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Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Why did you choose these Values?
Environment	Sustainability	Inclusion	Diversity	<p>Sustainability is really important to me!</p> <p>1) Safety: Our shared experience over the past month has demonstrated that safety cannot be assumed for all and that we each must redouble our efforts to ensure that everyone feels safe in our community. 2) diversity: our neighborhoods define the diversity that we champion as a community, but we witness on a daily basis intolerance based on ignorance which needs to be addressed. 3&4) we can't have economic well-being without managing growth from the perspective of sustainability for both near term impacts on day-to-day life as well as the ability to meet long-term planning targets. Bellevue has an awesome opportunity to capitalize on our region's prosperity to develop innovative strategies that our state and country can look to us for leadership.</p> <p>The values I selected promote outcomes that build on themselves.</p> <p>A well-developed sense of community is a constant reminder to members that they are secure, safe, and cared for.</p> <p>Ready access to nature provides opportunities for the community to leave the stress of daily life altogether for a few moments or at least reduce it when going about daily activities. The better our external environment the better our internal environment.</p> <p>Sustainability is a core value in our city and especially with our young people. There is a shared concern that our environment is going to harm us. It will do to us what we have done to it. It makes a strong statement when we come together to commit to making our world better for those who come behind us.</p>
Safety	Sustainability	Diversity	Economic Well-Being	<p>Recreation provides renewal. We gain balance. We have fun. We interact. We nourish ourselves. There is a form of recreation for everyone. If we build it, they will come. And every time they do, they benefit individually, and we'll benefit collectively.</p>
Sense of Community	Environment	Recreation	Sustainability	

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Sense of Community	Recreation	Sustainability	Diversity	I am currently raising a young family in Bellevue and I chose these because I think they are crucial for children's future. Diversity is so important, and I want my kids to have exposure to all different cultures and people. I'd like for them to have a sense of community and belonging in their neighborhood. I'd like for the neighborhood to be a place where they can play and interact with others (recreation) and the neighborhood must be sustainable if we it to still be around for future generations.
Sense of Community	Environment	Sustainability	Neighborhood Character	I strongly believe that the environment and connection to nature are one of the key values that define my neighborhood. There are a lot of things that make my neighborhood a great neighborhood but those give it a special character that would make it hard to find somewhere else.
Safety	Resilience	Sense of Community	Diversity	Due to the current situation, those four can connect people together.
Sense of Community	Environment	Diversity	Neighborhood Character	High value on trees, privacy, community, openness to all neighbors
Safety	Resilience	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	Sustainability because I love the trees and plants in the neighborhood. Resilience because I want the neighborhood to persist Age-in-place because I am invested in living here long term Safety because home is where you should feel safe
Access for All	Connecting	Sense of Community	Neighborhood Character	These are things that I believe need to be addressed as NE Bellevue transitions into a new and improved NE Bellevue.
Connecting	Safety	Recreation	Environment	Because those are the four that in my opinion, have more impact in the quality of current neighborhood's life's
Sense of Community	Environment	Recreation	Diversity	The most important part of a neighborhood is the people- many different people but one community. Also, recreation and natural space are important, so the neighborhood is a place to enjoy without having to go far.
Safety	Resilience	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	they are the most important to me

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Connecting	Safety	Resilience	Environment	<p>because, in my opinion, these 4 are the ones that have the most impact on the quality of life of the current neighborhood</p> <p>These are the 4 that provide a sustainable, long term community.</p> <p>1-Ageing in Place - Provides for a birth through death sense that this is our community and we can continue living here for our entire lifetime. Providing for every stage in life is important to a stable community</p> <p>2-Sustainability - Retaining the original soil for the ideal microorganisms to sustain the life of the natural habitat encourages and maintains the wildlife among us. Oxygen is produced, carbon is stored, and foot paths and gathering settings nearby are natural stress relievers for our community. Planning the city of Bellevue around what naturally exists reveals the character of our city, the City of Trees.</p> <p>3 - Economic Wellbeing - The ability to work and live in the same city, or neighboring cities, reduces carbon emissions, lowers commute time, and provides the essentials nearby so that everyone has access to the basic necessities required to maintain our households, buildup our lives, and create the human connections that help our city and neighborhoods build resiliency needed when times do become difficult. Economically surviving is the backbone of our identity and necessary to keep our communities thriving. Lose the economy results in losing the economic tax base our community services depend on.</p> <p>4 Safety - The openness of our community is dependent on safety. Walking down the street, taking public transportation, entering public buildings, are activities built on the trust that the activities can take place without criminal intent. When laws are broken and the civil servants do not uphold the basic laws, locate the criminals, and take them away, our city loses tourists, business, and the public trust. Knowing we are in a safe place in the world enables 5 different religions to have houses of worship on my street in peace. We see the Bellevue police often around Crossroads. They are an active participant in our ability to live our lives without fear of harm.</p>
Safety	Sustainability	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	
Safety	Recreation	Neighborhood Character	Age-in-Place	Top four priority

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Sense of Community	Inclusion	Diversity	Age-in-Place	Our community has become more diverse and will continue to grow. Not everyone is ready for this change and we need to adapt as a community to be welcoming to all people. This also includes our senior populations. In our current situation we do not have as many opportunities to interact with those of various generations.
Sense of Community	Environment	Sustainability	Diversity	As Bellevue becomes more populated, it is important to have natural spaces for all to enjoy. Also, Bellevue has a diverse population and creating a sense of community for all is important.
Connecting	Environment	Neighborhood Character	Economic Well-Being	I love the existing character of the NE Bellevue area, and want it to remain intact with existing environment. additional Recreational improvements are welcome.
Safety	Resilience	Environment	Sustainability	They are valued by me. The city planning departments makes too many variances to allow development that changes our neighborhoods. Allowing removal of mature trees for small replacements in places that do not even help the area that has been stripped of vegetation. Allowing too much of a lot where they allow houses to be torn down and build houses within 6' of the property lines. Allowing tern downs and building two houses on a lot. We buy our homes because we value the lot size, the neighborhood and how the houses fit within the original developments. Bellevue is destroying the communities. The communities should be grandfathered in so one homeowner is not allowed to tear down and build totally out of place structures. This city should tighten up family assisted living. Right the state allows this in any neighborhood, these are business encroaching into our neighborhoods. These providers and two and more such homes. The families do not live in the family home. It is a business that brings in more traffic and emergency vehicles into the neighborhood. If a family chooses this business fine, but not living in the home with the residences and opening additional homes, is taking advantage of why this program was allowed by the state or federal gov.
Connecting	Sense of Community	Sustainability	Inclusion	Because they are inclusive of the others. Without them the others will not be attained
Sense of Community	Environment	Sustainability	Inclusion	I chose them because they are necessary to the inclusiveness of the other categories specified. Without Sense of Community how can we consider safety, without sustainability how are we valuing diversity, without inclusion how can we be supporting and supported, etc.

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Safety	Sense of Community	Recreation	Economic Well-Being	Safety and security are important to everyone. People won't stay where they don't feel safe. Clean recreational areas are important in urban communities to provide for the health and safety of all. Economic instability leads to crime and so does a lack of community!
Safety	Environment	Recreation	Sustainability	<p>I choose to live in Bellevue because it is a small and safe city. I choose to live in a rural Neighborhood because I do not want to have retail or too much traffic and noise near my home. I do value safety and environment. I choose this place to live because Of those two things. I value the ability of people to gather and enjoy the activities they want without impacting my space.</p> <p>Aging in place - my current situation. Live in affordable home in friendly convenient community with caring neighbors. Financial home assistance and other senior resources help a lot.</p> <p>Safety - As I age, safety awareness and practices, neighbor communication, and police presence discourage trouble and stabilize my neighborhood.</p> <p>Environment - Balancing development with beauty and natural spaces - trees, open space, gardens - lets residents relax and renew, is good for the soul.</p> <p>Diversity - I am in the "majority minority" and see my neighborhood becoming increasingly diverse. I'm friendly to all, host international students, and value diversity. Yet there are blessings and challenges as diverse families have different habits, assumptions and expectations of home ownership or renting, and how they join and contribute to their community.</p>
Access for All	Sustainability	Diversity	Economic Well-Being	The other values follow from these four.
Safety	Neighborhood Character	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	Safety and lifestyle
Safety	Resilience	Sustainability	Diversity	Need to find ways for people to come together. Environmental and disaster recovery planning are good focal points for people to join forces. Need also to recognize (and promote) economic and ethnic diversity.

