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**Date:** 1/28/2009 9:01 PM  
**Subject:** Please Stop the Proposed Shoreline Jail!

\*There are many reasons to oppose siting a jail at the Shoreline, Washington site.\*

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\*From a residential perspective:\*

As a resident of Lake Forest Park, and living only two blocks from Aldercrest Annex, I am more than very concerned about the proposed "Shoreline" jail site. While this location is technically within the Shoreline City limits, it clearly will have an out-of-proportion impact on the cities, citizens, and homeowners of Lake Forest Park and Mountlake Terrace. If the City of Shoreline is required to provide a potential site to the county, perhaps it should select a site deeper within Shoreline so as not to create such a disproportionately adverse impact on the neighboring cities and citizens, instead of on its own citizens. Additionally, this site makes the least sense, as it is the only site under consideration that is zoned purely residential. Of all the proposed sites, it will have the biggest impact on environment and residential life. It will also create a huge reduction in the value of neighboring homes. The aerial photographs of the proposed sites shows that the Ballinger Way site is \*literally\* in the backyards of numerous single family and multi-family residences.

Clearly the loss of home value is a big concern. However, the loss of community that will impact residents in surrounding neighborhoods will be even bigger. They will clearly suffer a reduction in their sense of safety within their own homes and neighborhoods. In the 19 years that we have lived in our home, we have always highly valued the quiet and relative tranquillity offered by living in a neighborhood outside the urban landscape. We are indeed fearful that the increased traffic, noise and light pollution will result in a decline in the level of relaxation and comfort we all currently enjoy – and should expect to enjoy – within homes intentionally purchased for their \*residential neighborhood\* location.

\*From an environmental perspective:\*

\*Ballinger Neighborhood Association\* volunteers have been working on the restoration of Ballinger Creek at Brugger's Bog Park - which is right across the street from Aldercrest Annex.

\*\*From the Ballinger Neighborhood Association website:\*

Ballinger Creek (also known as the West fork of Lyon Creek) originates in Snohomish County and flows through Ballinger Open Space. Before it enters Brugger's Bog Park, it meets with an unnamed stream from the west. Ballinger Creek flows southeast across Brugger's Bog and picks up flow from two unmarked tributaries flowing in from the east. As the creek exits the park, it enters a network of pipes at 25th Ave NE and daylights again on the southeast corner of 25th Ave NE and NE Ballinger Way. From there it flows under Ballinger Way into the city of Lake Forest Park, where it enters the main branch of Lyon Creek near NE Ballinger Way and 35th Ave NE. Lyon Creek flows into Lake Washington at Sheridan Beach in Lake Forest Park.

\*What we choose to do upstream directly impacts the work of those restoring creek habitat downstream." \*

\* \*\*"Why It's Important that We Do Stream Restoration \*

\* \*\* \* Ballinger Neighborhood folks are in a unique position to serve as Shoreline's gatekeepers for two freshwater creeks that flow only through our neighborhood—McAleeer Creek and the west fork of Lyon Creek known as Ballinger Creek.

In 1930s, folks living along Lyon and McAleeer Creeks scooped salmon up in buckets. We know that less than 50 years ago salmon spawned in Ballinger Creek. In the sixties, habitats like Brugger's Bog were teeming with frogs and all kinds of bugs and microorganisms. Today, the frogs are silent. The only stream-life observed in Ballinger Creek are some water skippers skimming the top of the water and an occasional dragonfly.

Within our grasp is the ability to preserve and improve the quality of these streams and help educate each other so that our creeks are again a healthy source of water and food, and salmon may someday return this far upstream. \*The work we do today will indeed benefit the work of stream-keepers downstream, who have been successful in getting salmon back into lower Lyon Creek and McAleeer Creek."\*

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It is very clear that an institution of this nature will have an environmental impact of exponentially larger proportion than any other type of development on that site. In the current climate of concern over environmental destruction, we have an opportunity to make the right decision and place this facility in an area where it will have the least amount of impact. To prevent further environmental devastation, locating this facility in a less sensitive area will avoid undermining the efforts of so many, both up and down this watershed, who are successfully working to restore what was taken for granted by previous generations that were not taking stewardship of their – and indeed our - environment.

In addition, the Ballinger Neighborhood Association has written a comprehensive commentary on the elements that need to be considered in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The topics included the character of a residential neighborhood, open space for families and their children, the much needed organized adult and youth recreation, the safety of children at play and at schools, needed transportation improvements, existing water run-off problems, salmon spawning areas, increased air pollution in a residential area, noise and light pollution, fire protection, police protection, proximity of existing schools and parks, and impact on utilities needed to serve a facility of this size. Of special note in this commentary was the recognition that the City of Seattle, who will provide the majority of the misdemeanants, would have immediately eliminated this site by applying their own criteria!

