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1474371	Creating opportunities for cross-cultural collaboration is a great idea. Probably needs more event planning than facilities.	Better transportation - lane miles.	Stick with the plans to keep increased density in the commercial nodes (CBD, Bel-Red). Your questions in this section don't really address proposed Bel-Red Arts District. Fine to have arts in Bel-Red, but calling it an arts district would seem redundant or perhaps confusing given the current investment in arts facilities in the CBD (Arts Museum, Children's Museum, Meydenbauer Theater, Old Bellevue, proposed performing arts center, etc.
1476170			
1476260	Recognizing Unique Needs and Communities - as Bellevue becomes an important economic city embracing tech businesses, it is important to maintain a sense of place and protect its cultural history	Using BelRed as a model for activating other art communities	
1476568	Festival street support to encourage community	Parking	Parking and traffic
1476790	incorporate universal design into public spaces	not sure	make it very understandable.
1477168	None of these.	Improve traffic movement	Remember the \$\$ costs to the community.
1488078	Who comes up with these insane ideas??? Who are "TRIBES" ? After owning 3 homes and living in Bellevue since 1970, I did not realize we had TRIBES!	Do not use lanes on BelRed for bikes. How crazy with all the traffic we have and BelRed is one of the 3 main streets to from west to east.	Consider others not just your wants when giving input.
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1494311	Seems like BelRed Arts District would compete with downtown. Will the area support both? I like the idea of incorporating festival streets (boulevards) in the planning.	Major music venue in downtown	Is there a way to develop a top class multi-use theater at a high school that could serve both the school and the community?
1495466	New policy to incorporate universal design into public spaces to make sure they are accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Yes! It is much easier to plan for accessibility at the outset than to attempt to retrofit an inaccessible space.	I would like to see a policy that recognizes the need for cross generational programming (not just cross-cultural)... a new policy to support programming or development that encourages social and intergenerational interaction while developing neighbor and community relationships that expand our social	I see a lot of mention of improving cultural programming (love it)...however, I'd also like you to remember the principals of DEI are not just heritage, race, and ethnicities but are also age, disability, gender and class. Please include policy ideas that address these other areas

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	UD helps promote equality and makes life safer and more accessible for all individuals	support networks, improve our resilience to humanitarian emergencies and combat social isolation.	that need inclusion...especially planning for physical abilities and social connections for elderly people
1498017	Arts district, local preservation of historic elements	Be sure to engage the local business and property owners.	Be sure to engage the local business and property owners. An awareness of exist ing property and business owners. Intentional involvement of this population that has invested in Bellevue and its community.
1499379	<p>I don't agree with the preservation program. Too many cities have used that to stifle important development over features that are unimportant to nearly all residents. If any historic features are to be protected, there must be a strict cap on how many and how much area will be subject to these protections. Any decision to protect historic features must account for community needs.</p> <p>Otherwise, these seem like valuable steps, but please ensure that important work doesn't get held up by NIMBYs. The city will need to have a way to ensure it is also considering the wider needs of the community.</p>	<p>Bellevue city should landscape with west coast/Pacific NW native plants whenever possible to preserve and build a local character, minimize maintenance costs and pesticide use, and support ecosystems.</p> <p>The Bellevue Golf Course should be redeveloped into a public park with mixed use condos and an area for businesses like a cafe and restaurant away from the road. This would provide far better public access (and public benefit) for this valuable area of land that already has quite good public transit access.</p>	Please ensure new programs that might restrict development consider the needs of the whole community, and don't just become a tool for rich NIMBYs to stile important changes.
1500135	<p>This one stands out to me:</p> <p>New policy to incorporate universal design into public spaces to make sure they are accessible to people of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>If done right, this policy can create more space for people and limit the need and space for vehicle infrastructure. Pedestrians can have full access to the streets, making them safer and more enjoyable to navigate.</p>	<p>Festival Streets sound nice, but I am concerned the process to close streets for events will be burdensome. The design language here should look to the success of Montreal's pedestrianized streets as a framework to build off of.</p> <p>New developments should be designed around long and connected pedestrian plazas.</p> <p>After dedicating some streets to pedestrian only, some other streets should be closed to vehicular traffic between peak times in the summers.</p>	Bellevue has a lot of work to undo decades of creating an environment openly hostile to pedestrians. Reversing the hostile environment for pedestrians that Bellevue has inadvertently fostered is crucial for building a better and more sustainable city. By prioritizing alternative modes of transportation, such as walking, cycling, and public transit, Bellevue can reap numerous benefits – from improving air quality and public health to enhancing the community fabric and attracting economic growth. Embracing this shift will not only create a more livable and enjoyable city for residents but also position Bellevue as a leader in sustainable urban development.