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Access for All	Connecting	Sense of Community	Age-in-Place	<p>With the exception of Sherwood Forest, the majority of Northeast Bellevue neighborhoods don't appear to have a neighborhood association. Connecting and having a sense of community is important to the rest of us here in NE Bellevue. In addition, we're seeing our elderly neighbors moving out without options for staying the in the neighborhood, so I see opportunity there.</p>
Sense of Community	Recreation	Inclusion	Diversity Economic	<p>I feel like a sense of community, inclusion, and places to meet will foster greater connection within people of the neighborhood. When one feels a part of a group, then the other causes such as sustainability, care during natural disasters, environment, etc. will follow suit. People need to feel like they belong, before they will believe that change is possible for them or their neighbors.</p>
Safety	Recreation	Diversity	Well-Being	<p>Because it is what I think important.</p>
Safety	Resilience	Age-in-Place		<p>In light of recent events, public safety is #1---PLEASE do NOT defund security and police efforts and cause beautiful Bellevue to look like the sad, trashy, unsafe Seattle. I don't want to live in Seattle anymore, nor do I want Seattle type people living in Bellevue and ruining it for everyone. #2 making sure there are less electric poles and having large structures underground and only planting flowering lower trees verses gigantic storm downed/hazard causing trees would be helpful. New odd and tall structures were installed on 8th Street/Crossroads that are just getting higher and more hazardous. Add crazy people to the mix and it doesn't look good. #3 The more safe and secure Bellevue is for people to retire and age here, the more likely people will invest in it, especially those with deeper pockets who want to retire well in a safe, secure, and enjoyable environment. PLEASE don't do anything Seattle has done. No tent cities do not attract unmotivated young people to just hang out, trash, loot and live off of the city. Find better ways to help them. We don't need to invite them. We do not want to end up like the "No Go" zones in Europe or like formerly beautiful now trashy/unsafe/stinky/shameful Seattle.</p>

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Connecting	Safety	Sense of Community	Economic Well-Being	Transportation is imperative to keep a community vital. Safety is important because nobody wants to live/work in an unsafe environment. Retail stores can anchor a community and provide services to people with limited mobility. Wanting to belong is innate in most of us, and a sense of community encourages one to care about and support the people & services around them.
Safety	Environment	Sustainability	Neighborhood Character	The "neighborhood" we are in is riven by heavy through traffic to business from W. Lake Samm. Pkwy.
Connecting	Environment	Sustainability	Diversity	I worry that as Bellevue develops into more of a business metropolis, housing costs will continue to skyrocket creating barriers to racially and economically diverse neighborhoods, traffic will increase creating barriers to moving across the city and green spaces will disappear as housing needs increase.

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				<p>(I wish I could have chosen them all!)</p> <p>Age-in-place is important to us because we live in our “forever” home and hope to never need to move; I imagine that many others feel similarly. My street still has original residents from when the homes were built in 1968, and they provide nice age diversity.</p> <p>Diversity is important to us, because I value my children growing up with the deep understanding that we are all much more alike than not. I love the linguistic diversity apparent when walking laps at Crossroads Park, especially as we are a bilingual household. The diversity in the Crossroads area is special and should be valued.</p> <p>Safety is important to us, because so much else that is important (parks and rec., economic well-being, etc.) only comes about if people feel safe. I want to continue feel comfortable walking around my neighborhood at any hour. I want addiction, mental health and homelessness needs to continue to be acknowledged and to be funded to support recovery, so reports, for instance, of hypodermic needles found in parks is no longer a concern. Importantly, please also understand that my definition of safety includes people not feeling racially targeted/profiled (at schools, by police, etc.). Safety means all people trust that the public institutions are there to serve, protect and seek justice, when needed.</p> <p>Sense of community is what makes an area feel like a home. I value the continuation of long-standing public events (Strawberry Festival) and newer traditions for the area (Holi Festival). I love that during a Covid-free time, Bellevue offers so many opportunities for enrichment and memory-making with others.</p>
Safety	Sense of Community	Diversity	Age-in-Place	
Safety	Resilience	Diversity	Economic Well-Being	Bellevue is coming the world class city and having huge impact to the whole big Seattle area. Making it safe and economy strong will continue to lead the success.
Safety	Environment	Inclusion	Diversity	这是人最基本的生存需要和更好生活的前提。
Safety	Environment	Inclusion	Diversity	这些是社区发展的良好基础

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Resilience	Sustainability	Inclusion	Economic Well-Being	社会一直在变化中，像今年的疫情这样的黑天鹅时间以后还会发生，如何在天灾面前，同舟共济非常重要。经济基础非常重要，这边IT公司很多，大部人生活的温饱没问题，但是多元文化间的理解交流就越发重要。
Recreation	Inclusion	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	A safe healthy community is my first concern.
Safety	Resilience	Environment	Inclusion	为了建设更好的和谐社会，有利子孙后代。
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Sustainability	Safety is the fundamental and top priority. 包容：彼此尊重，和谐相处，会有归属感 环境：舒适的环境，令人愉悦 安全：基本也是最重要的生活保障 社区意识：每个人都有社区意识才会让社区更美好
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Inclusion	安全第一，环境好坏决定是否适合居住。社交娱乐场所依然是促进更好的居住体验和优质的户外森林绿植环境也是宜居重要标准
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Inclusion	Too many choices so I took the first four. This is too difficult to choose. Reduce choices by half.
Sense of Community	Environment	Sustainability	Diversity	我认为这些是社区融洽稳定的必要因素。
Access for All	Connecting	Sense of Community	Environment	Feeling a part of something, especially the community is so important. And then taking care of that community for all its residents. The purpose of local government is to make the daily lives of residents better, easier, and more comfortable in various ways, but these four values overlap enough to cover a broad range of objectives, from sidewalks and street lighting to community connection and involvement through programmes and spaces.
Safety	Environment	Recreation	Inclusion	
Connecting	Environment	Diversity	Sense of Community	It takes a village to make it work!!

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Access for All	Environment	Sustainability	Inclusion	I think that sustainability leads to more recreation and healthy neighborhoods - if we pollute our park and streams then we can't swim at the local beach because of algae or bacteria. All families make use of the environment and open spaces regardless of wealth or status. And making it easy to get around will help us all, whether parents with little kids or people with limited mobility or families without cars.
Safety	Environment	Diversity	Economic Well-Being	All of the choices are important, but I ultimately decided on those four because I would like a safe, vibrant & active community for me and my family.
Safety	Resilience	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	Practical considerations for peoples' well-being and happiness should take priority over aesthetic concerns. Many of the other answers are also important to consider, like a sense of community.
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Neighborhood Character	I feel nature friendly environment & safety are important.
Connecting	Resilience	Environment	Diversity	I'd like to be more open in what jobs I can take without sacrificing my time and energy on commute. I love our parks and want to see them continue. I worry about Bellevue being the city of the rich and would like to see economic diversity. I'd like to see more black and Latino Americans feel comfortable here.
Access for All	Sense of Community	Inclusion	Neighborhood Character	It's all about the community and well-being of many
Safety	Resilience	Inclusion	Economic Well-Being	Safety, diversity, economy and be able to redevelop /recover from any situation.
Safety	Sense of Community	Recreation	Age-in-Place	I chose these four because everyone should have the ability to feel safe in their neighborhood and accepted for their entire life, as well as enjoy their space and feel connected to those around them.

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				<p>Access for all: I want Bellevue to give everyone the same opportunity and feel included through having access. Disabled people are often ignored by public policy, and I don't want that to be true of my town.</p> <p>Sustainability: I really value sustainability because I want to preserve our planet for future generations to enjoy. I really want to see my community making an effort to mitigate our impact on the environment.</p> <p>Recreation: I love having a variety of things I can do to keep busy. Especially now, I value green spaces because they are where I can hang out with my friends.</p> <p>Diversity: I think Bellevue's diversity has absolutely helped me in various ways and I want to see that diversity maintained so it can help others broaden their views and feel more represented as well. However, I believe diversity is only valuable if it's displayed alongside respect and inclusion.</p>
Access for All	Recreation	Sustainability	Diversity	I feel like all kinds of different people should all be able to live together in their neighborhood and feel secure.
Access for All	Safety	Sustainability	Inclusion	
Resilience	Sense of Community	Environment	Recreation	Feeling of isolation is a one of the major problems people face these days. In order to have a healthy community, it is important to promote the sense of community by providing venues for participation in activities for diverse ethnic groups.
Connecting	Safety	Resilience	Economic Well-Being	IF WE DO NOT HAVE SAFE COMMUNITIES -EVERYTHING ELSE DOES NOT MATTER
Safety	Sense of Community	Inclusion	Age-in-Place	First, safety is key to feeling secure to enable you to develop a sense of belonging and community. It's hard to have a sense of well-being if you are excluded from participation. We will all age and if we plan well, we can age in place in a community that's economically vibrant and diverse.
Sense of Community	Environment	Sustainability	Inclusion	recognition of the increasing diversity of our community and the disappearing green space.
Resilience	Sense of Community	Sustainability	Economic Well-Being	Collective community values that reinforce relationships to each other and the larger world are priorities for me.

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Safety	Resilience	Environment	Age-in-Place	The main one is safety for me, I feel that the choices Seattle has made at a governmental level has put the safety of the residents at risk. Those who can are fleeing to the suburbs, Bellevue among them. I don't want to see our community make the same poor choices and become Seattle East.
Safety	Environment	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	I live here with my children and I hope to be able to continue living here long after I retire.
Safety	Environment	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	Although a lot of thought goes into bringing new people in, having additional housing, etc., into the community, I think that a lot of the existing population gets left behind. Not everybody in their home bought it as one of the new McMansions that have popped up. Property taxes price existing residents out of their homes. Also, with increased density, what about the sustainability of the environment? I think that gets left behind with more and more houses being built on what used to have one house. Other greenspace that existed when I first moved here more than 20 years ago has disappeared.
Connecting	Environment	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	We moved to Bellevue because we could be near but not in an urban environment. Urban is now closing in. I want it to keep our area single family dwellings. Stop allowing sidewalk to sidewalk development taking down trees and replacing with Pocket parks that only serve as a place for apartment dogs to poop. thank you for Crossroads connect as a step to making public transit more accessible.
Safety	Sense of Community	Neighborhood Character	Age-in-Place	One of the main attractions of Bellevue vs more rural settings in Woodinville is the ability to have a vibrant and established community with more connections to everyone. Without having more of the amped up animosity and NIMBY-ism in Seattle.
Connecting	Safety		Age-in-Place	Bellevue continues to be an area of affordability for people to establish families in a safe and welcoming community. Although as the city continues to evolve conflicts are starting to appear.
Safety				The community will continue to grow, and we are not spending and building out infrastructure to support it. Over time it will get worse and worse.
Safety				I choose safety because I am feeling less and less safe and I'm raising 3 children.

