

COMMUNITY SURVEY - SHARPS BOX

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11/17/2023 15:35:56	OPPOSE	My reasoning is that if you build it they will come. Coming from a big city and seeing what this does to the community I can assure you, that if you put this box out there, it will give people opportunity to make the library their personal space to use drugs. It'll be more convenient for them to use in front of the library because the sharps container is so close. That will, unintentionally, subject the children of this community to a life style that they don't need to see just because they want to go to the library. It will no longer be safe for parents to allow their children to go. If we start allowing the drugs to over come our city I promise you it will get out of hand way faster than we can handle as a small town. It's bad enough. Let's not enable people to use in our public places.			Baker City	I appreciate you getting the communities input before making such a substantial decision, that effects the whole town in such a serious way. Thank you.
11/17/2023 15:38:35	OPPOSE	I am opposed to this because I think that it will increase drug related traffic in the area. The fact that there's already free Wi-Fi and charging there, all the crackheads in town brag about how they go there hang out get the free Wi-Fi charge their phones up and do drugs in that General facility there was even a homeless drug addict that slept there for months. I don't think it's right to encourage that behavior in an area that is right next to a public park where children play. I think that this town is going the same route as Portland where the harm reduction programs with very good intentions are being misused and just making the drug problem worse in town.			Baker City	
11/17/2023 15:47:18	OPPOSE				Baker City	Add a Dropbox next to the police station.
11/17/2023 15:55:13	OPPOSE	It just makes the area less fammily friendly. A box may be necessary but the park, library or parkway do not seem the appropriate place.			Baker City	Id rather see more effort in safe places to congregate for the youth
11/17/2023 16:16:27	OPPOSE	To close to the park and main roads. Maybe another place along the path but not at the library. I fear that it would increase negative drug use in that area.			Baker City	
11/17/2023 16:41:14	OPPOSE	Come on dude. I have to supervise all of my kids even the teenagers constantly at the park already. They are getting harassed and asked for money, and other unsavory encounters... having to listen to screaming fights, be scared of needing to use the bathroom there, etc etc. it's a waste of a beautiful park and on the way to making the library unsafe for them to go to alone too. You can already safely dispose of sharps all over at medical places			Baker City	The library is not temporary housing. All ages should be safe inside and OUTSIDE of the building. That is no longer the case. The phones are ok. That's fine. A good whole community service. But this is a specific drug abuse service for specific drug abuse user. Not whole community.
11/17/2023 17:38:48	OPPOSE	Put the sharps drop in the Geiser Pollman park and other public parks in the area. The public library and it's hard-working staff already have to deal with unattended children, thieving teenagers, entitled patrons, senile seniors, the druggies, homeless and down & outs. Last thing they need is another excuse for the unsavories to keep coming around. Move it to the public parks and give the Library a break.			Baker City	We love our library and want to keep it as safe a space as possible.

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11/18/2023 5:38:59	OPPOSE	I'm all for a sharp box but not next to the park that should be used by kids younger than 12 years old. My thought is that if the sharps box is there, then the drug use will happen there. My kids have never found a needle near the library but have found them at the "beach" at the very south end of the Leo Adler path. I'd be OK with a box there as it's not an actual park for kids.			Baker City	I admire your forward thinking, I'm proud of the work you have done to include our communities least fortunate.
11/19/2023 11:27:00	OPPOSE	Is there a problem now with dropped sharps on library property? If yes then a drop box there makes sense but otherwise locate this close to the problem area. It looks expensive and should be placed closest to where there's a current need.			Baker City	Is there currently a drop box in restroom or other inside location? And...there is a drop box at Churchill School which has a large cement surround. Is there an explanation as to why these needs that level of installation?
11/22/2023 13:40:01	OPPOSE	Sharps disposal drop box is a good idea, but NOT on library property, where a lot of kids come and go.			Baker City	If New Directions NW is proposing this, why don't they put the sharps disposal box on THEIR own property, by the hospital, or the police department? Sharps disposal shouldn't be at a kid friendly facility.
11/28/2023 7:03:12	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:03:44	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:10:17	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:35:07	OPPOSE	It should not be placed on the public libraries property. That is just wrong. Find a different location.	OPPOSE	It wouldn't be used. I have seen this be done in other places and no one uses them. The needle still gets put in the trash.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:37:58	OPPOSE	Family area. Appearance of this looks like condones drug use.	OPPOSE	Again, family area. Appearance of condoning drug use.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:38:51	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:39:32	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:40:07	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:43:26	OPPOSE	Too many children use the library and it would attract the wrong people to this high traffic area.	OPPOSE		Baker City	This is not the place for this box!
11/28/2023 7:46:20	OPPOSE	Not near the park, please!	OPPOSE	Not near the park, please!	Baker City	Not your role/mission, stay out of it. Too many vulnerable in your service population accessing your location. There are other public locations. Tell NDNW to find another partner. I WANT TO FEEL SAFE USING LEO PARKWAY without sketchy assumptions about others, knowing a drop is nearby. Also, our young people "hang out" at the park at all hours. PLEASE DON'T!!!!
11/28/2023 8:01:49	OPPOSE	Please don't put it at the library outside. It will just be broken into.	OPPOSE		Baker City	Keep it at New Direction, health department, Hospital
11/28/2023 8:03:46	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	Why are we supporting drug habits?! It absolutely just blows my mind!
11/28/2023 8:04:07	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	I do not think that having this available will make the littering of used needles/sharps in our community any less.
11/28/2023 8:06:04	OPPOSE	Young children go to the library and the park. We should be more concerned about how to protect our children from all this. Not expose them to it!	OPPOSE	Again, keep this stuff away from our children. If you install this anywhere near the library or park then the drug users will be shooting up in the library and park.	Baker City	This will just draw more drug users to an area where children play. Why do we have to support drug use? Start caring about protecting children from drug use!!

