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To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>, <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 10:04 AM
Subject: Proposed Kingsgate site

I am opposed to the proposed jail site in Kingsgate. it is too large, will make incorporatio of this area too difficult and is too near too many schools and hospital facilities witout adequate public transportation for released prisoners to return to other areas after being released.

Sincerely,
 Lisa Kobeck

1. The jail will be too big.

The jail plans specify a 255,000 square foot building that covers more than five acres and includes 640 beds. Some jails in the U.S. house more prisoners than they have beds, with some sleeping on floors on thin mattresses.

2. Many prisoners will be released directly from the jail near where we live.

Without good public transportation to get them dispersed, released prisoners may hang around our neighborhood too long. Bus service along 124th ST NE is infrequent.

3. Crime may increase in our area.

Jail inmates may be more dangerous than stated

Although the NEC Web site states that most prisoners brought to this new jail will be those arrested on misdemeanor charges such as driving under the influence (DUI) or driving without a state driver's license (DWSL), in fact, prisoners typically have long felony arrest records for crimes such as assault, theft, break-ins, and numerous drug-related crimes.

Kingsgate and Totem Lake areas have no police force

With a jail of 640 beds, in which the average stay is only 9 days, that means about 70 inmates a day will be exiting the jail.

Currently, we are "protected" by the King County Sheriff department which is slower to respond to our 911 calls than if we had our own police force. We also understand that they recently reduced their protection for us, when property crimes occur of less than \$10,000 in value. Such cases will not be investigated unless there is an injury.

4. There are too many family-oriented functions in the area.

This includes schools, churches, parks, and other areas of concern located within about a mile (some as close as across the street) from the proposed location.

Day cares and preschools

- P Kingsgate-Totem Lake Day Care & Preschool, 12604 NE 132nd St, Kirkland
- P Totem Preschool, 12440 128th Ln NE, Kirkland
- P Elite Kids Preschool, 11711 124th Ave NE, Kirkland,
- P Totem Lake KinderCare, 11404 Slater Ave NE, Kirkland
- P Child Care Friends Play Carey, 11820 NE 145th St, Kirkland
- P Tree of Life Daycarey, 14216 132nd Ave NE, Kirkland
- P Learning Horizon Child Care and After School Learning Center, 13935 122nd Ave. NE, Kirkland

Elementary schools

- P John Muir Elementary School, 14012 132nd Ave NE, Kirkland
- P Twain Elementary School, 9525 130th Ave NE, Kirkland

Other schools

- P Northwest Aerials School of Gymnastics, 12440 128th Ln NE, Kirkland
- P Kamiakin Junior High School, 14111 132nd Ave NE, Kirkland
- P Springhurst School, 10737 124th Ave NE, Kirkland
- P Our Redeemer Christian School, 11611 NE 140th St, Kirkland
- P Parks and Recreation
- P 132nd Square Park
- P Mark Twain Park
- P Totem Lake

Churches

- P Churches
- P Christ Church Kirkland, 11725 NE 118th St, Kirkland
- P Church of Latter Day Saints
- P The Grace Church

Hospitals and care facilities

- P Kingsgate Adult Care Home, 13803 125th Ave NE, Kirkland
- P Evergreen Hospital
- P Evergreen Hospital Medical Center
- P Evergreen Hospital Medical Center: Parkinson Center, 12040 NE 128th St, Kirkland

- P Madison House Totem Lakeý, 12215 NE 128th St, Kirkland
- P Aegis of Kirklandý, 13000 Totem Lake Blvd NE, Kirkland
- P Evergreen Hospital Medical Center: Hospice Servicesý, 12822 124th Ln NE, Kirkland
- P Evergreen Community Home Health & Hospiceý, 12040 NE 128th St # 103, Kirkland

Other areas of concern

- P Kingsgate Libraryý, 12315 NE 143rd St, Kirkland
- P Kingsgate Ice Arenaý, 14326 124th Ave NE, Kirkland
- P Kingsgate Transfer Station and a park-and-ride
- P Totem Lake Shopping Mall

5. Annexation will be more difficult.

If those of us living and working here want to increase our quality of life and services available by getting our area annexed to a neighboring city, the presence of a jail will make it less attractive for annexation.

6. Total costs by the county may be far more than expected.

Although a purported reason for building a large jail is to save costs, as opposed to smaller jails built and maintained by individual cities, those cost savings may be lost because of the logistics needed to move prisoners back and forth to far-off court facilities.