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				<p>We chose to live in Bellevue for two main reasons -- proximity to work and a great place to raise a family.</p> <p>There are so many parks close to where we live, including both a walking distance neighborhood park and multiple others within a 5-10 min drive with playgrounds and beautiful walking trails. We go to the parks almost every day. Post pandemic, things like the Bellevue Aquatic Center will be amazing. The close commute and having great jobs here give us the ability to afford to live here, so those will always be important to us as well.</p>
Connecting	Environment	Recreation	Economic Well-Being	
Safety	Sustainability	Inclusion	Economic Well-Being	They represent a holistic view of our community, though my eyes. Some of the choices overlap depending upon the perspective of the reader.
Safety	Environment	Sustainability	Economic Well-Being	Economic well-being and safety are fundamental to a successful neighborhood; if this is not good, I'm going to move elsewhere. Environment is great for local walks and sustainability is important to make sure all these benefits last.
				<p>Safety is the foundation for all other values to build upon. I love that this part of Bellevue coexists alongside trees and the environment. I also think to build a sense of community in a neighborhood the people that work in the neighborhood should live there as well. I wish more service providers and shop owners lived in this part of Bellevue. Instead, it feels like people travel from really far to run the shops here. That's unfortunate and needs to change. Finally, in comparison to West Bellevue, I feel that east Bellevue (where I live) is less connected to the greater Puget Sound region. Bus routes usually take longer than those that originate from West Bellevue. More connectedness would help us maintain what we love about Bellevue while providing access to the things that Seattle and surrounding cities have to offer. It would be great to have an easy way to get to Portland and Vancouver via public transit as well.</p>
Connecting	Safety	Environment	Economic Well-Being	
Safety	Environment	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	The things that are important to me and my children are: Safety, health, wealth - all require a safe and well-maintained environment, which has to be sustainable.
Connecting	Safety	Environment	Sustainability	it reflects my values
Safety	Neighborhood Character	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	Being 65 I need some consistency in my location.
Safety	Environment	Recreation	Sustainability	Most important to me

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				<p>Economic Well-Being - will help people achieve some of the other values in the list. I think being able to access the things you need: pharmacy, grocery, a few shops and restaurants, parks especially by walking enhances quality of life.</p> <p>Connecting - having access to transportation options (efficient roads, buses, light rail) will help develop Economic Well-Being since one can get to a job easily without long commutes. It also allows for accessing amenities like parks and shops.</p> <p>Sense of Community - I think Bellevue does a pretty good job on this front. I like how the government engages the community in planning and with a wide array of social opportunities (pre-pandemic) in the community centers, using places like Crossroads and Factoria as "public squares" where folks of all ages can comfortably hang out.</p> <p>Recreation - Again, I think Bellevue does a pretty good job here was well. The Parks and Rec catalog of offerings, the different opportunities at places like Lewis Creek and the Lake Hills Green Belt and Kelsey Farm are delightful and assets to the city. The quality of the park is extremely high and I like the fact that there are little green zones -- like the 6th street park or the park on the west side of BelSquare and the little park off the side on 12th Street on the way to the mall.</p>
Connecting	Sense of Community	Recreation	Economic Well-Being	
Safety	Environment	Recreation	Neighborhood Character	<p>Sense of community: We really have to work hard to seek this out. Neighborhood character: we enjoy the Lake Hills area and hope that the area continues to work more with remodeling existing homes and create new ones that fit the PNW better. Recreation: Need to walk around easily. Environment: Keep the parks and open space and enhance over time.</p>
Safety	Resilience	Environment	Sustainability	<p>I would like all my neighbors to feel safe and secure in their homes and neighborhood. One thing this pandemic has showed me is that it's helpful for neighbors to depend on each other, and planning for disasters is important. I've also started taking long walks every day, I see many neighbors while I'm walking, having access to nature has a very positive effect on my mental health. I want to protect that for all of us.</p>
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Inclusion	<p>For me, they seemed to be the best four, although the others are good as well.</p>

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Resilience	Environment	Inclusion	Diversity	I love the diversity of our neighborhood and want to make sure we make Bellevue affordable for families and people of color. We need to include underrepresented voices in our path forward to start to address systemic racism and equal opportunities for all. Spending time outdoors in parks and other spaces helps to maintain a healthy lifestyle and creates community. The pandemic has made it clear that we need to be better equipped to handle emergency situations.
Resilience	Sustainability	Inclusion	Diversity	I think diversity and inclusion are tantamount to building a strong and collaborative community. Sustainability ensures that this community respects nature and wildlife and that we keep the environment safe and healthy for future generations to enjoy. Given that 2020 has been a rough year, resilience is crucial for bouncing back and remaining hopeful through difficult times.
Safety	Environment	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	I am 59 and have lived in Bellevue 50 years. The impact on traffic of how many apartment/condo units the city has allowed/encouraged is horrific and yet more continue to be built! A drive to Overlake that took literally 7-10 minutes from my home can now take upwards of 40 (or more). Also, I plan to stay in my home - and am discouraged that I may not be able to because of ever rising property taxes! I believe that once a home is purchased the taxes cannot go up for that home beyond a reasonable amount based on the purchase price (not the current 'selling' price) - once one moves the new owner gets (and KNOWS) the new tax rate and that new rate continues for them until they move. My mortgage was less than \$700 a month for my home and I am approaching paying more than that in property taxes! Protect those who have a long-term investment in our city by not forcing us to sell our homes and leave. My mom's home built in the 1971 with a \$425 monthly mortgage means she is having to pay (as a senior citizen on a fixed income) TWICE that for her property taxes! It is wrong to be priced out of a home due to property taxes - it is hard enough to pay for repairs etc. as a home (and a person) ages! Also, too many building and roads means the loss of natural resource areas (trees etc.) - we need oxygen to breathe. Simple as that. Natural beauty also calms nerves and makes for happier citizens...always nice. And safety can't be taken for granted, it only happens with commitment and purposefulness.

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Environment	Sustainability	Diversity	Access for All	These four are far more fundamental to long term prosperity. Many of the others listed are either derived from or require these in order to be possible.
Safety	Recreation			Need sidewalks in quiet peaceful streets. Bellevue allows cars to regularly exceed posted speed limits and as a result, people die, and our neighborhoods are unsafe. We have to sit home and be couch potatoes instead of walking outdoors, which is a shame.
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Neighborhood Character	We love the Crossroads area and the areas for people to gather, but we are also concerned about public safety.
Safety	Resilience	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	I recently bought a home here and hope to retire here in the next 15-20 years. I also have 3 children, so safety is of paramount, as is preserving the environment around us.
Safety	Sustainability	Neighborhood Character	Age-in-Place	They were the ones closest to my feelings. However, IMO, there are too many choices. How can you make sense of your responses. Please narrow the choices based on what can realistically be accomplished.
Environment	Diversity	Neighborhood Character	Age-in-Place	Bellevue's 'City in a Park' motto feels very relevant to my larger neighborhood, and these are the values that I think contribute most to preserving that feel. Also, I feel passionately that a community is strongest when all people residents feel included, be they newly from overseas, or a longtime resident who has retired and wishes to stay in familiar surroundings.
				all are important but I think Bellevue's rapid growth is causing a "connecting" crisis. As a Bellevue resident for 50 years, the rapid change is hard on me in terms of property taxes and movability in the city. No amount of light rail and bus routes will end what is the less visible but huge issue of road congestion. This congestion I'm talking about is not primarily commuters. It is nannies, parents (like me) and grandmas taking kids to Kumon, violin lessons, tutors, and soccer practice. It's people picking up take out, dry-cleaning, it's the amazon trucks and delivery folks. It is what makes the major throughput roads (8th St and Bel Red going east-west and 140th, 148th, 156th and 1604th) going north-south slug along and sit through multiple light cycles to pass from 3-6 pm. it is what makes a 13-minute drive to my son's school to pick him up from tutoring a 55 minutes' drive at 4pm. This is what causes some quiet neighborhoods to see tons of traffic as folks try to avoid the log jams. W. Lk Samm pkwy is a congested, stop and go highway (this IS commuters). This was of course pre-Covid but will once again be our reality soon. Every time I see another apartment building go up in east Bellevue, I get a heavy heart. All I can think of all the added cars that our streets cannot absorb. And just because it's walking distance to light rail will not stop that family's child's car commute to soccer practice.
Connecting	Safety	Environment	Age-in-Place	

VALUES SURVEY RESPONSES

Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Why did you choose these Values?
Access for All	Connecting	Sustainability	Inclusion	I chose connecting because before I had a car or a license, there were many parts of the city that it was hard to travel around by bus, mainly because the intervals between each bus is so wide. Inclusion because there is a lack of representation and education about people with disabilities. It's a Washington state law that every October, all schools must give a presentation about disability history and when I went to school in Bellevue it only occurred once my senior year. I chose accessibility because it should also be accessibility to resources in an equitable way, not necessarily an equal way. I chose sustainability because that is one of the most pressing issues. We only have 9 years to change our ways before there is irreversible damage to our natural environment.
Access for All	Safety	Sustainability	Economic Well-Being	While a lot of these are important economic well-being is easily the most important because you often cannot have the others without it. Safety is important as well - no one should feel unsafe in their own homes and communities. Access for all is important as well - being able to move around your community and participate in activities no matter your condition also helps to create inclusion among our community. Lastly, I chose sustainability because I think it ties into the environmental one - we should choose to be more sustainable as a community which will in turn help the environment as well.
Connecting	Recreation	Sustainability	Diversity	I chose those four because I think they're all very important I think safety and sustainability are the most important things that the community needs to focus on especially accommodating for everyone's needs to make the community more inclusive.
Access for All	Safety	Sustainability	Inclusion	Allows for the other values, for neighbors to interact with one another.
Safety Sense of Community	Resilience	Environment	Recreation	They affect the long-term future and how willing people will be to come to/stay in Bellevue
Safety	Diversity	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	As a 46-year resident of NE Bellevue, I have lived and raised a family in safety and security. I feel all that live in this neighborhood should have the same opportunity. Diversity and Economic prosperity are key to health, safety, understanding and acceptance. I want to live out my years in my current residence.

