

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
for January 3, 2009**

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City: Shoreline

The staff has not told citizens that there will be a certain number of beds reserved for medical and psychiatric use, nor have they advised anyone of who will use those beds, how they will be managed, and how external medical services will be utilized. The emphasis is that these were to be short-stay misdemeanants in the meeting, no mention was made of this special population.

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The site selection page makes this statement: "Shoreline initially identified three possible candidate sites. Two sites scored high in the assessment from CGL. The highest scoring site was deemed too difficult to integrate because it is owned by the State of Washington, which is already working on a comprehensive plan for its future use..." This is a false statement intended to mislead. The State of Washington offered in 2005 to expand the King County Corrections facility, NRF. The zoning at Fircrest allows a jail and the State of Washington intends to cede ownership of over 20 (up to 40) acres at Fircrest. The City of Shoreline in October requested that the Economic Development Advisory Committee to enumerate ideas for the use of this acreage, advising committee members to think big, think non-profit, and be creative. A jail best suits this description - one committee member actual suggested a VA hospital. The site selection in Shoreline did not allow public input in selection as Seattle did. Seattle has ruled out most of their proposed sites as they were located in primarily residential areas, however, Shoreline and NEC ruled out Fircrest (which is not residential) and preferred Aldercrest Annex, the only anomaly as it is RESIDENTIAL. The entire process is a farce -- EC and the City of Shoreline met in secret with the Shoreline City Council in ones and twos in order to avoid the open public meeting act. The Washington State Attorney General should look at the intent of Seattle and the NEC staff in making these secret decisions.

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You need to pull your collective heads out if you think the public is going to read your advisory on EIS scoping comments. Most people don't know what that means - this is a flawed website and worthy of bring to the attention of the King County and municipal governing bodies for it's ill conceived and poorly designed comment collection.

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don't you think there is a problem in scheduling when only two people attended the meeting in Bellevue during the biggest winter storm to hit the region in more than a decade?

http://www.necmunicipaljail.org/feedback_12-15-08_public_forum.htm

furthermore, the link next to one for the Bellevue meeting goes to the results for Shoreline on 12/11. This seems to be typical of your sloppy work.

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Staff has lied and misled the public on bail bonding operations by selecting only those few small municipal jails in operation presently in King County. These other jails are 50 beds or fewer, the proposed project is 640 beds, which is almost 15 times bigger in size. So to make the assumption that bail bonding operations would rely upon remote operations to serve the new jail is completely ridiculous - it's too expensive to setup a new office for a 50 bed site, but when there are 640 beds it definitely would be cost-effective to set up a new office nearby. The staff is trying to mislead the public about what associated operations would go with a jail, a cynical ploy on their part.

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The schedule, as setup by staff, is ridiculous as it is, and with the snowfall that occurred starting the week of December 9, many people had trouble attending meetings. My specific case is the meeting on 12/15/2008, in which only two people attended in Bellevue. This was a cynical ploy on the part of the staff and the schedule should be revised for scoping.

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The meeting schedule for ALL CITIES is a joke, NEC and the City of Seattle waited until the holidays to hold these meetings when they knew that interested parties would be busy with school, the holidays, and attendant travel plans. This is a cynical and totally flawed process, to hold the first meetings just before the holidays and the scoping meeting immediately afterwards. The City of Seattle held its meeting over six months ago and now the process is being rushed. Additionally, there are more lies about when the misdemeanor contract ends - the King Council Council has already enacted legislation to extend the contract for two more years beyond the date that is being published on this website. The lies are unreal.

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The photo of the Nevada jail is selected to mislead. The photographer elected to photograph at night. The photographer framed his photograph tightly on the front entrance and cropped out any other part of the structure and parking lot, including any security fencing. How stupid does the NEC and municipal staff think people are? Why don't you show us a photo of this jail in daylight and include all the superstructure?

Name: Linda Iltis

City: Lake Forest Park

The proposal to put a 640-bed jail at Aldercrest Annex 2545 NE 200th St. is a bad idea. This is the site of a former school, which was a good use of public land in a residential neighborhood. Jails should not be located in residential neighborhoods. Having recently had the "Brightwater" sewer project shoved down our throats on 195th St. which will lower the value of my property, I now face further reduction of property value due to this facility being proposed only 3 blocks from my home on the corner of 35th and 195th. The plan for this was not announced with enough time for local response. I received an orange flier on my doorstep that blew into the

bushes, but nothing official yet from King County. I am appalled by how this is being handled without respect for local residents. I just logged into this site today to find that it appears to be a fait accompli with scoping already in progress. I am very disturbed by this action and proposed facility. Such a large facility should be completely relocated to a non-residential area. I would like full disclosure of what this facility would look like and what types of criminals are going to be housed in it. What type of security will be provided and what compensation will be provided to surrounding neighborhoods to offset negative impacts.

Sincerely,
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Name: Ryl Anderson

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Thank you for this opportunity to address my comments about the proposed jail site in Shoreline's Ballinger area. Let's target an area without the public's residential demographics when considering a county-wide high-density inmate population. It appears appropriate that every city indeed need its own in-town jail. Outside of those usual parameters, however, a local county misdemeanor housing is necessarily warranted for the ease of our law enforcement officers in transport. It is best suited within the vast geography of a warehouse/industrial area or relatively adjacent to existing judicial structures, such as the existing Seattle downtown or Kent buildings. The last other possibility would be in the northeastern section of King County, where residential populace is virtually non-existent. Some jail plans would include a "new" community-supportive infrastructure, i.e., fee-ranging hotels, motels, retail & convenience stores, mental health and medical clinics, etc.

Name: Sue Israel

City: Bellevue

I think a NEC Regional Municipal Jail should not be in a populated area, but in an area where there are not businesses and residences.