7. Helpful services for prisoners lacking.

It is expected that many of the inmates arrested and brought to the new jail will be in desperate need of counseling, psychiatric evaluation, and treatment. They may struggle with addiction and other issues. Some may be mothers who need to be near their families. Such services and access are not in abundance in our area.

8. Land-use issues may not be met.

Environmental issues, such as local wildlife, are of concern; but legal experts have brought to our attention there are probably other complicated legal land-use issues that can have a great impact on the decision to construct a new jail. Those making the decision should be aware of them to ensure a sound basis for their choice.

From: Rachel Sacco <rachelsacco@gmail.com>
To: <municipaljailsepa@seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 10:40 AM

I would prefer to see the Aldercrest annex preserved as a possible school and playfield for sports teams, as well as a destination for local dogwalkers, rather than demolished and turned into a jail. Since it is centrally located in a residential area (and less than a block from my house), I feel that this would be much more suitable.

Sincerely,
Rachel Sacco, a neighbor

PS Since Shoreline School didn't even put the annex up for sale, why do you feel the need to use it? There are other, better suited locations, and the annex is a community place where soccer games are held, dogs are walked, and people come out to sled when it snows. Please don't turn it into a jail, bringing, among other things, more traffic to our quiet community!

From: "Carrie Bradley" <carrie.j.bradley@comcast.net>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 11:23 AM
Subject: proposed jail site in Kirkland Totem Lake area

Dear Board:

I believe the proposed Totem Lake Kirkland jail site area is a bad idea. It is not far from Sixty Acres park, an area that is teeming with young kids and families on a regular basis, as well as several nearby schools. It is a no-brainer to me to think that if anyone escaped the jail, or if you are bringing in questionable characters on a daily basis, that it would be very easy, should they escape, to make their way on foot and make their way into a very crowded area like Sixty Acres on a busy day, and bring safety and security concerns to that area teeming with kids and families. It's also near Evergreen Hospital complex which brings in many people to the area. Please consider choosing another site where you do not have schools and parks and hospitals and happy suburb life nearby -- very popular areas that people have chosen to live because of the quality of life and safety in the area. Please choose a more remote area that would be less affected.

Thank you,
Carrie Bradley
Redmond, WA

From: "Randall Thomsen" <randallt@dhl.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 11:25 AM
Subject: Comments from the Magnolia Community Club on EIS Scoping
Attachments: 01.30.09 Sugimura.pdf

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RE: Proposed Siting of Jail in Interbay Neighborhood - Jail EIS
Scoping Comments

Dear Diane:

I am writing you in my capacity as President of the Magnolia Community Club and to provide not only our comments on the proposed scope of the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"), but also to express our strong objection to any proposed siting of a municipal jail in the City of Seattle Interbay neighborhood.

In sum, we want to encourage the City of Seattle and the North/East Cities Municipal Jail Planning Group to either (a) work with King County to expand the existing facilities; or (b) focus on other areas of the City of Seattle for the siting of a new "regional" facility. Finally, to the extent the EIS for the proposed jail continues include a site at Interbay, we offer comments on issues that must be discussed in the EIS.

Our Community's Objection to the Proposed Siting

As a way of background, the Magnolia Community Club is the oldest neighborhood community council in the City of Seattle. First founded in 1924, the Magnolia Community Club represents the interests of the Magnolia neighborhood by actively reviewing and responding to issues that may affect the Magnolia neighborhood and its citizens. We consider the 20,000 residents of Magnolia to be our constituents. We represent our constituency by actively reviewing and responding to issues that may affect the Magnolia Neighborhood and its citizens.

By letter dated September 2, to Mayor Greg Nickels and members of the City of Seattle Council, we previously expressed the Magnolia Community Club's objection to the City of Seattle's proposed siting of a municipal jail in the Interbay area, located between the Magnolia and Queen Anne neighborhoods. That letter, a copy of which is enclosed, identifies just a few of the difficulties in siting a jail facility in Interbay. Since our letter was sent, the City of Seattle has approved of a rezone of the Interbay area just to the north of the proposed jail site that makes several of the assumptions that the City based its original proposed siting in the Interbay inaccurate – if not false.