VALUES SURVEY RESPONSES

Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Why did you choose these Values?
Safety	Environment	Recreation	Sustainability	One of the most appealing things about our area is the physical beauty and wildlife! I feel that these qualities are under increasing attack due to over development which jeopardizes our treasured green spaces and the animals who live in them. These concerns are why I chose the 4 options. Once these precious areas are sacrificed, there is no going back. We must protect them NOW!

Are there other values you think are important and why?

I think it's good to have prioritization, but all the values above are essential to address. I would group the values into three buckets: economic, environmental & human development. Ignoring any will perpetuate the divisions that have persisted as long as this community has been established.

I think all of the values above are important and it was hard to choose just 4. I understand that my community is a bit older, so aging in place is important for those families. The environment is also important since the parks are what make Bellevue beautiful. It's also important for people to feel safe and to have a strong economy to make it a great place to live.

Diversity and Inclusion are also very high on my list. It is very difficult to only select 4 values since all of them are super important. Diversity and Inclusion booster and complement the sense of community, build a more vibrant and effective community
Economic and environment.

convenient location to local stores, walkable neighborhood, generally feel safe

All of the values above were good.

The ability for all residents to work collaboratively with the city and other community members on issues impacting the neighborhood.

The ability for all residents to work collaboratively with the city and other community members on issues impacting the neighborhood. Because I think it is important for people to get involved in solving problems and improving everyone's lives

Community. Bellevue is diverse, but we are all a part of this amazing community where everyone is able to thrive. People who are poor or lacking have places they can go for food, for assistance, for the tools they need to develop a stable life. Neighbors, coworkers, worshipers, and homes in the same area, are some of the ways we are building community. We can tell the city of Bellevue takes pride and ownership of what it takes to make a city run well. We really do value all that you do.

VALUES SURVEY RESPONSES

Are there other values you think are important and why?

Manage future growth, development, and traffic to maximize sustainability while maintaining community safety.

Respect since it means that people can accept other viewpoints that may not align with their own.

Safety of the neighborhood and recreation.

Certainly, buying and living in a community, that you chose to and not having developers and city planners allowing such changes that change your neighborhood.

These are good enough to start with

The basics have been provided in the list. Get them first.

Values of the community, jobs, and respect for all!! Not just the louder voice at the time

Privacy

Community support- different communities have different preferences - and I wouldn't want to see my community change and be more city like - if I wanted it different, I would choose a different community to live in.

Everything you listed helps shape a healthy community. I'd like the city's ideas to help us maintain a standard of home maintenance. Houses in my area can be beautifully manicured, and also junk piles with 2 feet of weeds in the front yard. Are landlords held to a standard? Can education up front in literature about living in Bellevue include the pride of ownership that helps make Bellevue a lovely place to live? I'm slowly successfully encouraging neighbors myself and am sure you are aware of this house maintenance issue, but this neglect is widespread in parts of Bellevue. Thank you for planned planting along 164th that will be delightful, and may encourage pride of ownership and good citizenship in not littering, etc.

It is also important that the city the neighborhood is part of acts to protect the neighborhood and ALL the people in it.

Affordability

Diversity

All of the above-mentioned values are important. They have been worded with a lot of precision, research, and consideration. An overarching theme of many of them is "Good Will/Being a Good Neighbor" which I think is mentioned in several of them. I think some people are afraid to risk to reach out to their neighbors. We've gotten used to being in our own cocoons especially as technology has exploded. We often don't realize our neighbor could have needs, and don't know how to ask. One thing is for sure, loneliness is an epidemic right now, and with the right tools and focus in our neighborhoods I think we could solve some of the loneliness.

VALUES SURVEY RESPONSES

Are there other values you think are important and why?

Traffic is one thing that is on top of my concern. It is not even on your list.

Safety, order, and security. Economy, success, relationships, families, individuals develop in safety and security, not chaos and insecurity.

Encouraging diversity is good for any community because it makes for a more caring and peaceful citizenry.

We live near Northup Wy. and are concerned about the violation of the truck load limit on the street. Also concerned about the future of Northup after W. Lk Samm. is rebuilt.

If I could have included a fifth, it would have been "inclusion. It's so important that the diverse people of our city are truly represented and heard, equitably, in decision-making.

Modern infrastructure. I think that Bellevue is doing pretty well with transportation and technological infrastructure, but I see it as crucial for us staying attractive to outside investors.

As I'm sure is obvious from the needs of those schooling online, having robust internet access should be prioritized. I would love to see internet access become a robust public utility available to all.

种族平等。基于生活的方方面面的平等。

Economics, price of goods
都在上面，想都选。

Education system has always been very strong in Bellevue for the past few decades. We'd hope the city and community continue to put enough resources and efforts to make sure the quality of our public education in the Bellevue area is kept at the same high level as before. Kids are the future and it is our job as a community to make sure they are well prepared with solid learning skills, good critical thinking skills and positive mental development.

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Safety, Safety, Safety.

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Integrity, It's all about respecting people's values.

VALUES SURVEY RESPONSES

Are there other values you think are important and why?

Open communication with the city. Traffic safety (particularly for pedestrians and bikes)

Sense of community and diversity are also important. We need to be brought together and to understand each other, and to care for one another.

It's important to have a diverse set of professions represented. We shouldn't forget about the blue-collar jobs that are slowly getting pushed from Bel-Red

humanity is better than community. Community is better than family, and family is better than I.

I consider every single one of these values important, as different people value different things.

The City of Bellevue should adopt a charter of respect and inclusion for its residence and to temper its culture of arrogance.

No

ELIMINATING TIGHT BUILDINGS --HOUSES TOUCHING EACH OTHER. BUILDING CODES ARE JAMMING US IN A TIGHT COMMUNITY

Hearing and communication are essential to good quality of life. Communication access is required by law. Bellevue is a leader providing hearing assistive technology, but we can do better. Very few new buildings are designed to promote hearing friendly environments. High ceilings, the absence of carpet, hard surfaces combine to create undesirable acoustics; few remodels or new bldgs. incorporate assistive listening, hearing loop systems. Conference centers aren't designed to include hearing access. Aural and Visual) Noise pollution is rampant and a real threat to all ages and quality of life. 1.5 million Washingtonians are impacted by hearing loss and that number is growing. Stats derived: 20% of population as defined by Johns Hopkins.

Local/accessible recreation opportunities let people find outdoor exploration opportunities close to home.

In the world of collective and collaborative undertakings, we should not be bound by jurisdictional boundaries and need to work with Redmond officials and residents.

Diversity, sense of community and inclusion come very close behind the first four choices previously selected.

How about investing in some improvements in existing communities and not just Spring District or downtown? A lot of people walk on an avenue that is currently being used as a detour for the West Lk. Sammamish Pkwy project. This doesn't have a continuous sidewalk on it. That wouldn't be countenanced in Spring District or downtown.

Diversity comes naturally with our economic opportunities. Forcing it causes fear and mistrust. Don't be like Seattle.

VALUES SURVEY RESPONSES

Are there other values you think are important and why?

Traffic and responsible development, there's been a lot of new housing developments without a lot of infrastructure and traffic redesign. It's unreasonable to expect that light rail will solve all problems. Bike paths/lanes, better traffic management, ways for buses to exit/enter traffic at stops, etc. are needed to keep things manageable. But, so far this seems lacking, we're just building up without making any real changes.

Do NOT become like Seattle where the government intrusion becomes onerous to the property owners and residents. City does not need to control everything to make it a great place to live.

Property rights. This value is being infringed upon.

Connecting - transportation services and safe walking routes. I'd like see NE Bellevue have walkable village centers where a majority of services are available.

I would like the neighbourhood to look nice. I don't like the lack of sidewalks in our area, an overabundance of old and grimy residential power lines, and property owners not maintaining their properties (ugly fences, garbage and junk, overgrowth of weeds).

Contributing and caring for the community. I don't always get the sense that people give back around here. Maybe people like it that way but in comparison to other places I've lived in the Midwest and the South, this area feels both the most economically wealthy while also having a "not my problem" kind of attitude toward its community. It's unfortunate, but something that can change by having the right foundational values as a neighborhood.

Connecting - easy access to public transportation leads to less dependence on private vehicles and less energy consumption, i.e., better environment and better sustainability.

Safety, and increase crime

I think promoting Economic Diversity is good. We moved to Bellevue in 2005 and it has only gotten more and more expensive-- specifically housing. I don't know how someone starting out could live here. I know that a lot of the folks that work at my local Trader Joe's live outside the city as do folks who work at some of the restaurants. It is great to have a city where people come to work; but it would be good if the workers could also live closer to their jobs.

I would like to see Bellevue stay free of the homeless/drug abuse blight that Seattle is now facing.