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1500971			Public spaces need to be clarified. If they are not defined clearly, I can see undue hassles and hardships being deployed on private, public property.
1504425	Recognizing Unique Needs and Communities it is important for me to have unique spaces that represent our past and future well.		
1506747	<p>They are all fine. I read through all of the UD policies in the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update: Proposed Amendments. These are specific comments on a few:</p> <p>URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ARTS</p> <p>UD-3: “Provide a network of public places of various sizes and types throughout the community.” So if my Eastgate community doesn’t have a network of public places of various sizes and types throughout the community, how do I make this happen? I’m also curious what is meant by *public places* and *various sizes and types*.</p> <p>UD-4: “Enhance the appearance of all neighborhoods with targeted city programs and right-of-way improvements.” I have no idea what this policy really means, or what types of programs and right-of-way improvements there could be, and where specifically the city would determine applicable for appearance enhancement. I know policies are supposed to be broad, but I hope that they also would be generally understandable.</p> <p>UD-30: “Enhance Neighborhood Centers with exceptional landscaping, increased pedestrian and bicycle facilities and neighborhood specific design elements.” Sounds great but who pays for this? Are there any time frames associated with this policy? Who decides what should get designed/built for each Neighborhood Center?</p>		

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	<p>UD-37: “Encourage freeway corridor and freeway-abutting development to include landscaping and design features that enhance the community’s image.” So how do you feel about yet another large car dealership in Eastgate, at the east entrance to Bellevue along the north side of I-90? Think that enhances the community’s image? No, it does not!</p> <p>UD-57: “Encourage and enhance arts and cultural opportunities within Neighborhood Centers.” This sounds nice but I cannot imagine how this would happen in existing Neighborhood Centers. I’m trying to imagine how this could be implemented at Eastgate Plaza, and coming up completely empty.</p> <p>UD-59 “Develop a process for designating festival streets that can be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic for pedestrian-oriented activities.” This is great. I want to interject here that it would be terrific if the city would make it easier and way less cumbersome and time consuming to block a street for a block party. Eastgate proper doesn’t (yet) have any parks, so the Eastgate Community Association has an annual block party on my dead-end street.</p>		
1508390	Update to policies to focus on enhancing Neighborhood Centers by incorporating landscaping, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and other specific design features. Not only does this make Bellevue a more livable, vibrant city, such changes can help address climate change by reducing GHG emissions, making the city more walkable and more accessible. Additionally, supporting creative businesses in the BelRed Arts District and foster the	Any policy here should consider whether they impact climate change and be designed to not add any new greenhouse gas emissions and be thoughtfully made for the future. Whatever we build now will be there for 20, 50, maybe 100 years. Making it right in the first place will make Bellevue a great place to be for decades to come and ensure we are doing so in a way that is thoughtful to the needs of the next generation, that is, the need to	All new policies should do so in a way that eliminates or reduces greenhouse gas emissions by the city since cities represent 70% of global emissions. We are in a position to effect climate change as a well-educated and financially rich (compared to many other areas around the world). We should be leading in mitigating climate change and ensuring everything we make new is made in a way that is attentive to climate change.

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	creation of affordable spaces would also make local, small neighborhoods more complete, reducing the need to commute while providing a sense of community. My third favorite is encouraging and enhancing arts and cultural opportunities within Neighborhood Centers which brings a high quality of life to all.	have a viable planet to live on. Be thoughtful to ensure you are creating policies that do not add to climate change. Thank you.	
1508588	Recognizing Unique Needs and Communities to include diverse LGBTQIA+ communities (includes teen, elders, BIPOC, physically challenged, vet, and neurodiverse)	Highlighting needs for intersectional and intergenerational programs, showcasing of queer art and performances.	Keep in mind the diverse needs of the LGBTQIA+ community in the arts and design of the City, including rainbow crosswalk and other Pride celebrations and events.
1508656	We need to ensure policies are put into place to make our city net-zero. This means planning ahead on housing developments and incorporating vegetation and new environmentally-friendly technology into our city planning—this includes everything from bike paths lines with trees to net-zero homes.	Further regulations related to mitigating climate change through the urban design of our newest developments—both community spaces and individual homes.	They need to remember that climate change should be at the forefront of any and all future urban designs. We need to move our city towards net-zero and that starts with taking actions TODAY.
1508396	I support arts and creative businesses in BelRed,	Current sidewalk regulations seem to focus on the primary street-facing side of a development, but what if a big project fronts two or more streets? Pedestrian improvements and streetscape requirements shouldn't be neglected on one side just because it's a big project.	

Which of these moves sound good and why?

- Support bike facilities & room for bicyclists to ride.
- Like new policy to support Bel-Red Arts District! Excited!
- To call for integration of art, culture and vibrancy to make BelRed a place for performances, live music, festivals. A safe neighborhood created for walkability and pedestrian friendly.
- Big yes to identifying indoor meeting places for art programs, ideally sliding scale or affordable to be more equitable to smaller artists/makers/creators, or space for pop-up and collaborations. Maybe look into least used spaces in town to revitalize them for art purpose.
- Love the festival streets policy.

Are there any policy ideas missing?

- Want more program to support cultural diversity, especially Asian art and culture. The massive Asian population in Bellevue is underrepresented in art spaces.

What do you want Planning Commissioners to know?

- Arts should unite people, not cause division. Do not fund such projects as LGBTQ sidewalks. It causes division. Treat everyone/culture equal. Defund Bellevue Arts Commission!
- South Bellevue- Newport area could use more gathering spaces for community.