We also challenge the apparent lack of consideration about whether a particular community is doing its "fair share" in addressing regional needs. Magnolia already hosts the largest wastewater treatment facility in King County. Literally, Magnolia receives human waste from nearly the entire City of Seattle and all communities to the northwest and northeast of Lake Washington. Magnolia also hosts a large Port of Seattle facility and will soon be the locale for the new "cruise terminal" that will have significant impacts on Magnolia and the Interbay neighborhood in the form of increased traffic and waste. Magnolia also continues to possess a large landfill that – while presently the home of a small golf course – acts as a daily reminder that we were the "dumping" ground for the City of Seattle for decades. Apart from these regional facilities, our neighborhood houses the Fisherman's terminal and slated to be the new site of 28 acre "in-fill" project for homeless housing in Discovery Park.

Magnolia bears all of these regional burdens, yet we have been constantly ignored when it comes to transportation issues (the Magnolia Bridge is crumbling, and despite millions spent to plan a replacement, no funds have been provided to build that replacement), police protection (we have one of the lowest police presences in the City), and other community needs (we are one of only two neighborhoods with no public high school). The essential point is that Magnolia is doing its fair share in hosting regional public facilities. It should not be burdened by having yet another essential public facility dropped into its neighborhood.

The Magnolia Community Club and Queen Anne Community Council hosted a September 11 forum regarding the Interbay jail. City of Seattle Councilmember Tim Burgess and King County Councilmember Larry Phillips attended the forum. Both expressed their interest in having King County work with the City of Seattle and other cities and towns in the region for the purpose of agreeing to an expansion of existing King County facilities and, if necessary, the construction of a new regional facility. The Magnolia Community Club supports this approach. Expanding the existing King County facilities and, if necessary, having a facility located outside the City of Seattle provides the correct emphasis on what is ostensibly a regional problem. It would also ensure that all residents of King County, not just Seattle residents, share equally in addressing this regional issue.

Without King County's active participation with the City of Seattle and other regional cities and towns in addressing jail capacity issues, particular areas of Seattle, including Magnolia, will face the burden of having to host facilities that are – and should be – regional burdens. We strongly encourage you to work together with the City of Seattle and other cities and towns in King County in addressing the jail capacity issue.

Comments on Proposed Scoping of EIS

If the Interbay site nonetheless remains as an option in the EIS, then we ask that the scope of the EIS include all of the following matters:

1. Geotechnical issues at the Interbay Site and all necessary access roadways must be thoroughly reviewed. This is a known liquefaction zone, where the City of Seattle previously refused to locate a fire station because of concerns that following an earthquake fire trucks would not be able to access the station due to crumbled roads. Jail inmates, as well as police officers and correctional officers must also be able to enter and exit a jail facility. The EIS must consider these geotechnical issues, including answer the questions of: How will the site and accesses be designed and constructed to assure that occurs in this liquefaction zone? How will the jail structure(s) themselves be designed and constructed to assure the structures survive an earthquake? How much additional cost is added to the project for these site-specific requirements unique to Interbay?
2. Air quality issues should be evaluated, including the impact of exhaust fumes from transporting inmates from all the regional cities to be served by the jail site to one of the most difficult to reach and almost the westernmost point of Seattle. In addition, the impact of the distance and difficult access to this site on fuel use and exhaust must be incorporated into a climate/GHG analysis.
3. The Interbay Site is in a known tsunami zone. While tsunamis are not commonplace, our world has recently seen the destruction a tsunami can cause. The EIS must evaluate how the jail structure, the jail inmates and employees, and accesses to the jail would be protected from tsunami risk.
4. The Interbay site is in a valley between two heavily populated neighborhoods. The EIS must consider how noise from the facility will be controlled and mitigated. As the Magnolia and Queen Anne neighborhoods are already adversely affected by noise originating from the King County Airport, the additional incremental impacts caused by the construction and operation of regional jail facility must be considered in the context and conjunction with existing impacts.

