

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

City: Kirkland

This jail does not belong in an area that has no effect police force. We are served by King County and their response time is horrible. This jail is close to schools and will have a huge impact on our ability to be annexed by Kirkland. We do not have services here to help the released prisoners and that particular area does not have adequate bus service. This jail will bring a large increase in visitors in an already too busy area. We have a hospital here already creating noise. Build this jail somewhere else!

Name: Marc Baxter

City: Seattle

Seattle Neighborhood: Seward Park

It is time that the county comes up with solutions for jails that are not limited to downtown Seattle. Time to build jails and offender sites in the north and east parts of the county.

Name: Thomas Fogg

City: Lake Forest Park

The proposal of the Aldercrest Annex as a possible site for a jail is ludicrous. It is the only proposed site surrounded by residential neighborhoods. There is a school directly across the street. There are churches and mosques within yards of the property. The infrastructure concerning roadways, utilities, and wetlands runoff can't possibly support the site without tremendous renovation with obvious detriment to the surrounding environment. In addition, let us not forget that the property not only does not belong to the county, it is not for sale. There was obviously no legitimate thought put into this selection by anyone with an ounce of common sense, moral obligation, or fiscal foresight. Had the county been presented with the idea of putting a strip mall, hotel, convention center, or any other private enterprise proposal at the site, the county would have surely shot said proposal down for all of the reasons I have mentioned. However, because it is to the county's benefit to put a jail here it is OK? Are you serious? Jails house individuals convicted of crimes. Remember? Or was that lost in the thought process (or lack of it) somewhere? Here is a question for the group to answer. If this selection is so great, why does the group of individuals who submitted and approved this site keep themselves as anonymous as they possibly can? Allow me to supply you with the answer. When someone does something they are ashamed of, they often hide their identity. Before your group allows me to submit a comment I must make my personal information public or my comment won't be accepted. Yet I, as well as many others like me, am not ashamed to do so.