It needs to be more walk able. Build as many sidewalks as possible and on both sides of main avenues. We are too dense for such a lack of them. You get the feeling that this was a rural sleepy place, but it did not keep up with the times as far as infrastructure is concerned. Outer lying areas of the city are very lacking in infrastructure of all kinds.

sustainability and neighborhood character

VALUES SURVEY RESPONSES

Are there other values you think are important and why?

Resilience, Age-in-place, Economic well-being

I believe in inclusiveness and being a good neighbor but could only check 4 boxes :-)

PEOPLE are what give a city its character. Good neighbors make for good neighborhoods - KNOWING your neighbors make one 'buy in' to protecting them, honoring them, respecting them. Kindness is more readily shown to those we 'buy in' to knowing. (also, your survey may be seen as offensive to people of multiple races as NONE of your options for choice of ethnicity allow for such diversity)

Infrastructure - a bright future is impossible without a solid foundation. Neglecting to maintain modern infrastructure simply trades the opportunities of future generations for selfish, short-term benefit.

Cameras to issue speeding tickets on non-arterial roads! The speed people drive is absolutely ridiculous! If you don't enforce through cameras that ticket, hire more traffic officers to write citations and be deliberate about it.

Inclusion & support of all faith communities.

Inclusion, diversity, and sense of community are all very important as well.

Would like to emphasize safety.

If I could add a 5th value, I would have added Resilience, because I believe there remain opportunities for community education. Unfortunately, it's not a one-and-done topic; no one's memory is perfect, and we can all use periodic reminders of key public and personal safety measures and resources.

I think all of these values are important. A sense of community I feel is lacking in Bellevue. While it is not quite possible during covid, but the opening of more public spaces that are indoors, such as the community centers we have in the city. There is little to do inside within the city without having to spend money, especially for our youth or impoverished who don't deserve to be stuck in the rain throughout the year.

The ability to call for help and actually receive it - if I call 911 about a medical emergency, I would want the ambulance (not the police) to come. Similarly, if I call 911 for mental health, I would hope that some form of social worker would come not the police/ambulance/etc.

Not really, for me what matters is the quality of the area (environment, parks) and the people who live there

being peaceable and kind to my neighbors.

VALUES SURVEY RESPONSES

Are there other values you think are important and why?

Acceptance of all religious based and faith-based groups. Return God to the schools (public). Return study of the Constitution to public schools. Return voluntary recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the public schools. Acceptance of conservative teachings to the schools.

Also checked - Diversity, Neighborhood Character, Economic Well-Being & Age-in-Place.

Protecting our safety as a community is also essential! I worry that once the light rail is completed it will be a direct pathway to bring the problems of Seattle to the Eastside.

DATA WALKS

What is one fact you know about your neighborhood?

Our zip code is very diverse
great neighbors!
every coffee shop is a s
Starbucks and i want more variety
It is quiet.
We have a lot of trees!

People are happy with their neighborhoods. That challenges any plans to make large changes in the neighborhoods

A large portion of the homeowners are the original homeowners who purchased when the neighborhood was built out
Bella is the only one in all of NE Bellevue

Microsoft is a big player with big impacts.... but they are reasonable civic members.

Our neighborhood is much more diverse than this zoom meeting.

Established

My neighbors have great plantings & gardens.

We are right on the Redmond border so what they do impacts us too.

Quite diverse

Farmer's woods and no longer have our 'bike trails

We care about our trees

trees :)

it has wonderful 30-acre Ardmore Park with owls

Beautiful

traffic is a real problem

DATA WALKS

What does this neighborhood data suggest to you about the strengths or challenges facing your community?

While there are a high percentage of homeowners in NE Bellevue, there are many who have housing as a large percentage of their monthly expenses.

We need to ensure our older neighbors can age in place.

NE Bellevue has gone through many changes and lots of new construction. That can challenge a neighborhood feeling

Housing costs and income levels work against increasing diversity in our neighborhood

Other areas have higher perception of “excellent” vs “good”. Wonder why??

Higher %age of households with children suggests to me that the neighborhood schools are a good source of community support and interaction.

It was interesting to see that our neighborhood skews slightly older than Bellevue in general. This may become an issue with affordability for fixed income individuals.

The strengths are in older and evenness of responses. There are some real opportunities if activated

higher household ownership indicates greater community stability.

Surprised this is a mostly affluent area, so affordable housing may not be top of mind for many people
affordable housing needed all around.

affordable housing is a challenge

Very large homeownership. Stability, investment, pride, safety

Changes ahead ;)

DATA WALKS

What does this data about community connection suggest to you about the strengths or challenges facing your community?

Interesting slide data on connection to the neighborhood. Some feel connected while many do not. I wonder what those who didn't take the poll would respond.

nice park space in the area

NE Bellevue doesn't really have a place within itself to gather, and a general lack of commercial areas where people could gather, I think that's a big reason why ppl feel a lack of community in this neighborhood, myself included

With our neighborhood being predominantly residential, there are not a lot of options to gather as a community, unless you are part of a "club"/HOA/church. If only BTC's meadow were open to the public...

Traffic challenges connection and ability to walk in the area

Developing NE 24 and Northup into walkable streets instead of old rural roads would be helpful

My part of NE Bellevue is more than a mile from a commercial area where it is easy to mingle. This is an advantage because I'm near a greenbelt. However, takes more conscious effort to reach out to, and meet, neighbors.

How can we create more of a sense of community in NE Bellevue? I wonder why it is so low.

Strengths: Walking has improved over the years. More sidewalks more walking

Weakness is covid 19 separations and concerns

Strength metro available and reasonable parking in commercial areas though shrinking

Commercial gathering places are not contributing to our neighborhoods sense of community. Not enough opportunity to stay out of a car.

Building a sense of community requires work! It is becoming more difficult with time... specially now

Not much entertainment in this neighborhood but good there is a very active neighborhood like crossroads right next to it.

somewhat geographically disconnected from gathering areas and businesses which increases the need for transportation options

Strengths stability, pride, and care of property due to high % ownership. I think walking distance should be greater than 1/3 mile. Perplexed about sense of community. I did not feel connected involved with issues affecting Bellevue and NE

Hard to see trends in such a diverse administrative district

DATA WALKS

What does this data about access & safety say about the strengths or challenges facing your community:

Safety is pretty good, but walkability and sidewalks for an aging population is an area of growth.

I've been in a Collision in NE Bellevue, and I've seen attempts at improving safety measures, like clearer crosswalks, but I wonder what other methods there are

With limited public transportation, arterial roads that are clogged during rush hour, safe biking and walking options are a must, or our neighborhood will be cut off from the rest of Bellevue and neighboring cities.

We need to concentrate on walking and biking safety along the busier roads

Not surprised by the data.... I see quite a few complaints about car prowls and mail thefts on NextDoor (online).

It does seem more difficult to get around. And if it is not as walkable it could be contributing to the decreased sense of community.

Thefts seem to be pretty consistent. Although our area is quite low in our analysis. Walking and biking are up but limited by distance concerns. Vehicle safety has been and continues to be an issue.

Shouldn't public school sites contribute to green recreational spaces for the community?

50% of walkway in NE Bellevue is surprisingly low

The area is a great residential area. Seems safe and not too much traffic

I am pleased and surprised that prop crime is decreasing. That is not what I hear on Nextdoor, though. Not very accessible to mass transit but then it seems that only 7% are interested. Uncertain about +&- sidewalks.

Our neighborhood will be car dependent for the foreseeable future

traffic is a real problem in our neighborhood how do we compare to other areas

DATA WALKS

What does this data about environment & sustainability say about the strengths or challenges facing your community?

With so many single drivers producing so much of the carbon emissions in our neighborhood, how can we encourage more carpooling/ use of public transportation? (Could be a whole city goal though)

I wonder about ways to reduce emissions from vehicles, especially because so many of those vehicles are single occupancy
Difficult to affect emissions without better non-car options.

This neighborhood is and will remain (in the foreseeable future) car dependent. New development should NOT lower parking requirements and require visitor parking for multifamily units. Commercial development throughout the city needs more parking!

City may need to educate new homeowners about value of trees. Many individuals quickly take out trees instead of learning about view thinning and beneficial pruning.

It is disappointing that so many people use SOV to get to work.

Environment sustainability for residences brings into question the types of energy usage and the level of movement to decrease unsustainable sources. It would be nice to understand the change in source from oil heating to other more usable sources

Getting to our tree canopy goal of 40% is going to require a lot of intentional action and effort. It will not happen organically.

Need more trees. Always good to lower emissions. Maybe more neighborhood education on how to lower emissions. more park access on the belred side

Transportation is reflective of our car dependency. More frequent bus schedules and incentives to work from home.

DK about more public transportation since so few use it. I often see huge buses empty or with 1 passenger. Need to halt the cutting down of trees unless they are hazardous.

Sidewalks aren't a sufficiently comprehensive metric for walkable neighborhoods most streets are limited access to arterial connections which we should acknowledge in next stage of a healthy street's initiative

we should think thru private parks and golf courses like tam o shanter vs public parks or easements and only count things everyone can access vs things only certain people can access

DATA WALKS

What does this data about diversity say about the strengths or challenges facing your neighborhood?

Time to discuss ADUs / room rentals! They provide income for homeowners and lower the cost of smaller housing units by increasing supply. However, rules need to be in place and enforced. We don't want parked cars lining our streets, party houses, etc.

We are very diverse. The financial numbers don't make sense. If incomes are so high, and 25% of kids need food assistance.....

Aging in place will be a challenge in this part of Bellevue. We're farther from services and very car dependent.

While most of the houses were built in the 60s, which coincides with when NE Bellevue was annexed, I worry about the new constructions going up. McMansions change the look of the neighborhood and reduce tree canopy.

