Juvenile Justice in King County

by Amanda Clark, President, LWVS-KC

In 2012, primary election voters in King County approved the King County Children and Family Services Center (CFJC) capital levy with 54 percent approval. The nine-year levy (property tax) funds the replacement of the Youth Services Center in Seattle’s Central District with a new facility. This King County Children and Family Justice Center, otherwise known as Juvenile Detention Center and Courthouse, is currently located on a four-block square parcel of land just south of Seattle University at 12th Avenue and East Alder Street.

The replacement of the CFJC has spurred a conversation between community members, activists, judges, and elected officials about the need for the center at all. This issue of the Voter details the many perspectives on the issue for why and why not to move forward with its construction. This month’s forum will dig into the topic, looking at how our region should move forward and some strategies for youth detention.

At the League of Women Voters, we pride ourselves on our comprehensive understanding of an issue before supporting one side or the other. We also see our role and duty to the community at large as an educator in the civic issues that face our region. I encourage you read all sides of this issue and let us know what you think.

Background on the Levy and the Facility

When King County voters approved of the CFJC they voted for a nine-year property tax levy of $.07 per $1,000 of assessed valuation to fund the $210 million capital construction of the new facility. The County’s rationale for replacing the existing facility was that it’s in a state of poor repair, as well as being outdated.

According to the project website:

The voter-approved “Children and Family Justice Center” will replace an outdated Youth Services Center with a trauma-informed facility that provides modern youth and family court services as well as a flexible and therapeutic juvenile detention center. King County has contracted with Howard S. Wright, a Balfour Beatty company, to design and build a facility that will include a courthouse for juvenile court and dependency court, juvenile detention, a parking structure and public open areas.

Project areas by the numbers

- Courthouse: 137,000 square feet with 10 courtrooms, an increase of 3 courtrooms and 40,000 square feet.
- Juvenile Detention: 92,000 square feet with 112 detention beds. Design allows for flexibility to reduce detention space in the future. This facility will have 100 fewer detention beds than the current one has (212), almost cutting the number of beds in half.
- Youth Program Space: 10,200 square feet initially part of detention has been converted to non-detention youth program space because of reductions in the juvenile detention population.

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Mission Statement
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Connecting with the Leadership

It's exciting to see the increased interest among the public, especially women, in taking action to preserve gains we've made, to work toward more equality, and to maintain the programs and policies for the public good. Like other organizations working for what they believe in, the Seattle-King County League has gained many new members. Even better, many of these new members are young and enthusiastic and want to take action.

We sometimes have to remind ourselves that League is nonpartisan when it comes to political parties and candidates. But as our mission statement says, the “League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.”

So how do education and advocacy work? First, we have to educate ourselves, to explore as many aspects of an issue as possible. One of the best ways to do this is through our committees. For example, in the past couple of years the Transportation Committee educated itself about the City of Seattle’s Transportation Levy. The committee invited speakers both pro and con to speak to it, and members researched the bill in depth to see where the money would go and when. Even though the committee did not think the ballot measure was perfect, they considered our positions on transportation and voted to support it. They then brought their recommendation to the Board, which in turn evaluated the League’s positions and then voted to endorse the measure. The League’s endorsement is valued and publicized by the endorsee, which hopes the League’s endorsement leads to votes.

But what if there isn’t a particular local bill to study and work on? What if you want the League to right a wrong, or take a stand for or against something, or develop a plan to solve a problem—anything from a bill to a building to an issue, such as the proposed juvenile detention center or how to deal with homelessness? Everything starts in a committee.

Often, subjects for a forum start in a committee. Members have gotten interested in an issue and want to share the information with others, either to inform or perhaps urge them to action. A case in point is the April forum on juvenile justice, and how we should consider the proposed new and controversial Juvenile Justice Center.

Studies Inform Positions and Action

Our League hasn’t done a local study recently, but studies are where League positions originate or where we begin to take some specific action. A study is much like doing research on the college level. It will usually take about a year and will result in a paper and may result in taking action. Because studies are a major undertaking, they are voted on at the annual meeting in May.

Our past studies are available on our website. I just looked at what we’ve done in the past recent, and was surprised to find a study done in 2007: “Ending Homelessness in King County.” The Social Justice Committee’s study gave an overview of homelessness in King County, a summary of national and local strategies for ending homelessness, a synopsis of King County’s ten-year plan to end homelessness, and a discussion of some of the challenges and opportunities we face.

The League supported the County’s plan. And where are we ten years later?

Every day, as I drive to the office, I pass the homeless encampment at I-90 and Rainier Avenue South. Obviously, the ten-year plan hasn’t worked, and the County is still trying to find answers. Is it time for us to look at this topic again, to update the study? Or more immediately, we can examine the current proposal for an addi-

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The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC) presents a public forum most months between September and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled at other locations and times. The tentative schedule of forums for 2017 appears at left; check the Voter each month or the LWVS-KC website, seattlelwv.org, for up-to-date information. Past forums are frequently televised and can be accessed from the resources page of the website.

Board Briefs by Zara Kublin, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on March 4, 2017. This is a summary of their work.

