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Hello,

My name is Shirley Tucker. My husband is Willie Tucker. We have lived on the northwest side of Milwaukee since 1978.

We moved on this side of town to get away from the hustle and the bustle of the city. We wanted to be in the suburbs of Milwaukee and the northwest side has not been the same since the following: when a white man killed his wife and tried to blame it on black youth, when the City of Milwaukee closed up much of Hillside on 6th Street and moved many untrained, non-working poor people to Brown Deer Road from north 76th Street up to past 91st and Brown Deer Rd, factories and stores closed, and non-home owners moved northwest. When the people first moved from Hillside, they came without having proper bus service.

Pockets of crime began to escalate and has continued. Certain areas on the northwest side are already in a downward spiral and we do not need a detention center/prison on the northwest to make it worse.

I moved to the northwest side to have peace and quiet, to live in a suburban setting, a place with no street lights, no side walks, no jails, and less rentals.

I object to the prison for a number of reasons: my belief that crime will increase, more people will move to the area, there will be increased visitors, traffic, noise, lawless drivers, and litter, which will result in lower property values.

I was told by the officials that most of the young people who would be housed at the facility were from the near north side and everyone seem to be concerned with them being close to family. If this is true, why didn't they find a location on the north side that would be within the primary zip code where the youth came from.

I have objected in writing when the Department of Corrections had meetings in the area. The meeting officials did a lot of smooth talking by trying to down play the concerns of the northwest side residents. The majority of the residents do not want a prison on the northwest side; however, I along with others, feel that this is being shoved down our throats and we feel as if the deal is already sealed and it is not fair. Someone needs to listen to the residents.

I am in the 9th District, which lacks representation; however, it was known that the former Alderwoman objected to the prison. Mr Carr from the Department of Correction does a lot of smooth talking without real substance.

Again, I oppose the youth detention/prison on the northwest side.

I am out of town and I regret that I will not be able to attend the meeting at city hall on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

Thank you.

Mrs. Shirley Tucker

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