Old people with needs that are growing because of costs rising. Younger people having to stretch for new homes. Staying the same and worrying about new changes. Connecting people to even out the needs and understand what is going on.

Not as much diversity as the rest of Bellevue. Maybe due to homeownership barriers.

Sidewalks absolutely necessary for aged and disabled. Senior communities have them, I think, but others living in their homes may not.

It paints a picture of a neighborhood in transition likely with more change ahead over the next 10 years than since the 1960s benchmark

one thing that happens often in NE Bellevue is when seniors move out of the house (move to assisted living or pass away) kids often move back into the home they grew up in -- shows how much people like the neighborhood

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM - AFFORDABILITY

Need more multigeneration housing - allow DADUs - COVID has brought families together younger people living closer to older people

Performance zoning- add prescriptive requirements

Make public transportation more affordable

Put DADUs/ADUs close to where there is public transportation.

Commercial property should be rezoned for housing

People need help to landlords if we allow ADUs

Create more Transit Oriented development

Limit megamansions on lots that can accommodate multiple smaller homes

Use creative design to allow duplexes and triplex homes that look like single-family residences

Transfer development rights to preserve larger open spaces

Create tax deferral incentives

Rezone based on regional trends i.e. Seattle virtually eliminated single-family zoning in favor of TOD

Improve neighborhood connectivity so neighborhoods look out for seniors

Eliminate COB Economic Development Organization

Reduce COB utility retail rates and capital budgets

Work with Amazon/Microsoft to tap into their AH funds - get creative in financing remodeling to convert to ADU/duplex

Statewide we have a "regressive" tax structure. If this would improve affordability for lower income folks.

Not much open space left in NE Bellevue - but with COVID, use of commercial office space and maybe some home space and even church spaces are changing. Are any of these long-term and could open space for home?

Allow ADUs

Allow duplexes

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM - AFFORDABILITY

Mandate affordable housing through regulations (zoning, PUD, etc.) rather than financial incentives (tax exemptions, increased density, etc.)

Add to the walkability/bikeability of the neighborhood so we don't need cars as much

ADUs - with a system in place to assist in the aging owner in managing and maintaining the house/ADU

Increase supply for multi units, condos. Zoning law change? Think it's something that can be reviewed by the city, because it's the only way to increase the supply (multi-family units). Right now, the limited supply creates a high price.

Does NE Bellevue have commercial property that could change to housing?

Redmond is all multi-use and there are great multi-use developments, but it looks like Bellevue isn't coordinating with Redmond. All this new hip stuff is happening with Redmond.

We're seeing some multi-family units in the Spring District, but the eastern part of BelRed only had one project, which doesn't have a single affordable unit proposed.

The BelRed lookback keeps getting pushed back, but we're missing huge opportunities for affordable housing.

The low hanging fruit is looking at ADUs (or renting out space in your house) - not sure why they have a max size to them. Example: basement was too large to convert into ADU.

Do support off-street parking requirement for ADUs - don't want Seattle's bumper-to-bumper situation.

Not everyone is a natural landlord - what happens when the heat breaks down? What happens when there is a dispute? Is there a hot line where people can call to ask questions? Like to think about creative ways that address the full package.

Repurpose commercial properties (through renovation) into residential uses.

Cops on bikes in parks and neighborhoods

Property tax according to income

Organization or non-profit that helps people over 65 pay off mortgages

Jobs for seniors – like volunteer work, but paid

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM - AFFORDABILITY

1x/week job in the parks department

Planned senior communities in the city

Performance requirements rather than prospective

Modular residential units. Shipping containers? Denser neighborhoods?

Use positive designations/language rather than ADU or MIL. Ex. Cottage or carriage house

Incentivize ADUs

Consider mobility or walkability as well

Cultural issue – are people willing to consider moving to a smaller space with support? (many want to stay in their own neighborhoods with their homes and connections)

TOD

More collaboration between Bellevue and Redmond.

Transit oriented development (reduce infra costs, impact) more metro funds will come to the Eastside

Build high rise condos as co-op with units on first floor for superintendent, security; garden.

Require mandatory inclusionary housing

Enforce ADU policies so they are not rented as VRBO or ABB

Affordable housing for nurses, police, fire-earmark

Put a tax on homes that sit vacant by investors to fund affordable units

Build more affordable condos

Enforce better distribution of all house sizes, not just mega mansions

City to buy back housing and sell lower to lower income people

Aim to attract diversity in business and restaurants in commercial areas of Bellevue

Reduce the number of short-term rentals

ARCH buys affordable housing and offers them as affordable lease to own

City Council comments was to begin to look at where there needs to be more affordable housing: Bel Red, East Main, citywide

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM - AFFORDABILITY

Add tax break for seniors 62 and up-no longer required to pay for schools like they do in Georgia

Reduction of property tax based on number of years owned

Additional property tax for second or third homes

Cap/reduce/shift property taxes

Set asides for nurses, fire, police

Enforce ADU rules

Mandatory inclusionary housing required of new development

Set asides for teachers, police, nurses, firefighters

Build a variety of units in high rises, coops on top, 1st floor basement for manager, super. Different # of styles, rooms

Funds could be used for ARCH to buy SFH and offer them for rent

Also, for long term residents with kids that have fallen on hard times. Homeless students of BSD

Commercial real estate tax discount for BIPOC owned businesses

Tax empty houses that were purchased for investment, but no one is living in them.

Tax freeze to let more people afford to stay in their homes as they age.

Add tax break for seniors-no school tax if over 62

Remove fee in lieu of affordable housing for new high density and development

Do an analysis of the unintended consequences of increased property values on people aging in place; how are ADU or DADU owners impacted by policies? Do taxes go up for others?

Up zone TOD zones

Enforce ADU laws to make these units affordable for people who live in Bellevue

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – MOBILITY & ACCESS

Better planning when closing multiple sidewalks for construction

Add calming circles to regulate speed and access

Add sidewalks where there are none

Safe bike corridors along main route

Enforce truck weight regulation

maintain sidewalks and pedestrian lanes

Provide dedicated bike lanes on arterials

Better lit crosswalks, especially across freeways/highways. Better marked crosswalks. Alter crosswalk timing - many drivers in Bellevue drive very close to pedestrians who are crossing. Perhaps give more time to cross. Eliminate hindrances in sidewalks (poles in the way, not well graded to allow for wheelchairs, too narrow, too slanted)

Work with adjoining towns and state on through traffic not destined for Bellevue

Trash cans block sidewalks on trash pick-up day; should the cans be on the street instead?

Mixed use in larger multi-family developments (Hyde Square and LIV would have been great locations for more retail/amenities)

More flexible zoning regulations to allow more variety

Include more stores in residential buildings

Allow small in-home businesses, like tea houses/coffee shops/ice cream shops in our neighborhood

Provide places to give access for cars heading to stores from neighbors

wider sidewalks where possible to allow for different walking speeds to pass each other, and social distancing

create safe streets, make cars take alternate routes on some of the days

smart planning of trees adjacent to sidewalk, so they're unlikely to disrupt sidewalks over long-term life of the tree

need a shoulder for garbage trucks and school buses, plus a raised bike path

Sidewalks on most streets (only 50% right now)

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – MOBILITY & ACCESS

Zoning can be made flexible enough to allow for small retail sites near residential areas

Older neighborhoods, particularly higher traffic ones need sidewalks, Wlk samm pkwy has a beautiful plan for a raised bike path which I can't wait to use, but the city has missed a huge safety issue but losing a shoulder needed for garbage trucks buses

Food trucks in selected neighborhood areas

covered walkways so pedestrians don't have to walk in the rain (less chance of slipping and falling)

dedicated cycling paths

older neighborhoods could use sidewalks especially high traffic areas

Improving walking paths that are separate from streets, i.e. the trail from Northup way to crossroads that was recently rebuild with proper lighting

We already have a few bike-share systems, raising awareness on them so more people will be able to use them

Standardizing one specific ride-share or shared transport system to make shared transportation more organized

Encourage shuttle systems from companies with a lot of employees in town

More biking crosswalks! They're great

Efficient transportation options make distances shorter because you can't always create the services in some places

Explore zoning options, in partnership w/residents to create small footprint retail spaces that can serve a hyperlocal community via walking or biking (scooter, hoverboard, roller skate, etc.)

Need clear speed limits/traffic signs

Healthy streets that are closed for cars - allow pedestrians to walk

Provide adequate parking in neighborhoods so walkers and bikers do not have to navigate around any parks

Enforce speed limits

More streetlights

Clear bike paths

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – MOBILITY & ACCESS

Every sidewalk needs ramps - in China all sidewalks have a bumpy trail so blind people can navigate/follow

Improved lighted along sidewalks

Dedicated crossing areas

Separate bike lanes that connect NE Bellevue to the rest of the city

Add sidewalks, bike lanes and roundabouts along 24th and Northrup Way

Should park and rides be outlawed?

Proper street lighting

Link bike/ped network with neighboring communities

Allow childcare/afterschool in the first floor of multi-family

Support small businesses - fix traffic jam to get to stores.

Consolidation of multi-family housing around transit

How can we incent developers to open access to some facilities, so they are not exclusive to people who live in a building (i.e. - join a club to access building gym for example for a small fee)

More parking so it's easy to access services - some business today simply don't have enough parking and it's too far to walk or the weather simply makes walking not a choice.

Smaller, more frequent transit east/west and north/south to get to bus lines, transit, and retail, and light rail

Permit corner grocery stores and cafes

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – TREES

More severe consequences for cutting down mature trees without a permit
Have building codes that prevent cutting down existing trees.

