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Subject: New Juvenile Detention facility in Milwaukee opposition

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Dear Sir/Madam of the Community Leadership.

I am a long time resident of Milwaukee. I live in the Granville neighborhood and I oppose the building of a new Juvenile detention center at 7930 W. Clinton Ave. My reason is the same as some residents where we don't want our neighborhood to look bad or depreciate in property value and still have to pay high property taxes.

Also, we already have Vincent High School and Madison High School in the area. These schools have their share of problems as well as neighborhoods having to deal with their own crime issues. By putting a new Juvenile detention center in the area is probably not a very pleasant idea.

In addition, if the root issue is families not having transportation to visit their children in detention far away, then this location is not suitable either. The center should be closer to a commuting line such as a big street where families can commute to the facility without having to pay a high transportation fee.

In place of this new building/jail idea, I'd rather the city and County of Milwaukee work together and switch out the "adult" inmates downtown to the location where the teens will be coming from. And move the teens from their far away place into the former "adult" facility downtown. This way teens' whose families are here in Milwaukee can visit them more easily.

If this move is based on the mental health of the teens, then I recommend that the city/County invest in creating more facilities like Rogers Behavioral Health to help with prevention of crimes instead of interventions (Juvenile detention centers/jails). This is just based off of my observation. I have no research based information on the success rate.

By keeping the facility far away could be a deterrent for parents to keep their kids out of trouble as well as for the kids to stay out of trouble too.

Thank you for listening and considering my input.

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