5. The EIS must consider how the jail will relate to existing land use plans which call for even more residential development in the area, including the recently rezoned Dravus-area of Interbay. The EIS should also consider the additional questions about how the jail will relate to the newly constructed retail plaza including a Whole Foods grocery store. This discussion should include analysis of at least the following items:
 - a. The Interbay site was actually lower on the City of Seattle's Site Rating list than other sites that were dropped from consideration. The EIS should explain how a site with greater impacts than others remains under review.
 - b. Traditionally, the City of Seattle disperses institutional uses. Yet, documents prepared to date assume that because other "institutional" projects exist in the Interbay area, the Interbay site is appropriate for a jail. The EIS should explain why dispersal is no longer relevant and why the concentration of essential public facilities, in light of the West Point Treatment Plant and other governmental facilities in the immediate vicinity, is appropriate in between two of the City's largest neighborhoods.
 - c. Per SMC 23.50.012, Chart A, "Jails" appear to be prohibited uses in all industrial zones. The EIS must consider how can a jail be permitted on this site in light of these existing zoning restrictions. If the answer is that a jail is an essential public facility, then the EIS should be candid and not mislead the public by including an express prohibition on jails in the code. In addition, the EIS must consider how this jail location dovetails with the City's purported policy for no net loss of industrial lands and explain why the use of the jail facility outweighs or exceeds the City's prior position that maintaining industrial lands outweighs other property uses.
 - d. The EIS should consider the unique characteristics of the neighborhoods in which it is located and how the facility will relate to those characteristics, including how many existing and potential housing units will be within 1/2 mile of this jail, schools, daycares, parks, and other sensitive uses.
 - e. The EIS must compare the number of residents and potential residents – given the zoning capacity -- are affected by each site.
 - f. Again, the Interbay site is located in a valley between two heavily populated neighborhoods and, therefore, is highly visible to thousands of residents. Since it is a correctional facility, we

assume it must be brightly lit. The EIS must include extensive analysis of light, glare, and aesthetic impacts. The EIS should detail with specificity how those impacts can be ameliorated or eliminated, if at all.

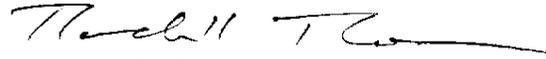
- g. The EIS should describe, in detail, why more regional sites not being considered in light of the intended regional use of the facility.
 - h. The EIS should consider future expansion and whether the site can be expanded in light of long-term prison trends. If not, was it the maximum that the site can expand to include? Those impacts must be evaluated.
6. Transportation issues must be thoroughly reviewed, and include at least the following:
- a. The Mercer corridor is being re-designed to handle less traffic. The EIS must consider what affect that the redesign of the Mercer corridor will have on access to and from the Interbay Site for all cities to be served.
 - b. The Alaskan Way Viaduct is planned to be torn down and replaced with a tunnel that, to date, includes no viable access to the northwest and the Interbay site. The EIS must consider what affect access to and from the Interbay site for all cities to be served in light of the lack of future access from the viaduct.
 - c. Overall, regional access to the Interbay site seems poor. In addition, traffic along Elliott Avenue/15th Ave continues to increase with growth in the surrounding areas, in particular Ballard and the new retail center opening to the immediate south. A cruise ship terminal will open this spring at Terminal 91, further delaying trips. Traffic is already stop and go during various periods of the day. The EIS must consider these issues, including whether this is an efficient location for the regular booking, transfer and visitations required for a municipal jail, whether traffic hazards be created or worsened, and whether commercial and industrial traffic from Ballard to the Port be impacted.
 - d. The EIS should also consider whether other governmental services will be affected by the costs to acquire, construct, and operate facilities at the various locations. Consideration should be given

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that, with increased costs, more expensive options may limit other governmental services.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the scope of the EIS as well as convey our views about the appropriateness of siting the proposed jail facility in the Interbay neighborhood. We look forward to your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall Thomsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randall Thomsen
President (2009)

From: "Lynne T Aebi" <lynne.aebi@verizon.net>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 11:29 AM
Subject: Jail Site in Totem Lake

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to implore you NOT to place a jail in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland. Although I recognize the difficulty you face in finding a suitable site, I do not think this is the best solution. As an area resident for 13 years, I am extremely concerned for the following reasons:

1. There is an elementary school and Junior High School within a mile of the site (John Muir Elementary, Kamiakan Jr. High)
2. There are several recreational facilities within 2 miles of the site used by hundreds of children daily: Sixty Acres soccer, Kirkland Boys and Girls Club. And Northwest Aerials is almost next door!
3. There is a river, regional park (Sammamish) and the Burke Gilman trail within 2 miles of the site. These are utilized by hundreds of residents daily.
5. There is a large and growing hospital complex (Evergreen) within 1.5 miles of the site containing a vulnerable population and traffic congestion is already a serious problem.
4. That area is a bottleneck for residential traffic to Kirkland, Woodinville and N Redmond, because access to those areas from the 405 corridor is limited.
5. That area is a narrow commercial corridor surrounded by residential areas.
6. That area is in unincorporated King county and therefore serviced by the sheriff. They are already stretched very thin by a limited budget and lots of area to cover. Pending further budget cuts will reduce their ability to adequately service that area even more.

Thank you for your consideration, Lynne Aebi, 13919 184th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA 98072

From: i k <iflk@yahoo.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 11:54 AM
Subject: environmental impact/jail in Kingsgate

Are you kidding?

