has the most established services for released inmates: homeless shelters, hospitals, mental health care
- Where does most of the current existing service...
- Access to transit
- Away from residential zones and schools
- Close to courthouse and/or municipal facilities
- Access to services, sidewalks and road capacity to handle increased traffic
- Lower property values, especially with existing low-end housing and casino
- Undesirables will hangout there to visit their friends
- Too close to schools, soccer fields – bad energy
- Not enough representation for Unincorporated KC
- Not enough facilities for employees: restaurants, etc.
- Safety
- Impact the area development
- Mental impact on the residents
- Parks, schools are close
- A lot of children around
- Proximity and number of schools
- Affect on traffic – back and forth to Seattle (pollution)
- Distance from courts
- Safety of families and children
- Proximity to schools
- Impact on businesses in the area and to landowners in terms of leasing impacts
- Impact on residential values of property in the surrounding area
- Proximity to areas where there are concentrated amounts of children and homes
- Location away from residential development
- Cheap land
- Possible outsourcing
- Safety, safety, safety
- We had no representation
- No police force
- Not enough time to study all the problems
- Too rushed and badly handled
- Appropriate setting – don't put a jail in a single family residential area
- Safety – will the King County Sheriff dept. receive additional funding to support the residents
- Road infrastructure
- Local law enforcement support
- Bus access
- Proximity to residences, parks and schools
- Distance to courts
- Needs to be away from residential areas
- Needs to be away from schools
- Impact this will have on surrounding area: bail bond offices opening, etc.
- Impact on surrounding businesses

What is your biggest concern about a jail at this site?

- Increased crime rates by released inmates and their friends
- It's too close to schools and residential areas
- The local schools are "walk to school" sites. No bus for the elementary school. This is a high-density residential area to the north of this site.
- No adequate police coverage, already strained community given number of bars, casino
- A jail is not conducive to a family friendly neighborhood
- Property values and support businesses coming to the area to support the facility. Given a choice between two equal houses you will pick the one away from the jail.
- It is right in the middle of family neighborhoods!
- Too close to parks, schools, churches, long-time established neighborhood that is abound with children and many child-centered activity places, daycares and Evergreen Hospital
- Environmental justice of locating jail in area with high density, low-income housing, casino (which neighbors strongly opposed) and less representation that a city. Concern of eroding value of area and appeal of city incorporating PAA.
- Impact of property values – I personally would never buy a home anywhere if I knew a jail was that close
- This is highly dense residential area, building a jail at this site will have a high safety impact on the local community
- Future overflow/overcrowding
- Misdemeanors today, felons tomorrow
- Infrastructure, roads, traffic congestion
- Safety – pedestrian path to transit through park, schools
- Safety of surrounding neighborhoods
- Reassurance of safety on a personal and business level
- Devastating impact on property values
- Security
- Too many to count, do not build it here
- Too close to schools and residential areas
- When people are released from the jail and there's no one to pick them up, my concern is that they will wander our neighborhoods. They may wander to the local grade school and junior high, located about 1 mile from the proposed UKC site. If there's a problem with one of those individuals, we will have trouble getting police response because we're not in Kirkland – we're outside of Kirkland PD's jurisdiction.

Given that the jail has to go somewhere, what are the top things the NEC could do to address your concerns?

- Place jail in unpopulated area
- I don't have an answer, but I don't want it near Kirkland
- Annex to the existing jail to get biggest economies of scale
- Consider other sites
- Not build a jail within 100 yards of established residences

- Not build a jail near established schools and parks
- Listen to the families that reside in the neighborhoods the jail will affect
- Put it near a court/police that services the inmates
- Give all police jurisdiction in Unincorporated KC and require them to patrol the area
- Put it somewhere else
- Best utilization of established services without creating a whole new set of services (homeless services, mental health services, bail bonds, courts)
- Or without adding huge costs to house inmates one place and transport them to another for services or not servicing them at all
- Assure the public it will not be close to schools
- Keep it out of family neighborhoods
- Choose a site not based on cost, but on public safety
- Examine locations further afield or not within proximity to schools, parks and neighborhoods
- Let someone from outside the people working directly on getting this proposed site and chosen by the people to evaluate the effect on property values, safety and crime rates – someone who is objective
- Annex county jail in Seattle
- More transit routes – major routes
- Annex the jail in Seattle
- Look for property further away from populace
- Allow us neighbors to vote on issue
- Property value studies and neighborhood safety studies – evidence
- Crime rates and price after
- Look for areas that are more isolated and less populated
- It seems that the most beds are needed for Seattle – shouldn't they hold the most responsibility?
- Select a site not in Kingsgate
- Build small jails in the cities as they are needed
- Approve Seattle
- Away from schools
- Away from residential
- Put in industrial area