Offer free classes on a variety of topics, such as yard care (organic products, trimming, clipping, pruning)

Provide communication periodically about caring for trees; monitor health of trees in public spaces

Provide more education about why it's useful to care about trees beyond beauty and worries about windstorm

Use existing spaces and transform them...e.g. Open up BTC meadow to all people as a recreational site beyond just walking; Note: that would also be a great park space for Bellevue to acquire and use the existing office space for environmental training goals

Make opportunity for people to share their skills in caring for the environment in free classes

Prevent changes that shape the old without review and acceptance within the neighborhoods. No tree cutting without more involvement

More extensive recycling program through republic - e.g. Europe recycles way more plastic than we do.
Free tree pruning

App for tree cataloguing on private property and commons - with economic value
Offer incentives to plant more trees

Policies to discourage/ban natural gas usage in new buildings - electrifying the grid will cut down on GHG emissions

Make school campuses more park like - people will better understand how to choose trees to give them light in the winter

Encourage planting small trees/provide information on trees that are smaller/work better with pruning. Trees that do not create debris will be valued more by residents

Plant evergreens/trees less prone to dropping leaves/debris

Provide information on lesser known ways to be sustainable beyond just recycling - Not everything can be recycled and there is a lot of confusion, important to educate people about other methods like composting and reducing use.

Advertising PSE's Green Power - Signing up for PSE's green power shows PSE that there is a demand for it - would incentivize PSE to provide more renewable sources

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Make BTC into a city owned park/meadow of BTC - Currently protected with easement; when sold residents need to advocate to save it; would like it permanently saved; where everyone goes when it snows; track team; everyone walks; new dense development would benefit from open space; a known space that is used already; plants and trees are already there

create a dog park

Bulletin Board to post and share stories, interest

Map all the trails and parks in NE Bellevue

Allow food trucks in parks on a rotational basis

Add pocket parks

Use existing known places and invest on making them more inviting or attractive for people to gather

Put trivia boards, create challenges to find objects, trees, or items around that place

Repurpose old Bellevue Youth Theatre at Ivanhoe

Add picnic shelters at Ardmore or Tam O'Shanter park. Would encourage people to have neighborhood gatherings; was in the plan originally - not sure of the status. Crossroads ones are always full - there is a demand for picnic shelters

Community workshops - gardening, yoga

Repurpose old Bellevue Youth Theatre at Ivanhoe

Add a dog park in NE

Since restaurants are not open, bring in food trucks - a different neighborhood each day

Need a community area besides Crossroads park

Turn BTC into a public park

Close a block or two to traffic and schedule block events

link open space and parks to encourage neighbors to get outside and meet each other

Keep food court at Crossroads mall viable with tax breaks and licensing relaxation

Share stores

Request ethnic identity object at gatherings

Increase awareness of Bellevue NE community center

Schedule community events and opportunities.

Host neighborhood meetings in backyards

Create more parks, plazas, street pockets/coffee shops, playgrounds, dog parks, physical spaces

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Serial dinners

Get people going from neighborhood to neighborhood (somewhat like a treasure hunt), getting people to meet those from other neighborhoods.

Organize workshops on topics of interest

More block parties

Encourage all neighborhoods to show up at movies in the park.

More community parks

Cooperate with other organizations like children club, parent groups, interest groups and community centers to organize more activities

Organized bike rides on streets

people gather when there are events - The Bellevue Park marathon

We need an indoor place to gather

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Parks

Crossroads community park, walkable neighborhood

Peace and quiet

The bike/walk raised sidewalk that is finally being done on the west side of Lake Sammamish. I also appreciate seeing parking near the new light rail so people can drive to a light rail station and leave their cars there

The trees and parks

The views, the trees

The view of Lake Sammamish and mountains

Being able to go on long walks. Some sidewalks need improvements

Quiet, diverse, adults & children, friendly, annual gathering of all neighbors for last 20 years. Neighbors care!

Hopefully, after the pandemic is a thing of the past, neighbors can meet in person for picnics and other social gatherings

Make sure our beautiful trees are left in place

Maintaining views and safe winter driving (snow!)

Great schools, parks, close to Crossroads. Will be close to light-rail

The diversity in our neighborhood is amazing. We also have some of the most stunning views in Bellevue

quiet neighborhood

Trees and parks

Bike and walking paths

Neighborhood parks and large trees

Parks, trees, space

Need to see more control of the water bill. Too expensive especially summertime when we need to water lawn and plants

Sense of community - knowing your neighbors

Our green spaces preserved. Ardmore Park and greenbelt. Trail system. A "tag-free and lawn sign-free" zone

Ivanhoe Park (former Ivanhoe Elementary)

The use of the lake and the lake views. Availability of safe places to walk

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Parks and open spaces; wooded trails; urban trails. Accessibility to transit, shopping (e.g. Crossroads), parks, Microsoft campus

Woodland trails and natural spaces, specifically Ardmore Park and its wooded trail. We also loved the ability to park cars easily. However, this has sadly been lost. We have multiple houses with renters which have caused a lot of parking issues, people parking in front of fire hydrants for days on end - 28th Place

Private and secure

Safety and Sense of Community

The large trees and yards with one story smaller houses. The large houses that are being built are wrecking the area and not helping affordability

Sidewalks, dog paths

Access to parks, ability to safely go places without using car

Pockets of undeveloped "nature" areas nearby where wildlife can take refuge

Smaller homes on nice size lots "affordable." Great diversity. Good starter homes and for single level home in particular, home for elderly who then can age in place. Mature trees. Easy access to 520 and I-90 but so easy that our neighborhood becomes a throughway

Fix public street. Sidewalk. Fix water main, our neighborhood does not have enough water pressures

Lowkey atmosphere, forest-like environment, and safety. As an Asian-American woman I appreciate being able to walk my dog at any hour of the day or night without fear of being harassed or assaulted by strangers. I would like my children to experience the same comfort for years to come. I did not have this amount of safety living in Seattle, so I don't take it for granted

Continue to use walkway along the lake

Friendly, close to stores, walkable, well-maintained, fairly quiet

The nearby greenbelt and park

We have broad, quiet side streets for walking and biking. Transit is good, driving okay. Land & neighborhoods without more high-rise condos! They block views, crowd streets and are not all occupied years after they are built. They cut trees

Love together, quiet & clean

Less overhead wires, less street signs and speed bumps, less cars & trucks parked on the street. Needs visual improvements for a less cluttered appearance in a residential neighborhood. One neighbor described it as living in a parking lot.

Parks, trees & landscaping

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Friendly, lot of amenities

Affordable public transit system

No overhead wiring

Nearby trails, proximity to friendly neighbors

Quiet, Amenity, Convenience, Nice Parks, Senior Friendly. Big Problem too many cars parked on the street - Enforce parking laws - Too many cars and business vehicles on the streets parked!

Lake Sammamish

Ours is an older quiet neighborhood. I do not like houses being torn down and huge ugly houses put in their place

The walking trails are fantastic

Bike trail on West Lake Sammamish Parkway

Property Rights & police: We own and can protect ourselves in our home given the 2nd amendment of our U.S. Constitution. The police do their job by "enforcing" property rights. Because of this combination we enjoy our relationships with our neighbors. Our neighborhood is peaceful.

Parks nearby

Trees. Uncrowdedness. Walkability. Quiet

Trees. No housing developments. Compact housing (lot size too small)

Be able to walk and bike to shopping. Enjoy parks and neighborhood. I have requested neighborhood enhancement programs to put crosswalk across 164th Ave at 12th St. More of a safety but I have learned from city paper that its planning to landscape 164th from NE 8th to Northrup way. We need crosswalk for public safety

Less Crime

Crossroads mall has been a staple of the neighborhood for me. I was born and raised here, and Crossroads mall has been a safe place for me and my friends to spend time, especially when we were school-aged. I love that there is a mini city hall, a library, and a police station

Trees!!! Quiet roads.

Safety: having neighborhood free of homeless people

Safety for women

It is a great neighborhood the way it is so please don't change!!!

We have the perfect balance of homes to nature. I moved from Seattle to Bellevue 25 years ago as Seattle was planning the same thing...and look at it now!

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Quiet, family oriented, green trees, schools

Dog park, pools, grass fields

We love the greenbelts all around North Bellevue. Thanks for maintaining them

To look like a residential neighborhood with nearby parks and schools

People who care about each other. Police - safety - caring about property maintenance

Lots of large trees and flowers

Trees - mature ones - not newly planted to replace ones cut down to accommodate giant single-family homes that do not fit in with character of existing houses and are unaffordable to most

Small and quiet neighborhood. People in my neighborhood have been here for a long time

Leave it the way it is!

The community aspect. The walkability of the neighborhood

Easy access to freeways, schools, downtown Bellevue

Accessibility, quietness - now only on weekends - shockingly, pandemic!

View of Lake Samammish. Remove trees so we can see it better

Nature, large trees, lake view, quietness

The lake. The properties are too close, and houses are being built too close to the shoreline. Plus, the houses being build are maximizing the property with little open room

Quiet, safe, not crowded

Being able to walk to several different parks and trails

It is quiet not much traffic people are friendly

Trees

Quiet and safe

No street parking. Let parking enforcement back

Peaceful

Trees

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

It is not crowded like parts of the city. We need sidewalks. Not more people. Why is this for N.E. Bellevue. Why don't we do it in West Bellevue with bigger lots
Security, low-density housing

There are many cherry blossom trees, we need to preserve them

Parks and natural areas

Parks and back trails

Classic mid-century leafy suburb

Quiet. Trails. Walking. Safety. Road maintenance & street sweeping

Trees. Green space. Open space

The trees! I live near Ardmore Park and having such wild and dense nature preserved in the middle of our residential neighborhood is incredible

Low traffic, protection of air space for low flying planes, helicopters, and drones

Location

Walking to Idlewood Park for public access to Lake Sammamish

Single family residents as originally designed. Multi nonrelated people in rentals need to stop. These along with the parking issues produced have degraded my neighborhood

The quiet nature - it is a more developed neighborhood - so a lot of future development is unlike but I would like to see speed bumps so it is safer for walkers and children and so drivers would adhere to the speed limit

Quiet and well kept

Need more sidewalks

Neighborhood speeds 15mph or less - wish list. Easy walk to/from Crossroads Park

We can walk to the park, but more sidewalks are needed. We currently walk on people's lawns to get to the park.