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11/28/2023 8:29:37	OPPOSE	This is a misguided idea which will encourage more drug use and addicts to congregate around the library. If some addicts are too lazy to throw their needles in a trash can, what makes anyone think they will dispose of them in a sharps container. Malheur County, which is overrun by homeless, who have co-occurring SUD and severe mental illness (I've seen it firsthand) should not be compared to Baker City. And if they are finding 1-2 needles per year, this initiative is not needed. Prop. 110 has already been an abject failure. Let's not expand that muddled thinking into our town.	OPPOSE	This is a misguided idea which will encourage more drug use and addicts to congregate around the library. If some addicts are too lazy to throw their needles in a trash can, what makes anyone think they will dispose of them in a sharps container. Malheur County, which is overrun by homeless, who have co-occurring SUD and severe mental illness (I've seen it firsthand) should not be compared to Baker City. And if they are finding 1-2 needles per year, this initiative is not needed. Prop. 110 has already been an abject failure. Let's not expand that muddled thinking into our town.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 8:38:52	OPPOSE	What is the picked up syringe rate for Baker County? Is there another spot it can be placed where it wouldn't be attractive/noticeable to children? We already try to use the restroom before going to the park due to the parks restroom filthy-ness, but the library too? Who, what type of people will this bring around our children?	OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 9:00:47	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 9:03:23	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 9:07:57	OPPOSE	Keep this away from areas that children congregate. Put it over by the hospital or by highly populated homeless areas.	OPPOSE	Keep it away from the children. YOU ARE MAKING THE COMMUNITY UNSAFE.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 9:16:32	OPPOSE	The library has many minors that frequent the public space. A drop box will bring many used needles that can accidentally not make the box. Kids can easily pick up these needles and get a finger stick. Which could lead to HIV, Hep C, etc. Also, visually sends a message to younger children that IV drug abuse is okay and allowed. Have the box in a proper location like the Hospital, clinic, or by on point lab off main street. That's more of a proper location.	OPPOSE	Same response as above.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 9:29:58	OPPOSE	Why have that in an area where kids are? Terrible idea.	OPPOSE	Absolutely not. Public restrooms, this will just attract bad behavior behind a closed door in kid zones. NO! This only encourages and enables	Baker City	This only encourages drug use. If you honestly want to have a drop box the Library is the last place it should be. library should be kid friendly...how about at a clinic., fire station,
11/28/2023 9:35:24	OPPOSE	As for having sharps drop boxes, yes. Having one near the public library, NO!	OPPOSE	Absolutely not!	Baker City	A public library should be kept as a warm, friendly, and safe place for little ones, young people, independents, and older adults... a place of secure solitude. Introducing a drop box for needles does not positively add to such an environment but instead, might possibly even cause a decline to that environment.
11/28/2023 9:37:47	OPPOSE	First, I live across from park and library, secondly, Second, I know first hand, (two siblings died of addiction) that you DO NOT build families or communities around the addict, we will all inevitably get sick, third, if this supposed health services worked, they would work and the problem would not be getting worse in the city, state and country. Ultimately, if you follow the money New Direction stands to profit from this one way or another.	OPPOSE		Baker City	

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11/28/2023 9:41:05	OPPOSE	Boxes should be placed at pharmacies, mental and substance abuse centers, EMS locations, or other places not frequented by children who may be placed in danger or influenced by people and their potentially harmful and abusive behavior. There already is a serious lack of places that are safe for children in this town. Keep this away from where they play and learn!	OPPOSE	Same reason as above. A public library is not the place to invite addicts to congregate.	Baker City	I'm all for a safer town, but this is not the place for this. This to me is very counterintuitive for public safety. Things should be done to draw addicts away from places our children should have the freedom to venture to and feel safe alone!
11/28/2023 9:41:47	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 9:49:38	OPPOSE	Not a good location. A place where users gather frequently is a better idea and I do not think it is at the library.	OPPOSE	See above	Baker City	Keep the library clean.
11/28/2023 9:57:42	OPPOSE	Installing a sharps container would encourage and attract more illicit drug use at the point of installation.	OPPOSE	Same answer as prior question. This proposal is especially egregious.	Baker City	Common sense should dictate in this case. The syringes aren't the problem. Illegal drug use is. Attempting to resolve the consequences of a problem while avoiding the problem accomplishes nothing.
11/28/2023 9:59:45	OPPOSE	My biggest concern is that this normalizes drug use for younger people, that they will see this as a social norm and not something they should fear/stay away from. I would rather see us as a community work towards helping those in addiction, rather than supporting it.	OPPOSE	I very much oppose this. We spend a lot of time in the library, I will not send my children into a bathroom where drug use is encouraged. We need to help these people who are struggling, not give them a place to further their addiction.	Baker City	I love the heart of this, it's to help people. I don't think this is the correct way to do that. I do think a box by the Police Station could benefit the community.
11/28/2023 10:02:29	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 10:26:13	OPPOSE	If druggies are high, they are not going to remember to dispose of them properly.	OPPOSE	Our library should be a safe place where kids can go to learn and study. Not see a drug user shoot up in the restroom to dispose their needles.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 10:28:53	OPPOSE	No . Why have them in our kids faces and for the visitors out of town makes our town look full of drugs. Put one in front of new directions. Why should we have to see them or put them in the drop box not like the drug users are gonna go out of their way to lol. Waste of money	OPPOSE	No why have it in a public place where there's kids at. Waste of time and money .	Baker City	Pretty sad you're wanting to have used needles and druggies so close to a children's place . It's bad enough theirs one at our preschools. I swear their is something in the water around here lol
11/28/2023 10:34:34	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 10:35:31	OPPOSE	I'd rather see the boxes along the river path way. I've personally picked up countless used needles and thrown them away . Too many kids use the park and library. I think putting them near the library would put the kids in harms way.	SUPPORT	Those with diabetes can dispose the their used needles safely.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 10:51:20	OPPOSE	Why around our children? Put it at NDNW or outside the police station!	OPPOSE	AGAIN. our children! NO!	Baker City	
11/28/2023 11:21:02	OPPOSE	I think this will attract drug users to places that our children also frequent. It is asking for a problem and I strongly oppose this.	OPPOSE	I think this will attract drug users to places that our children also frequent. It is asking for a problem and I strongly oppose this. We need to focus on protecting our children from being exposed to this stuff. If we allow things like this in areas where our kids frequently go, there will be no more safe places to take our children for activities.	Baker City	I implore you to deny having these boxes put in anywhere on your property. As a city tax payer I hate the idea of allowing these things to be put in at publicly funded places where our children go.
11/28/2023 11:25:53	OPPOSE	Not the place for them	OPPOSE	It will enable drug users. Not the place for it	Baker City	If you feel you have to put them somewhere and people are finding them along the walkway, then put 1 or 2 there along the walkway. I still feel it's a bad idea. I see these people digging through cigarette butt disposals. Who's to say they're not gonna try to dig out a needle to use From the box to do their drugs.
11/28/2023 11:28:06	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
		they wont bother to walk several blocks to drop them		why bring the druggies inside	Baker City	

