

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
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Name: deb blaha

City: Lake Forest Park

I am opposed to the shoreline site for the jail. I think we need to keep this building available as a school in the future as child populations change. I recommend the site downtown 5th and Jefferson on the vacant lot where you could build exactly what you need for a jail. Which will probably be cheaper than trying to retrofit something.

Name: Jeff Rice

City: Lake Forest Park

Dear North/East Cities Municipal Jail Planning Project,

I would like to voice my opposition to your proposal to locate a jail in Lake Forest Park at the Aldercrest Annex site (also known as Grace Cole Educational Complex). In addition to being adjacent to active school sites such as the Aldercrest Learning Center and the Living Wisdom School, the proposed jail would be within short walking distance of two large daycare facilities-- Lake Forest Park Montessori Preschool and Whizz Kids Academy as well as Lake Forest Park Elementary School. By its nature, the jail would bring a constant stream of criminal offenders into the area. Many of these offenders would be released into the neighborhood after they have served their time or posted bail, and escapes happen at even the most secure jail facilities. Placing a jail at the proposed location would endanger the safety of hundreds of children. It would be irresponsible and unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Jeff Rice

Lake Forest Park

Name: Thomas Chan

City: Lake Forest Park

Dear Public Officials:

We wish to protest against the plan to build a jail in the Aldercrest Annex at 2545 N.E. 200th Street near Lake Forest Park. It is unconscionable to construct a 640bed jail in an area zoned strictly for residential buildings. Residents live in this area because of it's of this exclusive zoning. The government cannot abuse its power by changing this zoning to something else.

It is an area with 1100 homes where families with young children and senior citizens walk about. It would be an injustice to subject them to fear and anxiety that they cannot walk safely in their own neighborhood. The jail would bring associates of the inmates who may be a threat to the residents security in this peaceful area.

The proposed jail would bring heavy traffic and noise to a quiet neighborhood and make it unsafe for children to play in the streets and local residents jog and walk.

The proposed jail is close to elementary schools where children walk to school and play in schoolyards after school. It is the governments duty to safeguard children from drug dealers, child molesters, gang members and unsavory characters who may be attracted to this area because of the inmates they associate with.

The presence of a jail in a residential area would depress home values significantly. Graffiti and property damage incidents may increase significantly. It is very unfair to homeowners who have invested their life savings to live in this area because of its quality of life.

The large paved concrete and asphalt area of the proposed jail may adversely affect drainage and cause flooding in the nearby Bruggers Bog neighborhood.

The Alderwood Annex site includes a beautiful grass field that is heavily used by neighborhood sports teams, joggers and children. It is important for residents in the area to have a nice open space for recreation.

Please object to this plan to transform a tranquil residential neighborhood to a jail. Remove the Aldercrest Annex site from the list of possible sites for the jailhouse. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Thomas and Angela Chan
Lake Forest Park residents