The Board had many exciting, interesting topics to discuss in March.

First up was planning for the LWVWA State Convention, which will take place in Seattle on June 1-4. This is where we determine the program for the State League, vote on proposed studies, elect new officers, and hear some intriguing speakers. We also plan to have a lot of fun this year, including some organized outings to Seattle sites and institutions. LWVS-KC is allotted 27 voting delegates, though all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Heads up! There will be calls for volunteers to lead various committees!

Next, Membership Chair Becky Cox discussed a New Member Orientation taking place on April 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event is intended to demystify the League’s sometimes seemingly arcane ways, highlight its unique strengths, and help new members learn how to achieve effective advocacy through its auspices. Many of our new members live in the Ballard area so the event will be held in that neighborhood, precise location TBD.

The Board discussed a request to make a public statement opposing the new King County Children and Family Justice Center based on the large number of new juvenile detention rooms it will include. The Board decided it didn’t have enough information to make a decision at this time. The Board is looking forward to considering members’ further research on the topic, including, per League policy, arguments from both supporters of the new facility as planned and its opponents.

Program Chair Abigail Doerr reported that the general topic for next month’s forum is incarceration. She’s going to discuss the possibility of focusing on the youth facility with members involved in the forum planning.

Outreach and Publicity Chair Stephanie Cirkovich relayed the exciting news that LWVS-KC has

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won a Pathfinder award from Phi Beta Kappa for the Ballots and Baristas event. The award will be given at a luncheon in May. Further, Starbucks has expressed an interest in taking the event national.

Member Mary Coltrane has approached the Board to ask if LWVS-KC would work with The Civil Discourse Working Group to put on a facilitated town hall meeting focusing on a current political issue. The goal would be to bring people together with strongly differing views to have discussion in a civil manner and demonstrate how to build consensus. The Board is interested in pursuing collaboration on this pilot project.

The Board decided to sponsor a Washington Bus Fellowship. Go to http://busfellows.org to learn about this program.

Action Chair Pat Griffith encourages members to open their action emails from LWVWA and click on their links to contact your representatives. This helps build League influence in Olympia.

Finally, we want to remind all members to take precautions against theft while in the office. Don’t leave valuables in sight of the windows when you’re not in the room and make sure doors are locked even if you’re just stepping out to the loo!

Leadership continued:

Departmental property tax to help end homelessness. If you are interested in doing so, form a committee to do it, and start looking at the proposal and interviewing proponents and opponents and reading arguments for and against. Then, if and when the measure is on the ballot, we are ready to take a stand.

Because League’s positions are based on careful study, it may be that you can find positions that support your actions. But if the issue is current and controversial, the committee should still evaluate pro and con views as objectively as possible. If the committee wants the League to take a public stand, the committee can work with the Board’s Action Chair to bring it to the board.

National, State, and Local

I was recently asked if we have committees on immigration and healthcare. We don’t specifically, but immigration could be part of the International Relations Committee, and healthcare part of the Social Justice Committee. We do have positions on both, but current events may have overtaken them. And it’s not always clear how much action our local League can take on some issues. Some issues, such as the recent carbon tax initiative and gun control measures, are statewide issues, and decisions about support or opposition are properly left to the State Board, although local Leagues can give input. And healthcare right now is a national issue, and the National League has taken a position to oppose proposed plans that would deny people insurance coverage either by cost or health condition. National urges all of us to let our representatives know our position.

But circling back around, we can look at broader topics from a local perspective. For example, we can look at what kind of support is available for recent immigrants to King County. We can evaluate the effectiveness of family healthcare programs under the Best Starts for Kids levy that was passed last year.

And back to the beginning: if you’re interested in a topic, either just to learn more or to get information that you hope can lead to action—join a committee—or start a new one.

Amanda Clark
President
Committees

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Education Committee
DATE: Thursday, April 27
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: League Office

International Relations Committee
DATE: Monday, April 3
TIME: 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: League Office

Social Justice Committee
DATE: Sunday, April 23
TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: League Office

Transportation Committee
DATE: Tuesday, April 18
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
PLACE: League Office

Elliot Helmbrecht of SDOT will present an update on the Move Seattle levy projects.

We encourage participation in our committees by all interested members. It’s a great opportunity to meet and talk to community leaders, stakeholder organizations, and experts where you can have direct input on local issues that affect you.

Don’t see a committee that covers your issue? Call the office and let us know. Sometimes people are working more informally without regularly scheduled meetings. If so, we may be able to help connect you with them or help you start your own.

Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC), in both its values and practices, affirms its beliefs and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

LWVS-KC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVS-KC subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization’s ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVS-KC affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff and programs.
King County Connects — Announcements

No May Forum - But we will still be busy!

Annual Meeting will be held the third Thursday. We encourage units to meet in May to discuss the annual meeting agenda and/or the state convention agenda. We are grassroots and need your understanding and input for the decisions that will be made.

We will also have a special event in May - see the announcement below.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we set the program for League activities for the coming year, elect new board members and officers, and recognize the work of our volunteers.

