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NORTH/EAST CITIES REGIONAL MUNICIPAL JAIL PLANNING
EIS SCOPING MEETING

January 14, 2009
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Seattle Center Olympic Room

Seattle, Washington

William A. McLaughlin, Court Reporter
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STATEMENT OF MIKE WHALEY

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Hi. My name is Mike Whaley. I'm representing the

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West Queen Anne Organization. We can be found at

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www.westqueenanne.org. There is a few concerns that I have

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to say on topic with the environmental -- or elements of the

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environment.

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One would be the light created by the facility. This

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Interbay Heights is kind of an inconvenient area because it's

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basically the center of an amphitheater of hundreds and

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hundreds of residences. So you have Magnolia on one side and

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Queen Anne on the other. And people that live on the hill are

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going to be looking directly down on this facility. So what's

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going to happen with the lighting -- and specifically, we'd

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like to see answered exactly how many people, exactly, are

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going to be impacted by seeing the lights and what type of

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lighting will be used.

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Of course, the aesthetics. Again, with so many people

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looking at the area, how many people will be seeing the jail,

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we'd like to see that answered. And, again, the aesthetics

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are a concern because eventually people in the area are going

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to be selling their houses, and we have to convince the people

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buying the houses that it's okay to be looking at a jail.

1 Avenue West, is busy as it is. And some of the lanes have
2 been reduced to allow the new bus lanes in there. So how will
3 this impact traffic? Is there going to be any other way in
4 and out of the jail area? Because there is only just one way
5 into Armory Way where the jail will be located.

6 We're also concerned about the parks in the area. How
7 is the runoff surface water created by this? How is this
8 going to effect the water quality of North Elliot Bay? Also
9 Myrtle Edwards Park, just because the proximity is so close to
10 this bayside.

11 Flooding, the area does flood. We'd like to see a long
12 history of this if you are able to research that back to the
13 area, when it was developed, and how often flooding does
14 occur.

15 And during one of our meetings, someone did bring up a
16 concern about the bird migration through the area. I don't
17 know much specifically about that, but she was saying that the
18 lighting could affect the bird migration through that area.

19 So that is it. Thank you.

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21 STATEMENT OF MARY BEUTJER

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23 Hi. My name is Mary Beutjer. I also live in West Queen

24 Anne, and so this gentleman kind of covered most of what I was

25 going to say. In terms of traffic, one thing I'd like to

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1 mention is that the Seattle Public Schools, the high schools
2 now use the Metro bus routes to transport their students. So
3 there is a lot more load on the bus systems now, and there's
4 also kids riding those buses up and down 15th through Interbay
5 every day to and from school. And I think that that could
6 have a negative impact on transportation. And also I don't
7 want my kids really riding with the jail population,
8 personally, on their way to school. So that's all I really
9 have to say.

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11 STATEMENT OF ROB MCSWEENY

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13 Rob McSweeney, 1916 14th Avenue West, part of the West
14 Queen Anne Organization. The impact on the environment of the
15 jail has been addressed. I'm wondering if the impact of the
16 jail on the environment has been addressed.

17 I'd like to put a few details on how the environment
18 might impact the jail. There's the second most active fault
19 in the Juan de Fuca system that goes right through Interbay.
20 The fill upon which said jail is supposed to be built used to
21 be landfill. And if you go to the Hertz Rent-A-Car place, you
22 can see the sunken asphalt. It's about 4 feet below the
23 original level of the pour. It's an unstable piece of ground.
24 It may also be off gassing methane.

25 Another issue is the University of Washington prepared

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1 a projected tsunami path for a high grade tsunami which puts a
2 15-foot wave of water through Interbay which washes up onto
3 the shores of 14th Avenue, where my house is. But the jail
4 itself would be under 15 feet of water.

5 The last large tsunami was 1500 years ago, when Mount
6 Rainier coughed and shed its shoulder. All of the trees in
7 Ballard ended up in Lake Washington. And that was just a
8 local tsunami, not one caused out in the ocean. 30 to 70
9 miles from our shores is the Juan de Fuca fault which causes
10 regular tsunamis. The last big tsunami to hit the west coast
11 of Washington pushed entire villages into the sea, as recently
12 estimated by the University of Washington.

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14 STATEMENT OF BRUCE WYNN

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16 Bruce Wynn, Interbay Neighborhood Association. My only
17 comment is, with the new development of the proposed viaduct
18 tunnel, that traffic will increase substantially on 15th
19 Avenue West.

20 Also, the cruise ship business is just continuing to
21 grow, and all those boats and tourists are going to be pouring
22 off the Magnolia Bridge onto 15th Avenue West. So you're just
23 going to see more and more increased traffic over time in that
24 area.

1 STATEMENT OF STEVE CHILANI

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3 My name is Steve Chilani. I live in Magnolia. And, as
4 I understand this process, the population and housing element
5 is not in green. I'm not sure if I understand what population
6 and housing means. But if I understand it correctly, I'd like
7 to emphasize that the scope do include that, given the changes
8 in Interbay, given the recent rezoning in the Interbay area
9 that has been approved, I'd like to have that factor taken
10 into account for all the sites.

11 Also, to the previous comment, not only is the port
12 moving the cruise ship business to those piers, but the port
13 area near there -- I forget what it's called. North Bay --
14 the port had plans to do something there. And those plans are
15 no longer in effect. But that's a big piece of land that they
16 will eventually be doing something. So please take into
17 account all the growth that could happen there, not just the
18 growth that has been identified right now. Thank you.

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20 STATEMENT OF MELISSA ROSS

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22 My name is Melissa Ross and I am also part of the West
23 Queen Anne neighborhood association. And I also wanted to
24 make sure that although Whole Foods did not decide to come in

25 there, that is a very large space there currently empty, the

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1 parking lot.

2 There's nothing coming in and out of it at this moment,
3 but it's ready to go. And there was a lot of concerns, when
4 Whole Foods even talked about starting to come in there, about
5 the impact to the traffic that would happen in that area. So
6 we're already potentially looking at a big impact there.

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8 [Public Comments concluded at 7:02 p.m.]

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1 CERTIFICATE

2 STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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4 I, William McLaughlin, a Notary Public in and for
5 the State of Washington, do hereby certify:

6 That the foregoing hearing was taken before me at
7 the time and place therein set forth;

8 That the statements of the witnesses and all remarks
9 made at the time of the hearing were recorded stenographically
10 by me, and thereafter transcribed under my direction;

11 That the foregoing transcript is a true record of
12 the statements given by the witnesses and of all remarks made at
13 the time of the hearing, to the best of my ability.

14 Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of January
15 2009.

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William McLaughlin, Notary
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