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11/28/2023 11:57:29	OPPOSE	I do not want a place encouraging drug use anywhere near children. Put it somewhere else.	OPPOSE	I do not want a place encouraging drug use anywhere near children. Put it somewhere else.	Baker City	Putting a drop box in the bathroom or other library property will encourage people to go to the library to use. Do not do this.
11/28/2023 12:08:11	OPPOSE	I dont think itvshould be close to a location where kids and families are. Put it by New Directions or the Police Station. It's not like addicts get in trouble anymore anyways.	OPPOSE	I believe this would encourage addicts to hang out near children who would then be at risk.	Baker City	I live near the park, library, and path. I don't want the druggies hanging out here.
11/28/2023 12:22:23	OPPOSE	Will not support drug addicts looks horrible and it's time they get the help they need with facilities not drop boxes	OPPOSE		Baker City	The library is for reading not drop sites for needle users
11/28/2023 13:07:53	OPPOSE	I do not feel that a container is going to stop the use of drugs nor is it going to be used. If it does get used we will just see larger crowds of using by the library which is very close to the park that we frequent often and already has problems of drug use why would we want it to increase. Also to many kids frequent the area I do not feel we are showing them that this is not okay by setting up a box to drop your needles off. Also people with health problems don't typically do insulin injections or whatever it may be in a park. If they do I am sure they are prepared as this is there illness on how to dispose of a needle safely.	OPPOSE	You are just opening it up to be a more frequent place for people to use the drugs in a discreet location that has a container to dispose needles. Once again drawing more addicts closer to the park.	Baker City	I understand this is trying to help and solve a solution however I feel that it will only create a larger one. I walk the path during summer months there are alot of homeless people who do drugs along the river we know this if we live in baker. I haven't personally ever seen a needle. Also if we teach our children how to not pick them up and or touch them.
11/28/2023 13:45:31	OPPOSE	We don't need this around our kids or community	OPPOSE	We don't need this around our kids or community	Baker City	Keep this away from children!!
11/28/2023 14:13:59	OPPOSE	Stupid idea druggies won't use it and it shouldn't be at the library	OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 14:40:02	OPPOSE	Drug addicts are not going to take their needles to the container unless you are going to encourage them to shoot up right in front of the library—and we all know why that would be a horrible idea.	OPPOSE	Again, why are we encouraging drug addicts to frequent a place where children and families like to go to.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 15:57:26	OPPOSE	There are other locations already available	OPPOSE	We need to protect our youths safe community spaces not surround them with active drug users	Baker City	Our tax dollars would be better applied to investing in things would increase interest in reading. These junkies have make bad choice after bad choices enabling isn't helping, let's focus on helping the upcoming generations
11/28/2023 17:06:48	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	Put it on NDNW property NOT the library!
11/28/2023 17:35:28	OPPOSE		OPPOSE	Seriously??? Kids use this	Baker City	
11/28/2023 17:39:33	OPPOSE	Why promote poor behavior.	OPPOSE	People will through them down anyway or in the trash.	Baker City	IV drug users are not going to use a receptacle. They will throw it on the ground. Others will pick them up and put in trash.
11/28/2023 17:56:53	OPPOSE	It's not the place. To many little kids use the library and it not something they need to deal with too.	OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 18:00:21	OPPOSE	I feel this enables users that their decisions are ok and will great increase and invite drug addiction activity to that location. This traffic on and near the park and walking path where children are exposed and possibly presented these habits. Maybe posting where to get help signs is a better option and a drop box near services like new directions to help encourage people opening the door to real help. Or how to aquifer a shapes container from local pharmacies is safer for disposal.	SUPPORT	For the purpose of diabetics injecting insulin this is a place they would do that with hand hygiene. Still reserved about this discussion that it may be a invite to drug user activity.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 18:03:27	OPPOSE	Attracts dangerous sharps into an area that is predominately used by children and families	OPPOSE	Children use the restroom unsupervised and would be at risk of improperly disposed of needles and other drug items	Baker City	Please do not put this near the library. It will no nothing but harm. Consider placing it elsewhere on the green belt where children are not commonly unsupervised

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11/28/2023 18:04:48	OPPOSE	Why do we have to keep promoting the use of drugs. Put one out side the police department. Have we not learned anything from the measure that legalized drugs?	OPPOSE	Why do we have to keep promoting the use of drugs. Put one out side the police department. Have we not learned anything from the measure that legalized drugs?	Baker City	
11/28/2023 18:05:24	OPPOSE	This is further enabling drug use and honestly encouraging it. I vote no	OPPOSE	See above	Baker City	We do not need people using drugs to further inhabit the library....they have already taken over the park. I already don't feel comfortable bringing my son to the park....let's not add the library to the list.
11/28/2023 18:10:33	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 18:21:35	OPPOSE	Build it and drug users will come. BAKER doesn't need a needle depository remotty close to the library or the park. Keep the park and library clean for our kids and residents. With a convient needle receptacle you will only ATTRACT drug users to the library and park. We dont need drug users shooting up in the library bathrooms or park bathrooms because their is a "convient" needle depository "close by". Don't make it easy or convient for drug usage. Education and rehab are better options to be a productive member of society.	OPPOSE	Please see above.	Baker City	All are welcome at the Public Libraries but not illegal activity and that includes illegal drug use. Don't expose the general public or today's youth to such a ugly addiction. I smoking or alcohol use is permitted on city property. Why would the city ever permit and encourage drug use with a convient sharp needle depository specifically for drug use?
11/28/2023 18:23:59	OPPOSE	I think it should be placed in the Park	OPPOSE	Placed outside in the Park	Baker City	I absolutely love the concept of sharp drop box's available in our Community
11/28/2023 18:26:56	OPPOSE	This is like inviting a pedophile to hang out at the Library. Addicts should not be allowed to hang out where our kids hang out.	OPPOSE	Put the darned things at the health department and at New Directions. I bet the library does not even want them there. I want my kids to be safe when they go to the park and library.	Baker City	All this does is promote even more illegal drug usage. Felons and addicts don't belong where children hang out.
11/28/2023 18:29:42	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 18:43:39	OPPOSE	I know addicts do not need to convene around the library or park anymore than they already do. Further I feel addicts will just disregard the dispensation boxes. They don't want to get caught or seen in a public space dropping off a used needle.	OPPOSE	I don't want my kid to use a bathroom where needles are stored. Kids are curious. Dither I've seen addicts with good intentions house a bathroom to use and dispose of a needle and overdose. Don't subject our children to this exposure. Needles equate to blood. Look at statistics from the cdc on exposure risks.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 19:33:16	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 19:39:24	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 19:46:00	OPPOSE	We are exposed to enough of this enough. Why should we have to have these boxes in publics eye and were we have to explain to our children what they are and why. Why??? Change the laws in the government not our screen we want to see. Harder laws that's what we need to fight for not drugs exposure to our children in public.	OPPOSE	Same again why change our screen of our town. And exposure to the attics problem. Stronger drug laws not strong support of the drug use in public places.	Baker City	CHANGE THE LAWS NOT OUR SCREEN ,OUR HOME,OUR BEAUTY. STOP GIVING INTO THE DRUGS AND FIGHT THEM IN THE LAWS. THATS WHERE YOU START INSTEAD OF TAKING OUR RIGHTS AWAY. I DONT DO THEM SO DONT PUNISH MY FAMILY....
11/28/2023 20:42:03	OPPOSE	I frequently run on the path next to the library. We do not need any more reason for mentally unstable (drugged out) individuals to hang around there. Not that they are likely to use it, but the risk is not worth it.	OPPOSE		Baker City	

