

Interest of Appellants in the decision:

The Appellants have varied interests in the project. Standing will be demonstrated in the hearing for several organizations, which should be sufficient for the Hearing Examiner's jurisdiction. Appellant organizations represent individuals who will be negatively impacted by the proposed project, including (1) people living nearby the project and suffering impacts from the construction and operation of the proposed facility; (2) people who will be negatively impacted by the operation of the proposed jail; (3) taxpayers who would be required to fund the proposed facility. Other organizations represent populations that are at risk of over-incarceration in the detention facility and populations that rely upon public services that are placed at risk by the proposed project's inordinate waste of public resources and tax dollars. Most individuals and organizations involved as Appellants have an interest in protecting the lives of the kids – most of whom are kids of color -- that would be placed at risk through the construction and operation of the facility.

Relief sought:

Appellants request that the Hearing Examiner reverse or reverse and remand the challenged decision.

Statement of Representation:

Smith & Lowney PLLC represents EPIC as its attorney. Smith & Lowney PLLC currently does not have an attorney client relationship with the remainder of the Appellants but will serve as the contact for them in this appeal. Smith & Lowney may represent more Appellants as this case proceeds, while other Appellants may be represented by other counsel or appear *pro se*. Smith & Lowney intends to work with the Office of the Hearing Examiner and the parties to create efficiencies in this litigation and to that end has agreed to serve as the contact for the non-represented Appellants.