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Councilmembers Sydney Zulich and Courtney Daily to Introduce a Resolution in Support of County Council Counterparts' Efforts to Keep the County's Criminal Justice Buildings Within City Limits and Close Proximity to Social Services.

BLOOMINGTON, April 13, 2026 – Two members of the Bloomington City Council are sponsoring a resolution to be introduced at the next regularly scheduled council meeting, held on April 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM at City Hall (401 N Morton St). This piece of legislation will request that any new construction of a county criminal justice building be built within city limits and within close proximity to social services and public transit.

"Moving our new justice center to North Park, outside the city limits, would isolate the very people who need our community's support the most.

We understand the complexities of this project, but the current path forward ignores the clear concerns raised by our neighbors, the County Council, and the community at large. The unanimous decision by the County Council to reject the North Park location reflects a shared belief that this site simply does not serve the best interests of our community. When elected leaders move forward without listening to one another, the people lose, and trust is eroded.

We are introducing a resolution to encourage the County Commissioners to pause and rejoin the conversation with an open mind. Our goal is not to create conflict, but to find a solution that keeps families together and ensures that everyone involved in the justice system has a real chance at rehabilitation. We invite the Commissioners to work with us to find a location within Bloomington, a place where we can all contribute to a safer, more connected, and more humane community." – Councilmember Courtney Daily

"I am proud to stand with my County Council colleagues and their efforts to construct a criminal justice center and system that does not further criminalize poverty.

It is shameful that we are still discussing building a jail on a property with no plan for residents without access to private transportation: a property that our community has overwhelmingly come out against.

This is the direct product of electing individuals who do not need to anticipate the impacts of public policy because they will rarely be forced to experience it. To my community, I encourage residents to pay attention to the votes that our county counterparts make, and vote accordingly when they are on your ballot. To the Board of Monroe County Commissioners, I encourage you to do what you were elected to: represent." - Councilmember Sydney Zulich