Of course, the environmental impact would be more than we should have to handle. We planned poorly for all the new development in this area as it is. Our poor little Totem Lake is a chemical brew from all the traffic whose fluids drain into it. We are loosing the wildlife that lived there.

Just add several more stories to the existing jail in Seattle.

ilene kuhns

13815 123rd AVE NE
Kirkland,WA 98034

From: Kristi Barnes <krisba05@noa.nintendo.com>
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Date: 1/30/2009 12:13 PM
Subject: EIS Scoping - Kirkland, WA

Ms. Diane Sugimura,

It was brought to my attention during a HOA meeting last night that your group is seeking locations to build yet another municipal jail. It appears one of your prospective sites is in the city of Kirkland. I have many issues with this and without writing a dissertation on the subject (at least for now), please find a few objections for review below:

-> First and foremost, my husband and myself did not select our zip code just because. We carefully selected it based on the fact that it met our criteria of middle to upper middle class and all that goes along with that.

-> I do not pay an exorbitant amount of property tax each year so that I can have a community of convicts within miles of my home. Not to mention the undesirables that come along with visitation.

-> I do not want my 2 year old daughter exposed to such a vial situation and a potentially very dangerous community. I don't even want my dog exposed to this mess.

-> I do not want my property to lose value when I opt to sell. Which undoubtedly would happen. Will you buy my house at full market value once a jail is operational?

-> I do not want to hear police car sirens 24 hours a day in my residential neighborhood.

-> I do not want to live in fear of my family's safety or my own.

I could go on and on and on. I do want you to understand that I and everyone I know who reside in Kirkland will fight against this with such vigor, even a politician would be impressed.

I will also tell you, that this situation not only pushes me to obtain a concealed weapons permit, it is the per viable straw that broke the camels back.

<http://www.necmunicipaljail.org/>

Best regards,

Kristi Barnes
Kirkland, WA 98033 - a zip code that should remain prestigious.

From: "L&M Montiel" <montiels2000@hotmail.com>
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CC: <kathy.lambert@kingcounty.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 12:28 PM
Subject: Please: No jail in the unincorporated King County (east of Totem Lake Mall in north Kirkland/Redmond area)

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to request you NOT to place a jail in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland, please. Although we recognize the difficulty you face in finding a suitable site, we do not think this is the best solution. As area residents for several years, we are extremely concerned for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Luis & Maru Montiel

English Hill, Redmond-Kirkland area

From: Venkat Ganti <venkat.ganti@hotmail.com>
To: <municipaljailsepa@seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 12:31 PM
Subject: NO to proposed Municipal Jail Planning Project near "UNINCORPORATED KING COUNTY – 13225 N.E. 126th Pl"
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Venkat Ganti
16767 NE 121st St,
Redmond, WA 98052
425-898-4779

Ref: NO to the proposed Municipal Jail Planning Project near "UNINCORPORATED KING COUNTY – 13225 N.E. 126th Pl"

Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of the neighborhood of Redmond, WA near – 13225 N.E. 126th Pl, I oppose to building the Jail near the residential and commercial properties of "UNINCORPORATED KING COUNTY – 13225 N.E. 126th Pl".

The proposed site for the construction of the jail will have significant impacts and damage to the surrounding region for the following reasons

1. This is a prime location within few miles to popular Kirkland down town; and it will impact to the Kirkland City business and properties in that region, especially the commercial sector
2. There are residential neighborhoods within 2-3 miles radius (Educational Hill, Burnstead, Murray Franklin and Buchan properties) close to NE 124th & 202 area. This proposed Jail close to these residential properties will impact property values drastically, and will impact City and County taxes as well.
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4. Recreational parks such as Sammamish Regional River Park, Willows Golf Course, and nearby wineries in Woodenville region will have a huge impact from commercial as well as environmental perspective.

For the reasons mentioned above, the proposed site in the "UNINCORPORATED KING COUNTY – 13225 N.E. 126th Pl" is not the right choice.

Sincerely,
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From: "Janne Kaje" <jkaje@comcast.net>
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CC: "Scott MacColl" <smaccoll@shorelinewa.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 1:00 PM
Subject: Additional comment from J. Kaje

Regarding the Shoreline site, the EIS must consider the indirect effects of placing a jail in a site that is entirely incompatible with surrounding land use. Currently, the R-6 zoning within this site and in most of the surrounding neighborhood allows for maximum building coverage of 35% and maximum impervious area of 50%. By siting such an obviously incompatible land use in a residential area, it is clear that the cities of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park would be forced to allow a change in land use and associated zoning to a more appropriate type, such as intensive commercial use. These types of uses would be allowed a maximum impervious area of 85-95%, depending on the zone, with associated, severe impacts on an already stressed surface water system.