This facility should not literally be built in the backyards of an

overlooked minority. There are more appropriate and less impacted sites that would be far more suitable for this proposal.

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**Subject:** PROPOSED JAIL WEST MARGINAL

Dear SEPA/EIS Professional -

Please provide an assessment addressing the impact the jail might have for our City's early inhabitants, the Duwamish Tribe.

Respect of the culture and lasting heritage should be reflected.  
Please factor in the historic significance of this land.

Thank you,

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**From:** <cbbarnes@comcast.net>  
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**Date:** 1/28/2009 10:38 PM  
**Subject:** Please, No Jail in Lake Forest Park, There is too much at stake and too many other, more positive options to consider!  
**Attachments:** NO LFP JAIL.doc

Please see the attachment for comments. Thank you!

In summary...

In regard to any consideration that a jail might be built in

Lake Forest Park, I agree...

No Jail in LFP!

There is TOO much at stake and TOO Many Other,  
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Again, Many Thanks for listening!

In regard to any consideration that a jail might be built in Lake Forest Park, I agree...

### No Jail in LFP!

There is TOO much at stake and TOO Many Other, More Positive Options to Consider!

I strongly support the Shoreline School District's rationale for the Aldercrest Site being an appropriate site for the jail.

In addition to the impact on future school district plans for the site, including sale of property, negative impact on current and possibly future educational programs housed across the street, and the impact on residents in the immediate area, my husband and I are concerned about the impact of more building as it relates to environmental issues in our community, specifically flooding. We live on Ballinger Way, just down the hill from the proposed jail site. More building would mean less green areas which are important in sustaining the natural habitats of our bogs, swamps, and streams. Additionally, more laying of concrete/asphalt in building a jail would have far reaching negative impacts for many of us who live in this community on the local streams and suffer from ongoing winter flooding.

My husband and I live at the juncture of Lyon & Stinson Creeks which have already been severely and negatively impacted over the recent years by building in and around Lake Forest Park. As we all know more land consumption through building leaves less open ground to absorb rain/snow run off. Every year since our move here in 1989, we have been impacted to a larger degree by increased building and resulting land consumption. Every winter when rains/snow are heavy, we have experienced a significant increase in flooding by both Stinson and Lyon Creek, resulting in water entering our home and flooding both our front and back yards.

Another concern is how residents of Lake Forest Park have been faced with a number of social service agencies being housed in our community. Up the street from us is a halfway house, drug rehab, or work release program operated by a former Navy Lieutenant. A few years ago we were invited to an open house to meet the new tenants. Until we arrived we had no idea that such a program had become part of our community. Learning of this raised concerns of not only issues related to safety, but also, issues related to potential changes in property values and quality of life. This halfway house is here, a few houses up from ours. We had no say and we get to live with it. While we don't know what goes on 4 houses up from us, we do know that just a year ago we had our mailboxes opened and rifled through. This won't happen anymore as we now have locked mailboxes. If a jail comes to Lake Forest Park, we'd be adding another social service agency to our roster along with another added crime potential that might jeopardize the safety of our community along with a negative impact on property values. A site of lesser residential and environmental impact should and must be considered.

Instead of a jail, I would love to see Aldercrest Annex become one of the following:

- 1) an educational facility for disabled and non-disabled students served by and within the Shoreline School District
- 2) a model for sustainability where a shared community is developed of multi-age residents (retired folks who either live within or use the space as an adult rec center, teenagers who would use the center to complete community projects/community service to meet school to work connections requirements at the junior and/or high school levels (connect with elders and vice versa: teens could gather valuable oral histories from the elderly & each age group could share personal experiences: research has shown that these two age groups have positive impacts on one another). This community would be a place where people could work toward a common

purpose of growing organic foods together, reading, communicating, learning & planning together, sharing cultures and oral histories through dialogue, sharing a common space, etc.). In addition disabled and/or non-disabled school age students across the street could have opportunities within their school day to connect with the elderly through reading programs, gathering valuable oral histories, and engaging the elderly through pet visits, gardening, etc. (community service).

3) a sports facility where indoor and outdoor sports activities would be promoted either as part of school day or after school activities (use of field as it has been used for soccer), use of gym, etc. This is all important in light of statistics about childhood obesity as well as adult health. In addition to school programs, after hours, this facility could be used to promote adult sports: volley ball, indoor soccer, basketball, etc. with an emphasis on health, wellbeing, and FUN! Even inter-generational leagues could be promoted, again with the idea of connecting the community through multi-age and multi-generational experiences.

I thank all of those who have attended meetings to share and make public in more formal ways the inappropriateness of such a site being housed in Lake Forest Park. I look forward to hearing of any future meetings prior to the selection of the jail site being finalized. Keep up the hard work and again, many thanks!

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