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**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM WORKSHEET:**

**SEPARATE THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FACILITY PLAN.**

NEBR. Taxpayers  
for Freedom

Good morning. Doug Kagan, 416 South 130 Street, speaking on behalf of NE Taxpayers for Freedom. Our taxpayer group is requesting the county board today to separate the juvenile detention facility planning from the other justice facilities expansion. Whereas there appears general agreement on the need and location for justice facility expansion, the juvenile detention improvement has generated enormous controversy. Much intelligent reasoning and financial analysis has recommended an expansion at the Woolworth Str. site. The number of detention units and scope of detention has generated much debate. The county is still in the process of finding and utilizing alternatives to detention. Hopefully, the county will find still more alternatives in future months. However, the recidivism rate seems substantial for several alternatives presently used. These contrasting factors lead taxpayers to voice an uproar of concern about both the size and accommodations of a new juvenile facility. These concerns have not yet been satisfactorily resolved, in our opinion.

Therefore, we urge commissioners to vote on the other justice facilities at a determined cost and allow additional time for public deliberation on a juvenile detention center that would result in the ability for informed voters to decide the issue next spring at the ballot box.

Thank you.



**Appendix. C. CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES: Commissioner Chris Rodgers, Chair 1. A Resolution approving the Seventeenth Supplemental Agreement among the City of Omaha, County of Douglas and the Omaha Douglas Public Building Commission to provide for the issuance of up to the stated principal amount of \$114,000,000.00 of new bonds, in one or more series, to pay costs for acquiring, constructing, demolishing, reconstructing, improving, renovating and equipping office facilities, courtroom facilities and other related justice facilities and juvenile detention facilities as an addition the Civic Center and as an addition to the Hall of Justice and to determine the division of responsibility for payment of the new bonds.**