The entire EIS must consider the very likely scenario of wholesale change to the neighborhood that would be triggered by this proposal, and all associated environmental impacts.

Janne Kaje
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From: Malini Ganti <malini.ganti@hotmail.com>
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Date: 1/30/2009 1:02 PM
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From: "Jen Feldman" <feldman_jen@hotmail.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 1:13 PM
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Thank you for your consideration, Jennifer Feldman, Redmond, WA 98052

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Date: 1/30/2009 1:19 PM
Subject: FW: Municipal Jail In Kirkland - Your Action Needed Today

As a new resident to the Kirkland area, I feel very disappointed and very disturbed at the proposed jail site to be in such close proximity to my new condo/home. I chose this location as it is ideal to start/raise a family. The mere thought of it being considered as a new site for a jail facility causes me to 2nd guess my decision and I am compelled to discourage other friends from moving into this area. In fact, if this jail is built in Kirkland, I will move even if it's a short-sale loss. I am a 26 year old young professional female who has many peers/friends who are in the market to buy as its an opportune time for a first home.

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Best Regards,
Kimberly Kushibuchi

From: Katie Jacques <kfjacques@comcast.net>
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Subject: jail

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Date: 1/30/2009 1:44 PM
Subject: NEC EIS Scoping Statements
Attachments: Shoreline Jail EIS Scope Statement.doc

Please forward the attached EIS statement to the planning department for the proposed regional jail.

Sincerely,

Joseph Blanchard
Shoreline, WA

Seattle Department of Planning & Development
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Re: Regional Jail EIS Scoping Comments

Dear Mr. Ishizaki:

A proposal has been put forward to build a regional jail within the City of Shoreline. As a long term resident of Shoreline we are adamantly opposed to the site proposed for the jail complex. The reasons for our strong opposition are detailed below.

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Not only was the planning done in secrecy, but the timing on the notification to their citizens was purposely crafted and designed to severely limit citizen opposition by being timed to coincide with the busy Christmas and New Year's holiday. Two of the meetings to allow for citizen's to provide input were set in the week and days just before Christmas. They could have easily postponed the meetings

for three weeks and held them in the first part of January. In their determined approach for secrecy and their designs to limit citizen opposition they have exposed the city to the potential for lawsuits in the event this site is ultimately chosen.

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4. **Family Safety Impact**: Having a jail at this location will severely impact families living within a wide region surrounding the jail from released prisoners and those visiting the inmates. Whereas now we can feel relatively safe to let our children play within our fenced yards all of that will change with a jail in our midst. Having a jail at this site will fundamentally change the very nature of the neighborhood in a very negative way. People who currently feel this is a safe neighborhood will likely no longer feel that way. How many jails of this nature have

never had an escape or someone simply walk away from the facility? Recently in Cheshire, CT two men (Hayes and Komisarjevsky) had been previously incarcerated in a jail similar to the one proposed, for first and second degree burglary. They followed a woman and her two daughters to her home, as they thought her attractive, and proceeded to rape and murder them all. They then set their house on fire. If Dr. Petit, who barely survived the brutal attack, wanted to relocate to this area, could the City of Shoreline explain to the husband how they will ensure the safety of all the nearby residents and prevent something like this from ever happening in our neighborhood? A woman at the community college meeting just before Christmas testified that she works for Snohomish County in an office near their jail and stated that the areas around the jail have turned into "rough neighborhoods", which most people would not want to venture into because of the type of people hanging out in the area and the types of businesses that have been attracted to the site.

5. **Shoreline's Image Will Be Damaged:** Every city or area with a large jail has an image problem related to the placement of a jail within their midst. McNeil Island is a clear case in point. The island is quite large, and the prison located there is small in comparison to the land they use. Yet, one mention of McNeil Island and people think "Prison". The same is true of Monroe. How do the residents of Attica, Leavenworth, Folsom, and San Quentin, feel about the name association with their city? This will have a negative impact upon businesses deciding to select Shoreline as a location for their business. As a result, Shoreline will lose tax revenue which they might have enjoyed and which might have served to offset taxes to the existing residents. In all fairness, this loss of revenue may be off-set by Bail Bondsmen and Tattoo & Body Piercing Shops who will be drawn to the area to serve the new jail clientele (upon release) and their visitors.

