

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
for December 17, 2008**

Name: Cassandra Diaz
City: Shoreline
Vote "NO" for Shoreline Municipal jail

Name: Elizabeth Zweizig
City: Lake Forest Park
Don't put the jail at the Alderwood Annex! Do you know what it would do to the community!! No kids would be allowed to walk to school. Foot traffic would die. The apartment complexes across the street could never fill or even empty out more. The city would be put under severe strain. Lake Forest Park doesn't have a high crime rate anyway. We shouldn't have to house them

Name: Gordon Martin
City: Shoreline
you don't include SHORELINE as an option a neighborhood!!!!!!!!!!!!

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City: Shoreline
We have lived in Seattle now Shoreline since 1968. This is a RESIDENTIAL AREA that still has children attending a school across the street. I didn't buy our home as an investment in 1968, but our home value and living VALUES will deteriorate tremendously. Also I don't want prisoners around my family and friends. (who have young children 2 blocks from suggested site.)

Name: Guru Dorje
City: Shoreline
I am not sure if this was a required process to identify said, "sites" before choosing the obvious answer: the King County Annex as stated at the end of your information packet. It seems, although you do not put in cost analysis, that the Annex being "donated" would be cheaper than purchasing land, renovating said land, and going through the inevitable legal battle with neighborhoods. Of these three the only option that would be the same is renovating the existing structure-which, usually in my experience, is cheaper than building a whole structure, renovating the surrounding land, etc.

By being both a tax payer, a concerned citizen (biased, I know, because I live right across the street from the proposed shoreline site), I think that the King County Annex site would be best. The citizens in said area, although understandably, probably, do not want another 'jail', are already living in vicinity of it; their property value, their community culture has already incorporated it, they have been living with it. Now, also, it is not residential- with again the understanding that condo's are being put up at an amazing rate, the area in which the Annex is proposed is not in the highest density of housing.

The other sites do not have the benefits of the King County Annex site, they also have increased numbers of difficulties in reaching your end goal. Thus, if your goal is to build and see it to its, albeit sad, conclusion-it would be best to forgo the other residential sites.

Be well

I will see you at the dec 11 meeting.

G. Dotje

Name: Jeff McIlwain

City: Shoreline

I'm very concerned about the jail site. Is the county allowed to situate a prison in the middle of a residential area? (Shoreline) Wouldn't it have to be zoned for that? Would the city accommodate the massive loss in equity for individuals' homes that would ensue?

Name: Lori Birtley

City: Shoreline

The Shoreline location under consideration contains no buffer zone - the area is completely surrounded by single family homes and condominiums.

Name: Margaret Harada

City: Woodinville

I drive past the Kirkland location (near 124th and 132nd) on my way home from work, just after the local elementary school lets out. I see many very young children walking home alone in this area. These latch key children will be at even greater risk with a jail so close by. To put a jail in this area would be unconscionable!

Name: Pamela Martin

City: Shoreline

I find the selection site for a jail in my residential area appalling. There is an elementary school site across the street from this proposed "jail" site. Beside this fact, environmentally it is not a building site due to environmental "wetlands" area. I feel the city of Shoreline is looking for some way to make more income with this proposal and this is an easy way to do it. Also the Shoreline school district who I believe owns this property, wants to sell to - you guessed it make more money after total incompetence with the school district budget over the years. I also notice no site was considered in the western half of Shoreline where more affluent homes and business are located. It is a sad commentary to this area which, when I moved here and raised my children had one of the best school districts in the state - and we were unincorporated King County.

Name: Renay Bennett

City: Bellevue

The Bellevue location is not an appropriate site. This site is too near homes and schools.

Name: S. McArthur

City: Shoreline

The proposed jail to a small Shoreline neighborhood is a horrible idea. There are many children and families that would be negatively affected by such a facility. In addition, there are many elementary schools within walking distance. This horrid idea of a jail in Shoreline puts the children of Shoreline clearly at risk.

Name: Shannon Martsolf

City: Shoreline

The Shoreline School Districts and parents of children in Shoreline should have received opportunities for input while this site was being considered as one of the proposed options. The city is failing its citizens in providing notice and opportunities for input, particularly on a topic that is as sensitive as locating a new jail.

Name: Teresa Cumpton

City: Shoreline

It's beyond me why the Shoreline site would be considered by anyone for any reason as a viable site for a jail. Your own consultants indicate the area is residential, the ONLY site of all those being considered that is residential. There will be traffic at all hours from inmates coming in and out as well as visitors, social workers and healthcare workers, etc. - it just makes no sense to locate a jail in this area. And the fact that the Shoreline School district was never consulted about this location is mindboggling as well - did it not occur to anyone that they may have valuable input into the decision to put this site up for comment? It makes the process seem underhanded and disingenuous. Doing things in this way provokes an emotional, rather than thoughtful response from people, which helps no one and creates lots of bad feelings all around. Again, trying to be thoughtful, it seems that there are two other sites (Armory Way and South Seattle) that make much more sense - industrial, and in one case, centrally located. I urge you to remove the Shoreline site from consideration. Thank you.

Name: Wendy Kays

City: Kirkland

I called several of my neighbors to invite them to attend the Hollywood Schoolhouse meeting on the proposed Unincorporated King County site. I was disturbed by the response from people who had been so active in the community over the last few years in opposing a casino liquor license in our residential area. They said they no longer involved themselves in community forums, because it didn't matter what they did, or what their opinion was...the county and City of Kirkland would just do whatever they wanted anyway. The people of Unincorporated King County feel like second class citizens living in a political dumping ground. I think it's important for the committees and officials deciding this issue to understand this. Unincorporated King County is unincorporated because Kirkland has ignored the requests for annexation by the residents. Our opinions on this issue need to be given equal weight to areas with more political clout.