Cost: $15 - includes dinner.

Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave (at Seneca)
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FRIDAY, MAY 12 AT 6 P.M.**

Please join the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County for the **Voices of Democracy Gala**, a fundraising dinner that celebrates the League's mission of encouraging informed, active, and engaged participation in our democracy. The League will be presenting the Making Democracy Work Award to those who have helped promote equality in King County by mobilizing community members to raise their voices in civil and civic discourse.

Early bird price is $100 until April 30. Reservations can be made online via our website or you can send a check to the office.
Updates from Our State and National Leagues

All members of the LWV of Seattle-King County are also automatically members of the LWV of Washington and the LWV of the United States, whose work focuses on issues of state and national concern, respectively. Be sure to sign up for weekly email newsletters and/or visit their websites: www.lwwa.org and www.lwv.org for the latest information.

**Olympia and Our Washington**

*Keep reading the weekly legislative newsletter as we head into the teeth of budget negotiations!*

**Decline to Sign!**

The League of Women Voters of Washington is strongly recommending that voters NOT sign I-1552, an initiative that will roll back nondiscrimination protections for transgender Washingtonians.

“We usually wait until initiatives make it to the ballot before making a recommendation,” says Kathy Sakahara, Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Washington. “But initiatives and bills like I-1552 increase dangerous rhetoric which can lead to hate crimes and violence against LGBTQ people. Regardless of whether it’s approved by voters, the anti-transgender fearmongering accompanying I-1552 can lead to real harm, especially to transgender and gender nonconforming individuals who already face higher rates of bullying, harassment and violence.”

**Convention in June**

You do not need to be an official delegate to attend the convention! All members are welcome to attend all of the programming, the dinners, the social events and caucuses as an interested League Member (observer), and if you have a great League prospect who is not yet a member, you can bring them, too. As well as full registration, we will also offer workshop passes and single event tickets. LWVS-KC members who volunteer during convention will be able to attend some of the activities at no charge!

**National News**

Thank you to all who responded to the calls for action on the American Healthcare Act. We lobbied vigorously and your voices were heard. We have succeeded, for now, in avoiding this dangerous legislation but will keep monitoring for future developments.

LWVUS opposes calls for a constitutional convention. There are no safeguards or guidelines in the U.S. Constitution that limit a convention to one issue or govern the rules of a convention, which makes the threat of a runaway convention very real. Legislation is active in states like TX, WI, ID, KY, AZ and WY. If you have connections in those states, encourage them to speak up and oppose it. For more ways to get involved on this issue through League, contact Jessica Jones, jjones@lwv.org.

With 21 states considering new laws that will make it more difficult to vote, LWVUS is working hard to support efforts in those states to combat the legislation. Want to know more? The best way is to go to the website and subscribe to the Voter and Election News email. We are fortunate here in Washington State that most of the proposed legislation in Olympia would have made it easier, not harder, to vote. There is still hope for a couple of bills: one that would shorten the deadline for voter registration to 11 days prior to an election and another that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to sign up in advance at Department of Licensing facilities. These are pending a hearing as we go to press!
New Members Abound...
We are continuing this month to list our new members who joined in January and February. We are so excited that people with a concern about how our government works have chosen the League as a vehicle for learning and action. You are in the right place!

Our new members are:

Linda Anderson  Michelle Fellows  Alexandria Parry
Kathleen Anthony  Rebecca Fox  Molly Peebles
Natalie Bayne  Sarah Franklin  Suzan Peebles
Justin Beckwith  Martin Gibbins  Susan Price
Sara Beckwith  Robin Gitelman  Janelle Pritchard
Deborah Bellam  Susan Goede  Nina Redman
Rose Bigham  Nina Greenblatt  Nicole Richey
Cindy Black  David Griffith  William Ristow
Debra Blagg  Susan Haase  Palmer Robinson
Erin Briney  Megan Hall  Randi Robinson
Cynthia Butler  Yvonne Hall  Ruth Rongerude
Danielle Butz  Helen Halloran  Evelyn Ruckor
Elizabeth Campbell  Beth Hartell  Saunatina Sanchez
Elizabeth Canning  Elizabeth Hill  Maryann Savina
Deborah Carstens  Fred Holcomb  Eliana Scott-Thoennes
Susan Chatlos-Susor  Elizabeth Huebner  Anne Sedgwick
Anne Clark  Suzanne Hurley  Ashley Seffernick
Robert-Jean Clemons  Janna Kline  April Sotura
Doti Cole  Karen Kline  Abra Soule
Marie Condon  Madeline Korff  Sheryl Speight
Marie Cooley  Claudia Lamphere  Marcella Stone-Vekich
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Wendy Durand  Lynn Mikel  Diane Wheeler
Mona Dworkin  Sarah Moehrke  Abbie White
Meredith Eastman  Peggy Newsom  Donna Williams
Jamie Eby  Melissa Nitsch  Lori Woehler
Nancy Edquist  Eric Oemig  Patricia Wynn
Camille Evans  Mary Oemig

Again, a hearty welcome. Watch your Voter and the weekly emails for information on the events being held by League. To all members, if you see a name on this list that you recognize, invite them to attend your unit, a forum or any other League activity you think they might enjoy.
BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE: THE END OF JUVENILE PRISON

By Nell Bernstein

When addiction overwhelmed Jared’s mother, he was nine years old and suddenly alone. He joined a group of boys and ran errands for drug dealers. Soon, he was in trouble with the law and before long he was in a state institution for juvenile offenders.

