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**Date:** 1/28/2009 5:13 PM  
**Subject:** Scoping Comments - Shoreline site

After two months of attending meetings and researching the siting of jails, I am convinced that building a Regional Jail in Shoreline's Ballinger neighborhood is a bad idea, for many reasons.

1. Putting a jail in our residential area, with churches, schools, families with children, Adult Family Homes, etc., would have a horrible effect on me and my neighbors. No one wants to live next door to a correctional facility. In fact, siting criteria for the Seattle municipal jail eliminated many areas because they were too close to housing, schools, churches or recreational facilities, ALL of which are within a stone's throw of the Shoreline site. The quality of life in this neighborhood would be permanently damaged if a jail were built here.

2. The Shoreline site has become an unofficial neighborhood park. The middle school that was housed there has been vacant for about 25 years. It has been used over the years for small preschool co-ops, art programs for children, etc. There are recreational facilities on the grounds that are used every day by joggers, dog walkers, softball and soccer teams, tennis players, etc. There is one small Shoreline park across the street from the proposed jail site which is used mostly by families with children. There is no other park with ball fields, running track, etc., for more than 3 miles. To have the Shoreline site turned into a jail would be a huge loss to the neighborhood.

3. There is a very real fear that our safety would be compromised.

4. The Shoreline site sits in the bottom of a drainage basin, surrounded by McAleer, Ballinger and Lyon Creeks and their tributaries. The soil in this area is highly compacted clay, and that, combined with a very high water table, creates flooding during the fall, winter and spring storm seasons. There is a history of neighborhood flooding from our area into Lake Forest Park. Flood damage from the 1996 storm can still be seen on Ballinger Way NE in Lake Forest Park where the ground collapsed and took out a gas station's pumping area. They were never able to repair that damage and their livelihood was changed forever. To destroy the green space at the Shoreline site and cover it with a huge jail and parking lots will only increase the runoff from this area into the local creeks. The potential for more urban flooding is absolutely foreseeable.

It is very clear to me and other neighbors that the Shoreline site is not suitable for a jail. To do so would decimate our little neighborhood and neighbors downstream. I am hopeful that you will agree and remove the Shoreline site from further consideration.

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**Subject:** Scope of the Environmental Impact Statement

Please add my comments to the list of many in regards to the Environmental Impact Statement.

NEC Regional municipal Jail EIS

Thank you for your time in advance.

My name is Aaron Rysemus. I live in the Highland park neighborhood with my wife and two children. I am a native of West Seattle along with my father and many other family members. We live in highland park because it is close to all our family (West Seattle Residents). I am proud also to say, my home soccer field as a youngster was highland park field. Two blocks from my home. Less than a mile away from one of the proposed jail facility site.

I have done my best to educate myself on the new jail that the city needs. Unfortunately one of the proposed locations is very close in proximity to my house. We all know it needs to go somewhere!

It seems a little odd that space is now available downtown next to KC Jail & court house!!?? Many have said it would cost more money (our taxes) because of the cost of land and a high-rise building operationally.

My request is simple. Please evaluate what a jail positioned very close to a family oriented, middle income, neighborhood will pose for the future of that neighborhood. Please compare the same when placing the jail downtown. Next to the current KC jail and courts.

That's it.

Pretty simple.

Compare;

300-600+ bed jail with residential neighborhoods, schools (elementary, senior high, college), families, parks, recreational areas, Very limited public transportation.

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300-600+ bed, jail with KC jail, court house, secure office buildings, transportation.

Thank you for your time and efforts. I have seen people speaking at you in meeting. You have been given a very difficult task. Please make us proud of your decision!

Best,

Aaron

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If you have a dream, give it a chance to happen.

-Rich

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**From:** "Hynden, Stephen" <SHynden@lwsd.org>  
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**Subject:** Opposed to Jail in Totem Lake

I'm writing to voice my opposition to your proposals that a Jail be located in the Totem Lake area / Kirkland near 132nd street.

As a school counselor in the Lake Washington District for the past 15 years, and as a father of children who will attend Kamiakin Junior High only a short distance from your proposed Jail site, I am vehemently opposed and greatly concerned about the impact a jail would have upon the children in the area.

Much will be offered by others in opposition to this proposal. I offer only the fact that a jail in this residential community, growing and increasingly connected to the city of Kirkland, will forever be a detriment to the children and families in close proximity.

The county will face future litigation, and surely lose money to settle with families when irreparable damages occur should the unthinkable happen when your system fails to protect the most vulnerable in our community.

I beg of you to look to more isolated areas of the county for your solutions to a justice system that is already grossly in need of repair.

Don't pass the problems on to the children, to my children.

Sincerely,

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