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11/28/2023 20:45:02	OPPOSE	Put it in a different place. Not a place where our children are gonna be climbing on. Regardless if it's locked there could still be blood splatter on the outside of that box that is infected with hepatitis or HIV. City hall or anywhere where the main people that are gonna see it are not children. And your numbers are crap. Ain't no one counting how many needles are in those boxes. So quit trying to inflate the numbers to make new directions receive a grant for more than what they actually put into the community.	SUPPORT	This is more controlled. Outside the library is not.	Baker City	You would have a lot more support if the "not for profit" was actually that. When you have people like Margi Lind or Sheri sealander and writing grants and lining their pockets it's hard to take anything they say as facts. Lisa prowell clearly breaking hippa on Facebook talking about people's addictions and mental health, you need to clean house and then start helping the community. New directions is corrupt and I'm sure this deal was a grant written which only half will be used and the rest will be pocketed by the corrupt company. It's gonna be ugly when they finally reap what they sew: I can't wait to watch it fall so that people that really want to help will step in.
11/28/2023 23:09:35	OPPOSE		SUPPORT			
11/29/2023 1:33:18	OPPOSE		No, it's enabling the drug users.			
11/29/2023 4:36:52	OPPOSE	The box is a great idea, but bad location. Children and families need to feel safe at this location. And not have to run into drug issues.	OPPOSE	Absolutely not!	Baker City	I am all for safe disposal of needles etc. But not at family locations!! NDNW needs to come up with a better plan. Like their location, police department or court house, city council location. And they need to treat these people with issues and send them back where they came from not just dump them off in Baker City with no way back home! Baker City used to feel safe, it no longer feels that way and it is only getting worse. And I speak from personal experience of these drug attics!
11/29/2023 6:25:10	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	I see no reason what so ever to attract criminal drug use to our Library
11/29/2023 6:39:07	OPPOSE	I don't think the library that we take our children to should be a hub for drug paraphernalia disposal	OPPOSE	I don't think the library that we take our children to should be a hub for drug paraphernalia disposal	Baker City	
11/29/2023 6:41:16	OPPOSE	The park, and the library have already turned from a place that I would bring my children to a place that I avoid because of the teenage population, the trash, the foul language, it is just not a safe place to be anymore and I don't feel comfortable being there with my children without having to be on guard. Yes I think a sharps box is helpful... No, I do not want it placed where children are often at.	OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/29/2023 6:58:05	OPPOSE		OPPOSE			
11/29/2023 7:26:11	OPPOSE		OPPOSE			
11/29/2023 7:30:10	OPPOSE	I think it would attract more needle users to library	OPPOSE	More needle users in bathroom. Really a dumb idea	Baker City	You have to do better than that. There already is to many homeless people in public libraries. I personally stopped going to libraries because of homeless people
11/29/2023 8:09:05	OPPOSE	Even though this is a high traffic area I believe it is important to place these types of drop boxes away from childrens direct view. In more adult locations. Kids of all ages use the library. But not as many younger kids use the pathways. Placing a drop box along the side of the sidewalks along the pathway would be more discreet if properly planned. (But not in the parks.) Most users don't like being seen using.	SUPPORT	If the drop box is put at a safe level from the floor I believe this can be acceptable. Public bathrooms back when I was a child had needle boxes occasionally for diabetes ect.	Baker City	

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11/29/2023 8:32:10	OPPOSE	There are several other places a drop box could be located. It is too close to playgrounds and areas where the public comes to access wonderful materials.	OPPOSE	I would not feel safe using a restroom with people using illegal drugs.	Baker City	
11/29/2023 9:40:50	OPPOSE	I don't think that drug users care about where they dispose their needles. I don't think we need to encourage them to come to the park/library where there are children.	OPPOSE	NO! This would amount to giving them a private place to shoot up. no no no	Baker City	As a library patron, I do not want to encourage this behavior on the grounds or inside. I don't think the number of needles found in the area according to the report warrants this. In theory yes, you want to prevent even one person from finding a dirty needle, but you're always going to have those that don't care where they dispose of their sharps.
11/29/2023 11:45:54	OPPOSE	Didn't the city just get one at New Directions? Our tax dollars at work? Upside down 1.7 million? Put it at the other end of the park so the drug dealers and users aren't at the door of the library, where your kids are going. Or over at the county office.	OPPOSE	Come on in here and shoot up in the bathroom. We have a depository for your needles. Sounds like what happened in Portland.	Baker City	It's a small town how many depositories do we need. And why put it at the library?????
11/29/2023 14:16:51	OPPOSE	Put one at New Directions if they want one so much!! NOT anywhere else in town (especially not anywhere children are present)!! We SHOULD NOT be doing anything that helps/ supports drug use at all!! If drug users actually use it, it will bring more tweakers to an area that kids are.	OPPOSE	Children are present at the library! I don't think we should support anything that has to do with drugs anywhere!	Baker City	Finding 2 needles a year (1 last year) doesn't justify any kind of drop box in our city! It's ridiculous to even suggest it, much less justify any kind of support for drug users!! Let new directions put one at their building if they want it so badly. (side note: these probably gets them more funding somehow... showing they're doing something about drug use). DEFINITELY NO boxes in our town!!!
11/29/2023 14:50:10	OPPOSE		OPPOSE	If user use it, it will encourage them to use inside the library	Baker City	This is suppose to be a safe place for kids and family, we cannot make it a more attractive place you use drugs.
11/29/2023 17:26:39	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/29/2023 17:56:55	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/29/2023 18:25:51	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/29/2023 20:45:10	OPPOSE	No need to attract this type of thing where children go PERIOD!!! how do we think Portland, Seattle and San Francisco started? You keep enabling these types of people to commit these types of crimes then we will end up just like Portland. Keep it over there where it belongs. How about don't legalize hard drugs and then say hey now we have a problem. It's complete lunacy in all honesty. Just no!!!	OPPOSE	Not at the library in any way!!	Baker City	
11/29/2023 21:07:54	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/29/2023 21:09:42	OPPOSE	It's an eyesore and there isn't a legitimate need for this in our city. People should not have to explain to their kids why it's there or have to pass by some doped up addict throwing away their syringes while walking to the library. Might as well open a bunch of payday advance stores, liquor stores, and strip clubs in the library, cover it with graffiti, and throw used condoms and cigarette butts all over the lawn. Trashy	OPPOSE	This is still gross. Might as well install a vending machine for those disgusting trucker French tickler condoms in the bathroom too. Heck might as well just have a free needle and crack pipe dispenser and a cigarette vending machine! So progressive!	Baker City	How about you focus on books and not trying to ruin the image of our city. Thanks
11/29/2023 21:21:06	OPPOSE	Not the best location. We do not need to support this habit.	OPPOSE	No way. Drug users will end up high in yhe public bathroom where kids are.	Baker City	It is not the responsibility of the library to provide this. Good grief.
11/29/2023 21:45:05	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	