Jared and others described in this book were scared when they learned they were going to prison. They’d heard stories of boys being raped, beaten, and maybe even killed.

Curtis, sentenced to a high-security facility at age 10, said, “They treated me like I was an animal... When I was just a little child that was misguided, that needed some help and some direction.”

Curtis became “a million dollar kid.” He was given extra years in prison because of his “repetitive negative behavior.” By the time he left the prison, “the annual cost per youth was approaching its high of $225,000, including the cost of litigation” to deal with overt physical abuses, inhuman conditions, and other violations of children’s civil rights.

The author, award-winning journalist Nell Bernstein, asks us to close down our juvenile prisons and bring the children home. She shows us that the vast majority of corrective institutions for those under 21 are counter-productive. Instead of rehabilitating youth, those “incarcerated as juveniles were twice as likely to go on to be locked up as adults as those who committed similar offenses...and [came from] similar backgrounds but were given an alternative sanction or simply not arrested.”

One study identified “incarceration itself as the single most significant factor in predicting whether a youth will offend again – more so than family difficulties or gang membership.”

Bernstein shows us that American “juvenile facilities do not meet their bottom-line responsibility to keep their charges safe. Physical and sexual abuse are rampant as are solitary confinement [and practices] that erode young people’s mental and physical health.”

She points out that most “Americans go through a period of delinquency at some point during adolescence. Fully 80-90 percent of American teenagers have committed an illegal act that could qualify them for time behind bars...but most never see the inside of a police car or prison cell.” Most “simply grow out of it.”

To “improve the prospects of virtually all juvenile offenders, including the most serious,” they must have a “tight web of support, supervision and relationship without forcibly removing a young person from home and community... Rehabilitation happens in the context of relationship.” Solitary confinement is the antithesis of relationship and tends to lead to lasting psychological damage.

Bernstein says that Deschutes County in Oregon tested this concept with remarkable results. They saved about $50,000 on each child. They also “invested in prevention and neighborhood programs, with a strong emphasis on community service.” Within a year, the number of youths sent to state institutions dropped by 72 percent.

She tells us we must “reexamine every aspect of how we address delinquency.” This should include looking carefully at racial, educational, social and economic inequities that feed delinquency.

We should ensure “relationships-focused, community-inspired responses” that should be “available to everyone.”

Filled with examples of how not to deal with juvenile delinquency and several efforts that look positive, Bernstein provides convincing arguments for “burning down” the prisons and instead working to surround vulnerable youth with a strong, community-based support system.

Opinions in this review are personal and do not necessarily represent those of the League.
Does King County Need a New Youth Jail?

This month’s materials and forum were arranged by members of the League’s Social Justice Committee. Nikki Hurley and Melissa Taylor, co-chairs and Saunatina Sanchez, forum lead.
UNIT MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Announcements/Volunteer Sign Ups
- Discussion Questions

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the main arguments for and against the new youth jail?

2. Do you think the county should move forward with the new youth jail/youth justice center? Why or why not?

3. What do you think of the county's goal of "zero-youth detention"? Do you think it's possible? What should the county do to get to "zero-youth detention"?

4. How does building this jail align with the County's goal of "zero-youth detention"?

5. How do our attitudes towards punishment and rehabilitation shape our opinions about incarceration?

6. What do you think are good alternatives to imprisonment? Do you think these alternatives are effective in promoting the goals of a just society?

7. How can we as a community work do to reduce/eliminate our prison population especially in the juvenile justice system?
**Why King County doesn’t need a new juvenile hall**

By Jil Mangaliman

*Editor’s Note: This article was published prior to the election authorizing the Children and Family Justice Center. Reprinted with permission from Seattle Globalist, www.seattleglobalist.com.*

You might have guessed from the green King County elections envelope sitting on your table that there’s an election coming up on Tuesday.

In the midst of a lot of local races that won’t really get decided until November, there’s a pressing item on the ballot. It’s King County Proposition 1, which would create a nine-year, $210 million tax levy for a new “Children and Family Justice Center (CFJC)” to replace the old facility on Alder Street in the Central District.

Sounds simple, except that “Children and Family Justice Center” is a sugary way of saying juvenile hall, which is itself a sugary way of saying “a jail for young people.”

We’re living smack dab in the middle of a prison nation. If you don’t know what I’m talking about, please check out “Proliferation” by Paul Rucker, which tracks how prisons have sprung up like daisies in the US in the last 232 years. Compared to the rest of the world, the United States is #1 in military spending and #1 in imprisoning its people.

Militarization and the prison industrial complex are two sides of the same coin of state-sanctioned violence, happening both outside and inside the US. When a person’s autonomy is taken away — as it is by both these forces — it causes physical and psychological trauma to them and their community.

