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Subject: Proposed IP jail site

Hello,

I'm sorry I will not be able to attend the council meeting Thursday as I am out of town at a sheriffs school. I have been told there are different rumors out there of my opinion on the new jail location and I want you to know from me my true opinion.

My preference for the location of the new jail is where it currently sits as it is close to the courthouse and transportation of inmates to court is ideal. There is also a law enforcement presence there that could easily respond to the courthouse if the need arises. Moving away from the courthouse increases that response time and makes it more difficult to transport inmates to court appearances.

I am told and I believe the current pod design will not fit at the Court House location and would not allow for adequate expansion of another pod if the inmate population necessitates it. I have spoken to many sheriffs here at the sheriffs school who operate jails with the pod design and believe they are safer and more efficient than multi level jails. My concern with transporting inmates to the Court House from an off-site jail has been reduced after speaking to the sheriffs who currently do this. After talking with the actual people who operate pod design jails, my preference would be to have and operate a pod design jail in Vigo County.

Regarding the proposed IP site for the new Vigo County Jail, I am in favor of that location as it is only 2.1 miles from the Court House. It won't have a negative impact on city or county officers transporting arrestees to jail. To those that are concerned about the location being close to the aquatic center, the current jail is located adjacent to Indiana State University and the Boys and Girls Club was located closer than the aquatic center would be. To my knowledge not one child or student was harmed in any way from an inmate leaving the jail since it has been there. The increased police presence alone deters crime and would make that area safer.

Again my preference would be for the jail to be at the current location but if the space is not available, I am in favor of the IP location. I wanted you to hear this from me and not from rumors that may benefit others self interests.

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