6. **Property Values Will Plummet:** It goes without saying that property values will be severely depressed. The statement by a so called "expert" at the community college meeting in December stated that their studies show property values not to be affected by nearby jails, but failed to identify which on which planet, other than earth, their study took place. To begin with, anyone with children will likely avoid locating their family anywhere within a mile of a jail facility. Single women, and the elderly, will likely

be concerned for their safety and simply choose to buy a home in another region. Even a single guy should be concerned that when they go to sell a home they are considering buying, that future buyers will avoid selecting a home anywhere near a jail site, with both appreciation and the ease of sale being affected. Everyone impacted by declining property values due to the jail will be demanding that the county reduce their property tax values and it will impact the amount of money that comes to the city by way of tax dollars. There will be real costs to the Assessors office to have to process these requests and the likely lawsuits which will follow.

7. Area Flight/Changing Neighborhoods: There will be a number of people who will choose to move if a jail is plopped in our midst. We currently have an involved citizenry who care about our community. Our involvement in area recreation, parks, and schools are championed by many of these individuals. For example, we have one of the highest rates of PTA membership in our school systems because of citizen involvement. Many houses in the area will likely become rentals and the nature of our community will change from those who feel they have a stake in the community to those who are transient. All that will probably change as this area is converted into a "hardcore" city area. If you think that can't happen ask the residents of White Center how they feel about the "Rat City" title which is bestowed upon their area.

8. Loss of Recreational Areas: The City of Shoreline already has a shortage of parks and open spaces in their borders. Many in the neighborhood use the Kellogg facility track, soccer, and baseball fields and take their children there to play and ride their bikes. In winter the hills are a favorite for sledding. We have nothing else in the area to replace this use if it is dedicated to a jail. There is also a park directly across the street from the proposed site which will fall into disuse if a jail is allowed to be built across the street. I have taken my two young daughters to that park countless times and will never again use it if the jail project goes through. We need more parks, not fewer, and we certainly don't want existing parks to be sidelined and fall into disuse because of poor city planning and site selection.

9. Impact On Wildlife: The area has quite an abundance of wildlife. Since our home was built in 2000 we regularly

see families of raccoons in the area. Squirrels abound as well as birds, including magnificent Pileated Woodpeckers, Red Shafted Flickers, Bald Eagles, Bluejays, and many more. We have seen deer in our backyard, 200' from the proposed jail site, and have pictures to prove it. Even a coyote was spotted on two occasions within 2 blocks of this area. It is highly likely that a massive site project such as the jail will cause most of the wildlife to disappear.

10. Schools & Churches Will Be Negatively Affected. The Shoreline School District has already voiced their strong opposition to the jail site. They own the land on which the site is proposed. They have clearly indicated that they do not wish to sell the site. It is unfair for the City to threaten condemnation proceedings against a group clearly supported by the community. The school district already has problems struggling with financial burdens and did not need the additional expense of having to hire an attorney to defend their own property from forced sale.

The site is across the street from an existing school where I sent my daughter to pre-school for a couple of years. I would never have chosen the Shoreline Children's Center (the former school) with a jail across the street. Our daughters currently go to area schools including Lake Forest Park Elementary, which is about a mile away from the jail site. Children line the streets several times daily as they are picked up and dropped off by busses. The very presence of the jail and the inmates friends who will travel through the area both on foot and in cars does place our children at additional risk.

The old Kellogg site could be used as a future school site should population demographics change and more children come into the area. I have had people tell me that they relocated to this area specifically for the schools. Having families decide to locate here in the future is unlikely with a large jail in close proximity to area schools. More school tax burden will have to be carried as enrollment drops from people fleeing, and, the Shoreline School district provides basic education for inmates.

10. Environmental Impact: Run-off from the jail site will likely ruin area streams, like the one across the street, and affect downstream areas where fish may be present. Air

quality will be adversely affected by a huge increase in daily traffic volume. Residential homes in the area may be more prone to flood. Noise from operations will increase as well as "light pollution" from the facility lighting.

11. Impact on Utilities: Existing utilities will be stretched by the need to supply more power and more water to the site. Residents will have to bear the brunt of increased taxes to improve local water and sewage treatment facilities because they more quickly reach full capacity levels in the future.