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11/29/2023 22:27:41	OPPOSE	This should not be around children. We should not be bringing the drugs closer to them. They will not always make it into the box. This gives more chances of children seeing people using drugs. Why are we trying to become like Portland? Why are we supporting drug users?	SUPPORT	I could see this being used only for medical use. Diabetics could use these when they are there. But that is it. That is the reason why they were put in bathrooms to begin with!	Baker City	Please please refrain from becoming little liberal Portland! We don't want to see drugs being used out in the open!
11/29/2023 22:59:57	OPPOSE	How about we outlaw the drugs!	OPPOSE	What is wrong with you people? There is absolutely no reason that they would need this in the bathroom.	Baker City	
11/30/2023 8:43:44	OPPOSE	I agree that there is a need for sharps drops but not in or around the library	OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/30/2023 11:28:04	OPPOSE	This is backed logic. Amazing a place that should know all about addiction would be nieve to think someone already making irresponsible, dangerous, and selfish choices would suddenly decide to do the correct thing for the community's safety. They don't make those choices true themselves or their families. No. Protecting the places children frequent should be to priority. If these people want to pay for something, they should pay for the clean up of public areas these needle users insist on destroying for all. And make it ONGOING. You can't make an addict do the moral thing, but they can choose to do the moral thing.	OPPOSE	Wow. Just wow. See first answer.	Baker City	
11/30/2023 11:35:33	OPPOSE	This is the cites problem, and the county library should not have anything to do with city politics and how to deal with the city residents.	OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/30/2023 11:56:00	OPPOSE	I believe that box will only entice more users to our library area that is used by non-users (adults and children).	OPPOSE	Definitely not. I do not want syringes inside my library.	Baker City	
11/30/2023 12:34:10	OPPOSE	I do not oppose a sharps box in town. I just oppose a sharps box at a location dedicated to serving families.	OPPOSE	Taking an infant into the bathroom with a stroller has already been a challenging and stressful experience. A drop box in the bathroom would not make my family feel safe to use the restroom.	Baker City	
11/30/2023 12:39:23	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	Would make much better sense to install near Police or Sheriff offices, New Directions, or even Health Dept.
11/30/2023 12:52:30	OPPOSE	There is not enough patrols or surveillance to prevent vandalism of the box. The hazardous materials being stored till disposal is too close to where youth gather and play frequently.	SUPPORT	It's harder for someone to not be noticed if the box is being vandalized.	Baker City	Unfortunately, till more law enforcement is taken, the vandalism, drug trafficking and abuse is going to continue and grow. More transients will use our parks and pathways to sleep on. Baker City is not equipped financially to accommodate the uprise of homelessness during the cold months. Good intentions could turn into an unsafe situations for library employees and visitors.
11/30/2023 19:24:44	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
12/1/2023 6:05:46	OPPOSE	Stop normalizing illegal drug use, tweakers don't obey laws and will throw needles on the ground even if they have a drug box 5 feet from where they are shooting up. If they do choose to do drugs near and use your boxes is that an image you want for baker city?	OPPOSE	I recall driving and stopping at a fast food, kid friendly restaurant a few years ago and seeing these in the restroom. My gut reaction was not of warm, woke, inclusive happiness. I instead felt disgust seeing this and remembered I took pride in knowing that I would be coming back to Baker City that while I know has a small drug problem, the problem is not so bad we trip over users on the sidewalk and require needle disposers in all public bathrooms!	Baker City	Vote against laws making drugs legal (or in Oregon case violations) rather than accommodating drug users that destroy the fabric of our society.

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12/1/2023 6:12:05	OPPOSE	The real question is: are we finding used needles on Library property? If not, then no. I don't believe any user will carry their used needles/syringes to a drop box. And you don't want anyone else either.	OPPOSE	I think this will only invite drug use inside the Library.	Baker City	
12/1/2023 8:13:29	OPPOSE	Do people really think addicts will dispose of used syringes correctly? I think not!	OPPOSE	Do we really want addicts shooting up in the restroom? No	Baker City	
12/1/2023 9:48:32	OPPOSE	How can anyone in their right mind think that siting a sharps receptacle adjacent to a public library where children often frequent is a good idea? Never again will I vote a library bond. Oh yeah, lets not forget how responsible drug addicts are when they pull out the needle in their arm and think "oh geez, I will need to get this back to put in the sharps can even though I am halfway across town". If new directions feels like this is a benefit to our ENTIRE community, then it should go in front of their front door!	OPPOSE	Even better. Lets expose the public and our children to addled and potentially violent drug addicts. Who are you fucking people.	Baker City	Libraries are not rehab centers. Stop this now or lose future funding.
12/1/2023 11:55:16	OPPOSE	The library is a special,healthy place , by helping the drug users with a box for their used needles, you are supporting drug use and not the use of a special place that promotes safety .	OPPOSE	I do not believe in supporting drug use of any kind of any way.	Baker City	
12/1/2023 12:33:52	OPPOSE	Because the library is frequented by so many children, I don't think it is a good idea to have hard drug users hanging around outside. I find it hard to believe that a drug user is going to have the wherewithal to think, "Oh I need to put this needle in a drop box," after they have just shot up. Nor do I believe a drug user is going to "save" the needle to put in a box at a later time. Their only concern is where they're going to get their next fix and when. To use the one occasion in the past year a used needle has been found in your trash as justification for putting our children at risk by exposure to these individuals is preposterous. If New Directions is intent on siting a sharps box, let them site it at their front door.	OPPOSE	Again, so many children use the library that it's absurd to consider exposing them to drug users INSIDE the library! Do you really think having a drop box in the bathroom will actually get users to use it? More likely, they would just shoot up and be so out of it they'd drop the needle right where they are -- they are not concerned about the welfare of children or anyone else, only where, when and how to get their next fix. The how includes theft -- why would we want to expose our children and others to such an environment?	Baker City	
12/1/2023 15:36:45	OPPOSE	I think this will contribute to making drug use tolerated and sends a bad message to kids. This enables.	OPPOSE	This may encourage use of drugs in the bathroom. As a taxpayer, it's offensive.	Baker City	Find something else to work on that supports positive behavior rather than enabling. What you permit, you promote.
12/1/2023 18:07:57	OPPOSE	It will support more rug users with access to young library users.	OPPOSE	Definitely not inside my library. Users don't need to bring their syringes into our library.	Baker City	
12/3/2023 15:45:39	OPPOSE	It could encourage addicts to hang out in the park and where children play. These are family areas, not for addicts.	OPPOSE	I don't want drug addicts in the library's restrooms. Children hang out in the library until their parents get home from work.	Baker City	I really don't believe addicts who are not in their right minds care about littering.
12/3/2023 20:13:43	OPPOSE	I don't think it will be utilized!	OPPOSE	Same as above	Baker City	
12/4/2023 8:18:38	OPPOSE	The community does not need this location that is access to the park and library by children. It will draw in more users leading to increased contact with citizens, garbage, and vandalism.	OPPOSE	Baker County Library should not be a place for sharps disposal since children and citizens have access to it.	Baker City	This is a stupid and dangerous idea that puts innocent children and other community members at risk.
12/4/2023 13:25:45	OPPOSE	Do not think the library is a good place...park and library need to be free from that. Anywhere children are...sharps do not need to be nearby. Maybe Health Department or Courthouse or New Directions could handle and be involved	OPPOSE		Baker City	There are too many "hand outs", wifi, phones, etc. now sharps containers in public places. NO !
12/4/2023 13:36:24	OPPOSE	I support a dropbox, but not one so close to the library or the adjacent park. Only 2 needles found in a year, so I think a different location further away from a children activity area would be better.	OPPOSE	I actually am ambivalent. It could be useful for those (like diabetics) using syringes medically, but I don't see how it would be useful for addicts.	Baker City	

