

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>  
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City: Seattle

Seattle Neighborhood: Interbay

I am very concerned about the prospect of a 640 bed jail located in Interbay.

Interbay is becoming a very upscale, taxrich revenue base for the city and King County. Why would we choose to use up the last of what little remains of prime Elliot Bay waterfront to house charged and convicted criminals? This doesn't seem to be the most effective use of the land in the Interbay neighborhood.

Interbay is the next logical development site for offices, condos, retail stores, etc that fit into the Urban Neighborhood plan and Seattle's High rise/high density plan. With its proximity to the core of downtown and its access to major highways, Interbay is poised to become the next Belltown. I remember when Belltown was a rundown, dirty neighborhood with old boarded-up warehouses and few amenities. And certainly no fashionable restaurants or condominiums. But look at it now! I doubt the resurgence of Belltown would have occurred had a municipal jail been located in its midst.

I am also concerned about property values decreasing as a result of the jail as well as the negative element that jails bring with them. Not to mention the security risks.

I strongly oppose the Interbay site as the location for the new NEC Regional Municipal Jail.

Name: Zorina Beleiciks

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I oppose building a new jail. The question shouldn't be where to house these people but why are we arresting so many people. We seem inclined to lock up nonviolent offenders at great cost to the state and local governments. Enough already.