In King County, marginalized communities have been targets of both.

Youth of color are overrepresented in both juvenile justice system and transfers to adult justice system.

What really gets me is that a major function of the King County Juvenile facility is to handle truancy cases, in other words, being absent from school. There are a lot of reasons a young person might not go to school — from it being an unsafe or a non-supportive environment to a downright uninteresting place, or due to their economic situation. To eventually detained youth for missing school is only perpetuating an existing “school-to-prison pipeline.”

And if youth of color and low-income youth aren’t going to prison, they’re being recruited to join the military, instead of higher education or job training programs.

So it’s not so simple as just voting yes to improve a facility for young people that has fallen into disrepair.

For those opposing the new juvenile hall, it’s about taking a stand somewhere against the expansion of this school-to-prison pipeline.

There have been different communities and identities working together to oppose the new juvenile hall, including youth, adult allies, teachers, former prisoners, prison workers, university students, lawyers, environmentalists, and racial
justice activists. On July 26th they came together for a “festival of resistance” that coincided with King County council meetings and protests outside the existing facility.

One of the organizers is Dean Spade, who is also a professor at Seattle University school of Law. Spade said that the group has been organizing together for a while as prison abolitionists. “The world is full of alternatives,” Spade told me. “There are plenty of ways to reimagine how the US and King County could address various problems of poverty and crisis through meaningful interventions rather than investing in more jails and prisons.”

So, what are actual, real ways of dealing with crisis and harm without applying further crisis and harm?

Organizations like Incite! Women of Color Against Violence and Generation FIVE have been developing these concepts of transformative justice and community accountability. That instead of relying on a system that perpetuates violence, we can involve the community and focus on programs that provide safety, support, and prevention, while addressing the root causes of conditions that reinforce oppression and violence.

Countries like Canada, Japan and Cuba have chosen to invest more in education and health care than military and criminal justice. As a result they are healthier and more educated and are experiencing less of a poverty gap, less violent crime, and a longer life expectancy than the US. We rank a dismal 50th worldwide in life expectancy. We can certainly learn a thing or two from our global neighbors on how we can keep people alive, and incarcerating huge portions of our population isn’t the key.

There have been non-jail experiments happening in the US for years. The earliest was in the 1970s, when the state of Massachusetts closed their youth prisons and transferred them to community-based alternatives.

This year in California, Governor Jerry Brown proposed to eliminate the Criminal Justice Juvenile program from his budget after years of expensive reforms and to instead shift the focus to health and education.

Seattle youth organizations, like the Seattle Young People’s Project, School’s Out Seattle, and The Service Board (TSB) are working together with Cleveland High School on a mediation program that focuses on keeping at-risk students in school.

And King County itself has divested in punishment-based solutions and invested in prevention, which in turn has helped reduce the amount of youth detentions from 191 back in 1998 to 72 this year.

But as Ariel Wetzel pointed out in her article for The Stranger SLOG last week, if a newer $200 million facility comes along, it may create a new incentive to fill it with more youth and reversing this positive trend.

While there are so many types of violence and we as a society may not have all the skills to handle them, I do think we can get there. But we can’t continue to feed millions of dollars into a system that isn’t actually keeping our communities healthy and safe.
As long as we allow the "prison mythology" as Spade calls it, to be legitimized we'll see the same cycles of violence and oppression perpetuate in our communities.

As Angela Davis put it back in 1998, "Mass incarceration is not a solution to unemployment, nor is it a solution to the vast array of social problems that are hidden away in a rapidly growing network of prisons and jails. However, the great majority of people have been tricked into believing in the efficacy of imprisonment, even though the historical record clearly demonstrates that prisons do not work."

A "No" vote on King County Proposition 1 is a "NO" vote on the prison industrial complex. It's worth taking a stand now.

Using Philadelphia as an example, this graphic compares the cost, both financial and social, of education and incarceration. (Designed by Jason Killinger for Maskar Design)
January 31, 2017

Mayor Edward B. Murray
P.O. Box 94749
Seattle, Washington 98124-4749

Dear Mayor Murray:

On January 30, 2017 you wrote a letter to King County Executive Constantine and the court. You write “in the spirit of collaboration” a request to consider a “second look” at the facility design of the King County Children and Family Justice Center – a King County voter-approved facility that passed in 2012, and has been carefully vetted since. You ask King County to “convene a table for dialogue among various interests and perspectives to explore whether there are practical options or modification to consider...” King County has solicited the input of the community throughout the course of the project. Indeed, the King County Juvenile Justice Equity Steering committee was formed for this very purpose. Among its members are parents, youth, youth service providers and grass roots leaders. We have solicited its feedback, and have implemented all of its recommendations to date. We continue to meet, and will continue to listen and work on this important issue.