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12/5/2023 6:58:28	OPPOSE	This is absolutely NOT the function or purpose of the library.	OPPOSE	Dangerous, ludicrous...if it happens I will never set foot in the library and will adamantly oppose any future funding for the library.	Baker City	Do NOT do this!
12/5/2023 11:22:20	OPPOSE	Kids concentrate around the library, I believe that the sharps drop box needs to be moved to a different location. Possible location is at the New Directions office, the police station on the trail or where Campbell and the trail intersect next to the garbage can on the same side of the street as Golden Crown.	OPPOSE	Kids concentrate at the library. If you put a drop box in a restroom I will no longer support the library bonds/levees.	Baker City	I will not support any future bonds or levees for the library if a drop box is installed in the bathroom or outside the library.
12/6/2023 8:48:06	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
12/6/2023 11:22:01	OPPOSE	I believe a better spot could be found for the drop box. I don't think it's a great fit for the library location.	OPPOSE		Baker City	Thank you for giving the public an opportunity to weigh in on this issue.
12/7/2023 0:38:15	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	I have 2 young children who use the library often. I would not want them around a needle disposal or the people who would be using the disposal. If you believe that needle user's will travel to a specific location to dispose needles, please use a different location that will not expose children. Example; Truck Stop.
12/7/2023 12:43:09	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
12/7/2023 12:43:36	OPPOSE	Too close to kids	OPPOSE		Baker City	
12/7/2023 12:43:55	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	
12/7/2023 20:13:35	OPPOSE	We should not be enabling or encouraging the behavior of drug abuse. Drug use is illegal and needs to remain as such. Baker City needs to continue to enforce drug laws and discourage such people from living in our community, not display things like a needle drop box for their convenience that shows young people that this behavior is acceptable. It's not a mailbox or garbage can; it's stands for criminal activity and does not belong at the library on within our city.	SUPPORT	You have just got to be kidding. Talk about exposing young children or anyone at the library to dangerous paraphernalia. And the liability on county property...wow.	Baker City	There is no place in Baker County for drug users or the encouragement of said behavior. Focus on law enforcement, not enabling them. Keep our communities clean by enforcing the laws and holding the criminals accountable by prosecution. At that point, New Directions can do their treatment programs and hopefully turn them around. The drop boxes do not do anything but dirty up our communities.
12/8/2023 2:55:01	OPPOSE		OPPOSE	I don't think parents need to explain to kids what they are. Just not a good place for them. Drug user's are not going to use them and people with diabetes already have a place they go.	Baker City	I just don't believe it is a not a good place to have a drop box. Maybe put it at the Dollar store outside.
12/8/2023 16:21:07	OPPOSE	Children and youth frequent the library and should not be exposed to that. There are many other places to have the sharps disposal. Why not put it on NDNW property?	OPPOSE		Baker City	
12/9/2023 17:03:32	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Baker City	We shouldn't do anything to normalize drug use in our community. The answer is not just no, but hell no!
11/17/2023 17:38:56	SUPPORT	Any measurements we can take to keep the path, the Library and the park clean of any dangerous objects like the ones stated is a great idea I Fully support!			Baker City	You guys rock! Thanks for always being one step ahead on everything!
11/17/2023 17:56:28	SUPPORT	It makes complete sense as a benefit to public safety to have drop box such as proposed here.			Baker City	All the best on this proposal - thank you for considering....
11/17/2023 19:16:48	SUPPORT	I rather they be put in a safe container than left on the ground or thrown in the trash			Baker City	We need more of these!
11/17/2023 20:34:03	SUPPORT				Baker City	Bravo!

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11/20/2023 11:12:01	SUPPORT	Re: sharps bin at the Baker Library I support a bin located near the northeast corner of the library parking lot. It could be easily accessed by Campbell walkers, folks parked in the lot and pathway walkers. It wouldn't be glaringly obvious to the public and tourists, but it would be visible enough to feel safe when in the area (law enforcement patrols Campbell and park, the street and crossing are well lit). I don't support a bin on Resort because it's too public, or near the Madison Street side because it's obscured at night and near the meeting room access.			Baker City	
11/24/2023 10:40:12	SUPPORT	If the drop box is extremely secure and cannot be compromised by someone seeking to obtain the contents, I fully support this proposal.			Baker City	How often will the container be emptied? By whom? What precautions and safety measures will be in place?
11/24/2023 13:55:51	SUPPORT	The easier it is for needles to be disposed of the safer our community is. A drop box is not encouraging drug use. The drop box may also be used as a teaching moment for children on what to do if they see a needle or syringe.			Baker City	
11/28/2023 6:56:22	SUPPORT	Its not always drug abusers that need these drop boxes. Insulin users need them to during jubilee. If one person can be saved from being poked or a kid being poked it will be well served! Thanks, Johnny Waggoner Sr.	SUPPORT	Some folks my want privacy. However it would limit the use to Library Hours.	Baker City	Dont look at it as supporting drug users. Look at it as prevention for a innocent kid getting poked.
11/28/2023 7:07:14	SUPPORT		SUPPORT	They are already in many restrooms including rest stop bathrooms.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:23:05	SUPPORT	If it protect the public from needles left on the ground then it makes sense.	OPPOSE	The library would become the place for drug users to go when wanting to get high. We should discourage that in a public library bathroom.	Baker City	Maybe installing a box along leo adler walkway near the park would be a better location?
11/28/2023 7:32:19	SUPPORT	It's helpful and lifesaving. I'd rather explain what the box is over why we at a hospital getting blood tests cause we got poked playing at the park or coming to rent a book and letting kids play by library. You have a bile fixing station and charging station that a ton of known users use and it was just not that long ago parents were finding needles and blades at the park	SUPPORT	Maybe a more private setting for those who are diabetic or just don't want to be seen throwing them away outside	Baker City	I'm all for this
11/28/2023 7:37:22	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:38:30	SUPPORT	More access to safe needle disposal is a great thing for our community!!	SUPPORT	Between the two my preference would be outside the library, but if both options are possible then I support both outside the library and inside the library bathrooms.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 7:47:07	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 8:06:32	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 8:10:42	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 8:20:16	SUPPORT	Because of our younger set of people I take this stand	SUPPORT		Baker City	This is very important to me.people close to me know why
11/28/2023 8:26:21	SUPPORT	It's public sanitation in a sense. It can only help. There's no downside to this.	SUPPORT	Many would be more apt to dispose privately rather than out in public.	Baker City	Thank you for considering doing this for our community.
11/28/2023 8:31:59	SUPPORT		OPPOSE	I think having a safe spot, centrally located for sharps disposal is good. I don't however believe having one indoors in a public restroom used by children is good.	Baker City	

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11/28/2023 8:34:16	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 8:39:34	SUPPORT	Decreasing risk of transmission of commincable diseases, keeping clean public spaces, and providing a place for all people who utilize syringes to safely dispose of them won't hurt the community. People of all ages should know what a sharps container is and what is for.	SUPPORT	The bathroom is a semi private space for people giving themselves injections and having immediate access to a sharps container minimizes risks of needle sticks.	Baker City	Do the research on safe needle programs. The NIH and CDC have numerous studies that reflect positive outcomes. If even one person is prevented from a needle stick and contracting an infectious disease by having a sharps container accessible then I believe it's worth it.
11/28/2023 9:11:38	SUPPORT	As a healthcare professional this is a great idea on multiple different levels. Providing a safe place for disposal of used needles is a necessity both for illegal and legal needle users.	OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 9:12:57	SUPPORT	It is important to give community members a safe place to dispose of their used needles.	SUPPORT	The more options people have the safer our community will be.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 9:40:04	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 9:57:22	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 10:12:28	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 10:54:53	SUPPORT	It's a great idea. Central location. I have personally found syringes both in the park and along the pathway. It could also be good for diabetics, IVF users whose insurance does not cover sharps containers.	OPPOSE	It could give addicts an opportunity to use in the restroom.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 10:57:28	SUPPORT	We don't need needles laying out in the open especially where children are at. They could pick one up and get poked by a needle.	SUPPORT	I think these people who use needles will find it convenient to have a box in a restroom that they can dispose of there needles in a more private way..if they use it great..if not we will still have an issue with needles on the ground.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 11:17:03	SUPPORT	The syringes that are left outside for children to find would be reduced, if not eliminated.	OPPOSE	Chances are people would prefer using a drop box outside rather than bring their sharps into the library.	Baker City	Thank you for your willingness to help!
11/28/2023 11:21:21	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 12:03:06	SUPPORT	The pathway, library and park are high traffic areas for substance abusing people, and I would prefer a safe option for the used needles, as opposed to them end up in kids pets. Etc	SUPPORT	It's naive to believe people dont use needles in public bathrooms. Whether for IVF, diabetes or other drugs	Baker City	
11/28/2023 13:31:43	SUPPORT	I am in support of this disposal box. However, I do believe that more information needs to be made aware to the public as to overall benefits of a disposal box. NDN is not the greatest advocate for public relations. I have known about this project in Malhuer County for several years and have been aware of the intent to start something similar in Baker County.	OPPOSE	I would think this would promote more drug use in the restrooms of the library.	Baker City	My 4 year old son likes to walk the pathway and he picks up anything that he finds interesting. Not all victims of needle stick injuries are drug users.
11/28/2023 13:45:35	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 14:05:38	SUPPORT	If it can help prevent indiscriminate disposal of sharps it's a great idea. It may also help protect trash collectors or individuals who collect pop and beer cans from being poked.	OPPOSE	Having the sharps container inside the restroom may encourage individuals to shoot up inside the library.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 14:38:27	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	