12. Increased Traffic: This area is already a challenge for local police departments to patrol. My street, 30th Avenue NE, is a 25 MPH residential street. Traffic density and speeding are already a problem in our neighborhood and will get worse exponentially with a jail around the corner. The police have done little, or can do little, to help control the problems. Adding a huge facility in our midst will have a severe impact on traffic density, speeds, and will adversely impact public safety as a result.

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For all of the reasons mentioned above, and several which we have not included because they have been addressed by others, the old Kellogg School site at 2545 NE 200th Street should be quickly removed from the list of potential sites selected for the regional jail.

Sincerely,

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Date: 1/30/2009 1:51 PM
Subject: Not here!

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Thank you for your consideration, Shelly Torset,

21720 N.E 136th Place, Woodinville, WA 98077

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Date: 1/30/2009 1:56 PM
Subject: DEIS Scoping Comments for NEC Regional Municipal Jail
Attachments: EISCommentsJanuary 30.doc

Please find attached our comments for the Draft EIS in MS Word format.

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RE: Comments on Scope of North and East Cities Regional Municipal Jail EIS

Dear Ms Sugimura:

I, Brad Curtis, am writing these comments for both my parents, Bob and Ruby Curtis, and our families. We are residents of Shoreline and live in close proximity to the proposed jail facility at the Shoreline Aldercrest Annex, hereafter, referred to as the "Shoreline Site". My family lives approximately 2 blocks to the northwest of the Shoreline Site at 20316 24th Avenue NE; and my parents reside immediately adjacent to the northwest corner of the Shoreline Site at 2519 NE 200th Street. We are long term residents and have been home owners in Shoreline for over 40 years.

Our family wishes to confirm and second the views represented by the comment package submitted to you on January 26, 2009 by the Ballinger Neighborhood Association (BALNA). In the interest of brevity, we will not restate those comments here, but wish to submit the following additions and issues we deem important and should be considered by the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Shoreline Site.

Land and Shoreline Use

The impact of the proposed jail facility on residential property values within one to two miles should be investigated and documented in the DEIS. The Florida International University study, utilized by the Northeast Cities Municipal Jail planning group (NEC) to argue that there is no effect on surrounding property values, has limited applicability to the Shoreline Site. The Shoreline Site is surrounded primarily by residential properties, whereas, the comparable properties utilized in the aforementioned study are either isolated from any surrounding developments or are located in light to moderate industrialized areas with few residential properties within a 2 mile radius. Clearly, the Shoreline Site is not comparable and a new property value impact study should be conducted as part of the DEIS.

Given the non-compatibility with surrounding land use of the proposed Shoreline Site for use as a municipal jail facility and given that the National Institute of Corrections own jail design guidelines state that "...the jail should not be near a school, a housing area, a church, or a recreation area" we propose that the DEIS also consider the impact of the following proposition. The Shoreline Site has an adjacent school, churches, housing,

and a recreation area. Logically, it should be dismissed from further consideration as non-compatible with surrounding land use patterns; and because this EIS process should consider only reasonable alternatives. However, since this seems unlikely to happen at this stage of the investigation, the study should therefore consider that the only way the Shoreline Site will ever be approved for a municipal jail facility will be contingent on receiving a Special Use Permit by the Shoreline Planning Commission. The only way the citizens of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Ballinger, and the Shoreline School District would allow, without filing litigation, the Shoreline Planning Commission to issue the Special Use Permit would be if the area surrounding the Shoreline Site were made compatible with the proposed use.

We recommend that the DEIS study the impact to the environment and the project cost of having to purchase the approximate 60 plus parcels of residential property that surround the Shoreline Site in the block defined by NE 200th Street on the north, 30th Avenue NE on the east, 195th Street NE on the south, and 25th Avenue NE on the west. The costs and impact of relocating the school across the street from the Shoreline Site should also be a consideration. The addition of over \$200 million dollars in project costs would make the alternative sites considerably more favorable and should remove the Shoreline Site from any further consideration. In the alternative, the impact of a citizen's class action lawsuit on project costs, delays, and the disharmony it would cause among the populace and the press for the City of Shoreline, and King County, should also be factored into the study.

Transportation

We second the BALNA request that the DEIS study the costs of transporting inmates, workers, and visitors to the Shoreline Site. We particularly wish to emphasize that this should be a comparative study of all six sites in terms of long term transportation and environmental costs. It is our contention, that since the majority of the bed space usage will be allocated to Seattle offenders, that the proposed King County Jail Annex Site would have the least transportation costs of any of the six proposed sites and have the least impact on the environment from transportation considerations.

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