The Children and Family Justice Center will replace the aging and outdated Youth Services center with a trauma-informed facility for child welfare cases, juvenile offender and at-risk matters, as well as including a smaller detention center. A respectful and easy to navigate environment will link even more youth and families, court involved or not, with supportive services and non-profit organizations in their home communities. The new courthouse will include a daycare with free service to families with business at the CFJC, a resource center, confidential meeting spaces for providers and lawyers to meet with their clients, and more space for youth and family programs. It also brings in youth-related county services, which are currently housed in leased space. At the request of the community, it will offer its meeting space for afterhours use.

The design of the campus was created with substantial input from the neighbors. It will reconnect the grid pattern of the streets, will have bike and pedestrian paths, and 1.55 acres of public open space. The existing facility and its parking facilities are a blight on the neighborhood.

We acknowledge there has been a vocal minority that has opposed the building, due to the fact that 20% of its budget will go to replacing the existing detention facility – a facility designed to hold over 200 youth. The new facility is currently designed for no more than 112 youth, and in all reality far fewer when you take account the need to classify and keep certain categories of youth apart from each other...
Mayor Edward B. Murray  
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(e.g. girls from boys, young from old). These living units have the potential for conversion to other uses when not needed for detention. You may not be aware that the new facility was initially designed for 144 youth, but has been decreased in size after considering the input of the community including those opposed to the facility. Also, keep in mind this facility is designed for fifty years, so its design must take into account the demographics of a growing county.

Your letter implies that the electorate was uninformed of the negative effects of detention when it passed the county-wide levy in 2012 approving the Children and Family Justice Center, suggesting the research on the issue is only several years old. That research has been in existence for many years. It is for that reason that we as a court and county have worked tirelessly to use detention only as a last resort, and to develop alternatives to detention. King County is nationally recognized for its alternative programs and work in that area.

As a former legislator yourself, you likely are aware that counties with a population of over 50,000 are required by state law to have a detention facility. To the extent that such a facility is required, both by law and community safety needs, this new facility has been designed to address its negative impacts to the extent possible. Research has shown that some of the negative effects of detention relate to overcrowding and poor conditions. The new space will address those issues. It will also include improved education facilities, a library, medical facilities, and a gymnasium.

In the late 1990’s the average population in detention was just under 200. On some days, it got up to 230. Since then, there has been a concerted and successful effort by the court and its partners to reduce the population. Last year, the average daily population was just under 50. Several weeks ago, there were 28 youth in detention.

We are perplexed of your offer to reach out to national experts on this topic to tap into additional technical advice or guidance. You specifically refer to the Annie E. Casey Foundation. We have worked with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and its Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) for two decades. We began implementing its strategies on this issue in 1998 and became a formal JDAI site in 2004. They have provided extensive technical assistance, including recommendations which we have worked to implement. As recently as 2014, we approached them again for additional assistance. In the October 16, 2015 King County Juvenile Justice System Assessment prepared by JDAI consultants it was acknowledged that King County has one of the lowest incarceration rates in the nation. Sadly, it points out in that same report that “no juvenile court in America has been able to both reduce the number of youth and the percentage of youth of color incarcerated.” Its study noted that 42.1% of the population of youth referred to by police were Black youth, 50.1% of filed charges were against Black youth, and 50.7% detained were Black youth. Of course many of those referred youth were referred by the Seattle Police Department.

We are extraordinarily pleased to report that contrary to other jurisdictions referenced above, King County experienced a statistically significant decrease in the African American/Black detention population from 2015 to 2016. Due to our concerted efforts, the average daily population (ADP) for all racial and ethnic groups was reduced by 15.7%. Reduction in the ADP for Black youth was even more
dramatic, decreasing by 28%. This represents an average of ten fewer African American or Black youth in detention per day than in 2015!

We appreciate your acknowledgement that the County Executive and the Judicial branch has more direct experience, expertise, and analysis on related facility needs and policy priorities. To the extent you do not have that same experience, we would like to invite you and staff who work with you to spend a day with our one of our juvenile court judges, so that you can obtain some firsthand knowledge. We look forward to arranging that for you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Laura C. Inveen  J. Wesley Saint Clair
Presiding Judge  Chief Judge, Juvenile Court

cc: Executive Dow Constantine, King County Council
DOW CONSTANTINE CALLS FOR A
ZERO YOUTH INCARCERATION GOAL
IN KING COUNTY AS DEBATES FLARE
OVER NEW YOUTH JAIL

by Ana Sofia Knauf


Last night, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray called for a “second look” at the design plans to replace the current King County Youth Detention Center with a social services-centered Children and Family Justice Center. (The facility, originally purported to cost $210 million, will now cost a whopping $225 million, according to Seattle City Council member Bruce Harrell and King County Council member Rob Dembowski, who recently announced they were against rebuilding the jail.) Murray’s declaration comes on the eve of his seeking re-election.