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11/28/2023 14:43:01	SUPPORT	I am the Baker County Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Education Coordinator. I am also someone who frequents Baker County streets, paths & parks.	SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 15:14:27	SUPPORT	When needles are disposed of improperly, they can end up in public places where children and adults can accidentally stick themselves. This can lead to severe infections and even death. Unsafe needle disposal is a serious public health hazard. It can lead to the spread of disease, infection, and environmental contamination.	SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 15:23:12	SUPPORT	For the past 6 years I have facilitated the Drug Take Back Program in Baker County in collaboration with the Baker County Sheriffs Office. This program has the ability to collect community members' unwanted/expired medications. However we do not have the capability to collect sharps/syringes/needles. Please consider supporting this important program for the health and safety of Baker County community members.	SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 15:28:10	SUPPORT	Love it! Please help keep our streets cleaner	OPPOSE	Love it! Please help keep our streets cleaner	Baker City	
11/28/2023 15:33:50	SUPPORT	There definitely is a need for this.	OPPOSE	There are many children the use the library and I don't want them to come in contact with drug users while inside the building.	Baker City	Does New Directions NW have the staff to monitor and remove the contents or is it going to fall to a person at the library? If New Directions NW is sponsoring this it really is for them to take care of it and keep the area safe.
11/28/2023 15:38:08	SUPPORT	Yes. If there is an issue with needles being dumped in areas already, this will hopefully help reduce the amount of unsafe dumping in areas used by kids!	SUPPORT	Yes. If there is an issue with needles being dumped in areas already, this will hopefully help reduce the amount of unsafe dumping in areas used by kids!	Baker City	I would prefer the public library restroom so the kids don't see it at while outside. As well as giving a discreet location for someone who is using the drop box so they aren't afraid/embarrassed to be seen using it.
11/28/2023 15:54:12	SUPPORT	Reduce improperly discarded needles	SUPPORT	Reduce improperly discarded needles	Baker City	
11/28/2023 18:29:53	SUPPORT	As long as it has some type of security so no one can take out from it.	OPPOSE	Nope! Don't want to encourage using inside a public facility or have a child watch someone using.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 18:50:36	SUPPORT	Yes, it could be a good thing to keep our grounds cleaner and people that need to dispose of diabetic needles will be able to use then also.	SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 18:56:41	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 19:10:08	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/28/2023 19:53:30	SUPPORT	A safe way to dispose of needles at any time of the day or night is necessary.	SUPPORT	Again a safe way to dispose of needles is necessary.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 19:53:59	SUPPORT	The library is the one place most of the homeless drug users go as it is near the park and along the pathway from the dollar store where I imagine most of them shop when they have the money to do so.	OPPOSE	It would encourage the addicts to use the bathrooms to shoot up in private.	Baker City	
11/28/2023 20:21:12	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 20:23:48	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/28/2023 20:25:12	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	

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11/28/2023 20:31:12	SUPPORT	Better than sharps being found in the grass. It will not promote using needles, for sure!	SUPPORT	That's where some use	Baker City	SUPPORT!!!
11/29/2023 7:01:09	SUPPORT	Safe needle disposal will avoid children finding needles. Are diabetics now able to safely dispose of their needles?	OPPOSE	Needles do not need to be in the library. Can be anonymous outside.	Baker City	Thankful the library is considering this for community safety
11/29/2023 7:01:36	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/29/2023 7:04:57	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	
11/29/2023 8:23:51	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/29/2023 10:09:01	SUPPORT	If it can keep one person from being stuck by used needles, it's a good thing.	SUPPORT	It's better than people disposing of used needles in trash receptacles.	Baker City	Thank you for offering the locations.
11/29/2023 10:58:38	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
11/30/2023 6:55:15	SUPPORT	I think that it's extremely important to provide harm reduction services in our town. People are going to use NO MATTER WHAT, there is no stopping it. With the park and library being a popular hang out for people who use, there are often needles found on the ground or even other drug paraphernalia. Now I think it would be beneficial for the safety of everyone in this town to install these boxes, if even just one needle went in there, that is one less needle on the ground. I strongly encourage this town to be open minded about harm reduction and how addiction works.	SUPPORT	I understand that it may appear to be encouraging drug use, however, like I stated above, people are going to use no matter what, I have actually found a needle in that bathroom a few years ago, and I think if there's an actual place for the needles to go, it's going to make the whole community a safer place.	Baker City	Please, be open minded about this topic, I completely understand the concerns surrounding it but overall, I truly believe that it would be better for the safety of this community. I was born in Baker and I have lived here my entire life, I have worked in law enforcement, child care, and now I work in the addictions field and throughout all of these jobs, I see a necessity in this town of people needing help. This is a great step in the right direction.
11/30/2023 9:58:53	SUPPORT	It's not ideal, but it's honestly a necessity:(OPPOSE	This encourages drug use IN the library	Baker City	Do whatever yall think is best, you are the ones in charge for a reason lol
12/1/2023 10:35:37	SUPPORT	I once was an addict, and I would have used these boxes.	SUPPORT	It's safe a place to drop off without being judged	Baker City	We need to help the addicts still suffering, so give them places to safely dispose of used syringes, so our children aren't getting a hold of them.
12/1/2023 11:23:07	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
12/2/2023 7:02:30	SUPPORT	May help to keep needles out of hands of little children who find them on the ground in those places druggies congregate. Also it's about time to post a multitude of CCTV cameras in school playgrounds like North Baker, City Parks and other spots that pose potential druggie hang outs and hence are unsafe for little kids.	OPPOSE	Hoe active is the drug crowd in the library bathrooms??? Do we have cameras at entrance doors so we can be certain little kids not being exposed to druggies?	Baker City	Given the attacks on kids at North Baker playground and on Resort Street as reported in Herald I think the time for safety cameras to be installed pretty liberally so that children are better protected from not only druggies but also from some pretty intense bullies.
12/2/2023 23:50:44	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
12/3/2023 4:11:05	SUPPORT	I have found needles in the park. Would love to have a place for them instead of in a child's way	SUPPORT	Better to be safe	Baker City	
12/3/2023 6:59:14	SUPPORT	Safe disposal is better than sharps on the ground.	SUPPORT	Same as above.	Baker City	
12/3/2023 15:09:12	SUPPORT	Installation of a sharps drop box outside on library property provides for a reasonable and responsible approach to a community-wide problem.	OPPOSE	While drug-use is a community problem, I believe placing a sharps drop box inside the library puts patrons and staff in a strained and possibly dangerous situation. While I recognize the library can serve as a responsible conduit for safe needle disposal, placing a drop box inside is beyond what should be asked of the Baker County Library.	Baker City	
12/3/2023 22:15:45	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Baker City	
12/4/2023 17:37:12	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Baker City	
12/5/2023 19:00:49	SUPPORT	I am diabetic and inject insulin 4 times daily so the used syringes add up quickly. I have always taken my used syringe and Dexcom applicators to health department because of sharp needles and it is very expensive. It would be a wonderful service for people like me who have a lot of syringes to dispose of..	OPPOSE	Think it would be used more if outside	Baker City	I think it is a much needed service for people who use syringes. Thank you for considering this.