On the heels of Murray’s letter, King County Executive Dow Constantine, who is also up for re-election, issued his own statement, in which he called for county officials to adopt a goal of zero youth detention. As part of his plan, Constantine plans to create “peacemaking circles” between anti-youth jail activists and proponents of the planned Children and Family Justice Center. Through these series of meetings, the groups can work on “developing more housing options for youth charged with non-violent crimes, emphasizing therapeutic care, creating more robust community reviews of the detention population, devising new alternatives to detention, and helping youth take responsibility for their actions, among other strategies.” Check out Constantine’s full statement below:

Much has happened in our region and in our nation since the people voted to replace the aging Youth Services Center in 2012. Community conversations about policing and racial inequity helped spur important, in-

novative reforms in juvenile justice to keep young people out of the system and on track to healthy, productive lives. Thanks to social justice advocates, judges, and others, we have started programs like Family Intervention & Restorative Services that offer de-escalation counseling and other services to keep youth out of detention. It’s working: since the 1990’s, even as the county population rapidly grew, we have been able to reduce the average daily juvenile detention population by more than 70 percent. Last year alone, the average daily population for King County juvenile detention dropped by another 16 percent from 2015. And there’s so much more to do.

We are always looking for the next innovation, the next step forward, the next partner who can help us go even further. And yet, we also confront the reality that too many teens have engaged in serious violence and caused suffering to others, and we must protect everyone in the community from harm as well.

As we pause for the city Hearing Examiner to review the Children and Family Justice Center, a process that should take at least until summer, I am taking steps to build bridges to anyone who wants better outcomes for youth.
King County has achieved the lowest rate of youth incarceration in the nation. Now, in consultation with judges and members of the King County Council, I will ask that the county adopt a goal of Zero Youth Detention, with the mission of creating a community where detention for young people is no longer needed. To be successful, we must invest early in children and families, help our schools develop better ways to deal with challenging students, and offer effective support to families in crisis. Until we achieve this shared ambition, we will work to make youth detention brief, therapeutic, community-focused, and one-time.

In October, King County Superior Court conducted the first juvenile felony case to be handled through community-driven, restorative justice process, rather than traditional prosecution. The case involved a 15-year-old facing two years imprisonment for stealing a cellphone and two pairs of Air Jordans from another teen. Instead of the standard trial and sentencing, he accepted responsibility and atoned for the crime by participating in a series of intense conversations, in family-counseling and self-reflection, and in apology to those he had harmed. In the end, he came away with things he had previously lacked in his life: a greater understanding of the feelings of others, and a second chance.

Along with King County Councilmembers and other officials and staff, I will be meeting with advocates and opponents in that same intensive process recently used by the courts to help individuals and families find new ways forward. These community Peacemaking Circles will inform our next steps: developing more housing options for youth charged with non-violent crimes, emphasizing therapeutic care, creating more robust community reviews of the detention population, devising new alternatives to detention, and helping youth take responsibility for their actions, among other strategies. I look forward to acting upon the solutions that emerge from this dialogue.

Every youth in detention represents a lost opportunity — a collective failure by the community to provide the support a child needs to arrive at kindergarten ready to thrive, to overcome the challenges that arise throughout the school years, to counteract the specific results of historical bias and entrenched racism in society. I have never talked to a local leader who disagreed with that proposition. We all want to reduce harm by making every child successful. It is, of course, easier said than done. This is a difficult issue that I and many others have spent countless hours considering, and working on. Our local leadership reflects the values of the community: we want to do better by all young people, and to protect people from violence and harm. With the right help, most teens - even those who have run into real problems - can make it through the turmoil of adolescence and go on to live fulfilling, productive lives, rather than becoming another statistic in a nation with the highest incarceration rate in the industrialized world.

We know what truly makes a positive difference for young people, and we are making those investments like never in our history. Three years after the Youth Services Center
vote, the people of King County passed my Best Starts for Kids initiative, providing $65 million annually for prevention, healthy child development, and early intervention at the first sign of problems for children and youth, as well as their families and communities. Best Starts for Kids seeks to ensure every baby is born healthy, and that all children are given the full and equal opportunity to thrive, regardless of privilege or position or luck.

All people must be protected from violence. All efforts must be made to reduce harm. There are no easy answers to issues raised in juvenile justice. But with a willingness to collectively take on this challenge, we can accomplish much good, and provide better futures for our young people.

The construction permits for the youth jail, approved by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections in December, are currently being appealed to the city hearing examiner. A decision isn’t likely to be announced until early summer, Constantine told The Stranger in a follow-up phone conversation. During this time, he said he hopes to convene these “peacekeeping circles.”

“It sounds very hippy-dippy,” Constantine said. “It’s uncomfortable for everyone involved, but it starts with that.”

Participants will have multi-hour meetings over the course of a yet-to-be-determined number of days. Conversations will be facilitated by Saroeum Phoung, who will help participants “challenge assumptions” and lead them toward “a deeper understanding and hopefully some shared agreement over how we can proceed,” said Constantine. The King County executive said the list of people and organizations participating in the “peacekeeping circles” is still being developed by his office and Phoung.

When asked whether the current juvenile detention center needed to be replaced, Constantine agreed wholeheartedly. He said he is in favor of replacing the existing detention center, rather than making repairs to it, as activists have long called for. Reworking the facility’s wiring and plumbing, among other repairs would cost “tens of millions more” than building the Children and Family Justice Center, he said.