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12/6/2023 3:13:14	SUPPORT	Community safety	OPPOSE		Baker City	
12/7/2023 12:46:53	SUPPORT	People don't currently have a safe space to dispose of used sharps, so they end up in places where people and animals can step on them and get injured. This would help.	SUPPORT	There are many reasons someone may need to dispose of used sharps -- someone may need to give themselves injections for medical reasons. It's much better to have a safe container than have our janitors and staff encounter used sharps in a regular trash can.	Baker City	As noted, needing to dispose of used syringes is not something only related to use of illegal drugs. Even when it is, that drug use is already present in our community. Let's just make our public spaces safer for everyone by providing a safe place to dispose of used sharps. Maybe that way we can keep them out of places where kids play and dogs walk.
11/17/2023 17:29:01	OPPOSE	As a mother to 3 young children, I'm uncomfortable with this idea. Wouldn't it just attract illegal drug users to this area? Are there needles being found around the library already? Is there an actual need for this? I would be worried that it would attract illegal drug needle to this area which is sometimes already associated with a public library as there are facilities available free of charge. I'm against encouraging that sort of incentive to the library as many children frequent the library. Unless there are needles found on the property regularly, it would then seem like a good idea to provide a safe way to dispose of them. In which case you better catch the irresponsible needle disposers in the act and inform them of the disposal box.			Haines	
11/28/2023 8:26:57	OPPOSE	We are making it way too easy for junkies to continue their lifestyle. Our children DO NOT need this in their face!	OPPOSE	Because the next step will be putting clean needles on the restrooms! We are telling our children we will take care of your messes if you are an addict.	Haines	I don't like the message it is sending to the public and our children. It will only encourage more drug use around the Library
11/28/2023 9:17:07	OPPOSE	This is a family location. Keep the drugs/needles away from locations where families visit. Where are the majority of needles found? Let's look into that first.	OPPOSE	Same as previous answers	Haines	Keep this location family friendly and safe
11/28/2023 10:47:59	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Haines	
11/28/2023 16:05:29	OPPOSE	Let's just outlaw drugs...seriously	OPPOSE	Seriously drugs should be illegal	Haines	This will only make the problem worse
11/28/2023 18:10:08	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Haines	I feel like this normalizes needle drug use and sends the wrong message. Diabetics have this stuff figured out...this would only apply to illicit drug needles and it sounds like there's only one or two a year, so why make it seem like something we just have to tolerate and live with.
11/29/2023 7:16:02	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Haines	
11/29/2023 7:53:51	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Haines	
11/29/2023 20:13:26	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Haines	
11/29/2023 22:37:22	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Haines	
11/30/2023 6:19:54	OPPOSE	Stop encouraging and supporting drug addiction	OPPOSE		Haines	
12/4/2023 19:33:04	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Haines	
11/17/2023 18:09:21	SUPPORT	As long as it is guaranteed safe that no one especially children can access it, I think it would be amazing. I personally know of loved ones with drug habits would have a safe place to dispose of said sharps.			Haines	Safety is key. Great idea
11/28/2023 19:35:48	SUPPORT	Safe disposal is good for public health- better there than on pathway or in river	SUPPORT	Safe disposal is good for public health- better there than trash	Haines	
11/29/2023 22:19:31	SUPPORT		SUPPORT		Haines	

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11/28/2023 13:35:31	SUPPORT	I would rather see a drop box than needles laying around for a potential accidental poke.	OPPOSE		Halfway	
11/29/2023 7:45:35	OPPOSE	Will the users of these needles actually use these sharp boxes? Will this create a safe space for users? Is the library and park area, where children should be able to play and learn carefree, a good gathering place for users?	OPPOSE	If you put a sharp box in the restroom INSIDE the library, you are providing a nice warm spot to SHOOT UP! It's like saying it's ok to do drugs as long as you put the needles in this box. Do we all understand the behavior that could come before and after drugs are used? Will you be posting an officer at the library? How do the library staff feel about this proposal?	Keating	Just a thought; why doesn't New Directions have a satellite office centrally located in town they could provide bathrooms, showers, recovery information, protein bars, water, coats, information on housing? If we are going to just accept drug use let's give them what they need. Staff it 24/7. And let's not locate it in or around where children gather.
12/7/2023 16:01:47	SUPPORT	I have Pernicious Anemia, which is an anemia of B12. My body cannot produce it. So I have to inject myself once a week for the rest of my life (it's been 5 years now), which means I have medical waste every week from the injection, namely a syringe and a big needle (capped of course). It would be super helpful to me if I could dispose of them safely when I come to town. I don't know of any place I can do that.	OPPOSE	I know that's an out of the way place, but that could be disturbing to a child? Is there no better place?? I think only the library staff can answer this question.	Medical Springs	Thank you for even considering this!
11/28/2023 21:08:09	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Richland	
11/30/2023 10:21:23	OPPOSE		OPPOSE		Sumpter	
11/28/2023 19:42:06	SUPPORT	This will be a step in the right direction to protect our kids from sharps exposure around the park. As well as give a resource for those battling addiction dispose of needles	SUPPORT	Often addicts try and find a secluded location to shoot up, just one more step for proper disposal and community protection!	Sumpter	
11/30/2023 0:08:03	OPPOSE	The library is a place where children go very often, any and all drug paraphernalia should be kept as far as possible from children and any place they go!! It is too hazardous to be anywhere near children. It would awful if a child somehow got ahold of a used drug needle	OPPOSE	This is even worse, it's even closer to kids and in their reach! The library is meant to be a place of education, not a biohazard waste collection and disposal center.	Umatilla	Please strive to keep the library a safe and kid friendly area. It is an especially valuable place to those who do not have resources of their own. One of the most valuable things about a library is that it is a very easily accessible place for low income individuals and families to learn, have fun, and access essential digital services they otherwise would not be able to.
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