“It would really be throwing good money after bad to fix a giant detention facility,” said Constantine. “The current detention facility is not acceptable. It’s in terrible shape, it’s unhealthy, and perhaps, most of all, it’s very disrespectful. It tells the young person that’s there, ‘You don’t count.’”

For now, Constantine said, King County does require a youth jail.

“Right now in detention, there are no shoplifters, there are no truants, there aren’t even domestic violence offenders, unless they’re in for first degree assault, because we divert them all into Family Intervention and Restorative Services (FIRS),” he said.

Constantine continued: “There are kids who have [allegedly] killed people ... kids who’ve very violently assaulted people, kids who’ve held a gun to someone’s head and stolen a car, kids who’ve committed rape and child molestation. The majority are very violent, recent offenders and we don’t have a safe way for them to be released in the community right now. That’s the dilemma.”

So what do members from the anti-youth jail camp think about Constantine’s announcement?

Attorney Knoll Lowney of Smith & Lowney PLLC, which represents more than 60 groups appealing the youth jail construction permit, including Ending the Prison Industrial Complex (EPIC), e-mailed us this statement:

Dow’s statements sound nice, but his actions favor increased youth incarceration. Right
now his lawyers are fighting aggressively to build a new youth jail designed to massively increase the jailing of kids of color. Dow needs to withdraw his permit application if he wants to show integrity on this issue and open a dialogue with the community.

In a follow-up phone conversation, Lowney said: “This facility is sized for over 150 beds,” said Lowney. “So 150 kids at a time could be jailed in this facility. This is about five times higher than December’s population. As much as [Constantine] likes to say ‘Oh, we want to reduce [the number of beds],’ why is he then fighting for 150 beds?”

Constantine’s office did not immediately respond to requests for comment. We will update this post when we hear back. However, officials behind the new juvie project have long maintained that it is being designed for only 112 beds.

The post was updated after publishing and the following was added:

UPDATE, 4 P.M.: Alexa Vaughn, a public information officer for the King County Executive’s office, sent us the following message in response to Lowney’s statement:

The document and the editorial cited [in Lowney’s statement] are outdated by a couple years. Since they were produced, the bed count was lowered to 144, and then lowered again to 112 beds in early 2015. The current design of the detention portion is flexible so that portions of it can be converted to non-detention programming in the future.

For clarification, the number of youth in a 112-bed facility would need to be much less than 112. The practical capacity of such a facility is less than 80. We have separate bed halls for the safe placement of youth of different sexes, levels of offenses and sometimes personal conflicts such as gang affiliations. We also have to be prepared for seasonal fluctuations in the juvenile detention population.

Cover Article continued:

- Parking Garage: The 360-stall structure’s top floor will be at ground level on its north side and two floors above ground on its south side.

- Public Open Areas: 1.55 acres of the site will be open areas that include the Alder Connection, a pedestrian and bicycle pathway that will reconnect East Alder Street between 12th and 14th Avenues after a 50-year closure, space on the corner of East Remington Court and 14th Avenue, and public plaza space facing 12th Avenue.

Construction of the space at East Remington Court and 14th Avenue began over the past winter.
Additional Resources

Books

- *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Alexander, Michelle
- *Policing the Planet: Why the Policing Crisis Led to Black Lives Matter* edited by Jordan T. Camp and Christina Heatherton
- *The First Civil Right: How Liberals Built Prison America* by Murakawa, Naomi

Films

- *13th*, Available free on Netflix
- *Time: The Kaleif Browder Story*, Spike TV documentary

Websites/Articles

- https://www.vera.org/washington
# Unit Meetings

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206-285-2460 |
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| **Monday, April 17**    |                |               |                                               |
| **FIRST HILL** – Adele Reynolds | adelereynolds@netscape.net | 206-621-4867 | 10:30 a.m. | Horizon House, Forum & Social Room  
900 University St., Seattle |
|                         | **NORTH KING COUNTY** – Judy Deiro | judy.deiro@gmail.com | 425-774-1492 | 7:00 p.m. | Third Place Commons, Stadler Mtg Room  
17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Pk. |
|                         | **CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE** –  | | 206-329-4848 | 7:15 p.m. | Hostess: Linnea Hirst  
1602 E McGraw St., Seattle  
206-322-3076 |
| **Tuesday, April 18**   |                |               |                                               |
| **BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND** – Cathy O’Shea | cathy_oshea@yahoo.com | 425-753-4182 | 12:00 p.m. | Bellevue Library, Room 6  
1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue |
|                         | **WEST SEATTLE** – Ethel Williams/Pat Lane | etheljw@comcast.net | 206-932-7887 | 1:00 p.m. | Daystar Retirement Village |
|                         |                | 206-932-1578 |               |                                               |
|                         | **Thursday, April 20** |                |               |                                               |
| **UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALINGFORD** | | 206-329-4848 | 10:30 a.m. | University House, Auditorium  
4400 Stone Way N, Seattle |
|                         | **DOWNTOWN/PIONEER SQUARE** – Carla Chavez | carla.chavez@icloud.com | 5:30 p.m. | Cherry Street Public House  
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