Trees, wildlife

Maintain landscape and roads

Residential and diversity

Low crime, close location to essential shopping and medical clinics, responsible/peaceful residents, spacious well-maintained lawns/gardens/hedges that produces oxygen, cool the earth, absorb rain to reduce flooding and provide for birds/wildlife

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

View of the lake and mountains

Peaceful and quiet

Space and quietness

The parks and community gathering places. I live near Ardmore park and I love that there is open space there with a playground and walking trails

Nice place to raise a family. Take walks and access to major roads - I-90/520. The houses have nice sized yards

Livability - though I wish Bellevue would consider the needs of long-term residents with an emphasis on aging-in-place. We've been in our house 20 years and it seems the city's priority is to put more and more people in mixed-use, multi-story structures, five megamansions where one house used to be and now backyard cottages. This comes at a cost of increased crowding, congestion, damage to the environment, and increased expenses to older residents

Beautiful, well-kept yards. For the most part friendly people

The beautiful parks and trails. The wildlife, plants, trees, and beautiful mountain views

Cleanliness

Pave West Lake Samammish!!

Nicely kept houses, and people who care to keep them that way

Parks: Ardmore, tech park (please keep as park). We also very much value the peace and quiet

Quiet, very pedestrian friendly - Update the sidewalks in Brettonwood please!

Mixture of legacy trees and views

Parks and open space

Woods, lots of trees, not overcrowded

Able to walk to Idlywood Park and enjoy the beach

I would rather allow and promote having ADUs out of existing houses rather than construction of backyard cottages that would result in more impervious surfaces, loss of trees, more shade onto neighbors and change character of single-family neighborhoods

I love the nature preserve near Ardmore park. Walking in the wooded trails is such a treat

Our neighborhood used to be safe...no theft. I wish my kids could have a safe neighborhood with less homelessness present, but I am not a fan of shelters in my neighborhood either.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

In all seriousness, the trees. I think they are beautiful, but they are vital. It is very hard to see the 50-year-old trees cut for "view" or "mess" it feels like we are overlooking what they give and will give to our health and beauty of our city

Quiet streets

Proximity to shopping and services

The closeness of Ardmore school with playground facilities and the forest and playground in Ardmore Park

The open field by the Technology Center across from Trader Joes. No more Liv Apartments please. Traffic awful. We like to walk

Quiet nights, sidewalks, walkable neighborhood

Walking trails in Ardmore park. Trees. We do not need increased housing density. The thousands of apartment units will have a huge impact on our ability to get around. We are not happy about number of high-density housing complexes.

We enjoy living in a community of single-family homes. The integrity of these existing neighborhoods (that actually have small lots!) need to be preserved. The Overlake corridor is already very densely developed with pockets of apartments, condos, retail, single homes. We are vehemently opposed to so-called backyard cottages as they diminish the quality of life, create substantial traffic and parking challenges, ruin the aesthetics, and invite greedy investors and absent landlords rather than sweet grandmas

The woods and green space at Bellevue Technology Center. Trees & green space

Neighborhood feel; privacy, parks nearby, not overly crowded

Closeness to school and park. The greenbelt between 30th & 24th. Lack of traffic. Please don't allow Microsoft traffic to easily access 164th

Parks

My street is very diverse which is great! Our area is full of trees and opportunity for community members to talk together. Maintain green spaces, places to gather, SAFETY! No more density. Make movement more efficient. Infrastructure is seriously missing elements here.

Community feel; privacy

Residential with quick access in amenities

A sense of community. Too many multifamily housings destroying our neighborhood. No input from our community if we wanted it!

I want the city to BUY (on a 50-year bond) more park and with Redmond jamming in apts and the loss of trees in the Spring district, by that commercial space on 156th.

Views of Lake Sammamish and Cascade Mountains

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Neighbors watching out for each other and keeping their yards looking good! Also keeping their houses up.

Roads cleaning

Safe place to walk, green spaces, homeowners/tenants who keep their property clean and attractive, diverse residents (age, race, economic level) good schools, variety of nearby amenities (library, grocery stores, parks, shops, churches)

We have a quiet, peaceful pocket neighborhood as a view neighborhood, we want to keep the character as provided by our CCRs, which only allow one single family residence, and no one can rent out their home while in residence. Please do not force density on us, or cause residents to be forced to defend the CCR's Extra traffic/parking are issues we do not deal with now.

Green space and park trails. Safe walking in our neighborhood

Ardmore park and greenbelt

Our greenbelt and protected environments and safety and beauty

The parks

Flowering trees, parks, and open spaces. Tall evergreens!

Tranquility. Safety. Friendliness.

Low traffic

Lack of mega-mansions build after tearing down 50-year-old homes

Single family homes with yards for children to play in

Old growth trees, nature, and wildlife

Single family landscape maintenance

Established family living, nice landscaping - however some are uncared for rentals. Many walkers - families and dogs and elderly with walkers and wheelchairs.

Fast drivers are an ongoing problem on hills and straight streets

trees, green spaces, clean air, single family homes

trees and one-story houses

Quiet, low traffic, trees

Large lots with mature trees and single-story houses

no high density. Large lots. Lake and mountain views

The parks and the lake

In the city of Bellevue just leave this lovely quiet neighborhood as it is. People will still be able to enjoy it in the future - just as our family has for the last 46 years

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Not have backyard cottages

Trees

Parks and trails

Enjoy the walkability and safety. Feeling safe is extremely important

The trails and parks in the neighborhood

No traffic

There deserves to be places in Bellevue where single-family, quiet, clean, walkable neighborhoods can still exist. The "ant farm" style blocks of apartments are degrading the standard of living in our city and forcing out the small businesses and neighborhoods that create real community on a human-to-human scale

Safe, clean environment

Family friendly, conducive to building relationships with neighbors

My neighborhood is great to walk drive and bike in. Transit is nearby. Already traffic calming in place

The woods behind Ardmore park

Retain what we currently have. No backyard cottages which would destroy our neighborhood

The lake view

Walkable

Peace and quiet, single family houses - kids and dogs can play outside, in the front yard because it is safe (traffic and crime)

We enjoy each other's company. WE help each other when needed. We get to know each other. We have open spaces and individual yards.

This is a quiet neighborhood with good diversity and not many sheds in backyards. We do not want little houses in this neighborhood

The large trees and parks

Nice: walkable, nice neighborhoods, scale of housing, diverse neighbors. What it needs: removal of vehicles, junk, better landscape maintenance standards/requirements for owners/renters. Cleanup etc.

Parks and sidewalks

Lots of sidewalks for walking. Trees!!! Easy access to forest trails

Shared spaces for kids/families to enjoy

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Front yard gardens - access to parks/green space/trails. Easier to walk in neighborhood streets than on skinny sidewalks. Variety of paths along more main roads!

Residential only households. Peace and quiet. Stop senior living entrepreneurs from turning streets into for profit businesses

Slowing down to enjoy the trees and the native plants and walking on the forest trail at the end of my block. WE need more forested trails away from the pollution and noise of cars, and we need to slow down cars with landscapes chicanes and traffic circles

Safe. Great parks.

Trees and quiet neighborhood, proximity to parks, low rise shopping centers, low density housing large lots, personal safety, access to medical facilities

The parks are numerous, and we like to take advantage of being outside in a common area, walking, talking to neighbors

Pretty yards and flowers. Unfortunately, there are many rentals in our neighborhood where nobody cuts the grass. By July the weeds are knee deep

Parks that are wooded

Why can't we have an ADU attached to our current home? Why does it need to be detached?

Terrific neighbors; close to everything; can walk to stores

Green space and quiet neighbors

My home neighborhood of Robinswood is being rapidly destroyed by tear-downs. Developers are destroying Bellevue's character and offshore buyers have driven prices to ridiculous sums while leaving houses empty without penalty

Ivanhoe was affordable while being a short drive to Microsoft. We have a peek-a-boo view of the Cascades

The diverse cultures

The fields behind the old Ivanhoe school are a great place for walking/ballgame but were better when wide open before fencing for competitive sports were installed

More sidewalks needed! When the one-story ramblers are razed the "new owner" should be required to install sidewalks!! The trees need to be preserved!!

Why are we looking at transformer stations?!?! (xst NE 8th St and 164th Ave NE)

Trees & lack of thru traffic

It is a small neighborhood, ethnically diverse and very friendly. We all watch out for each other.

Tam O'Shanter Park and all connecting trails. Close shopping at Crossroads mall

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Big trees and "surprise" forested areas which are accessible from off our sidewalks or paths

Large trees, walkable to crossroads mall, small family homes

Parks!

The park

Keeny Park

I love our parks!

Crossroads mall and park

Friendliness and helpfulness of neighbors

The lake and mountain views

Nice landscaping. Some houses are rentals where yardwork is not being done. Why are they in houses if you won't do yardwork?

Lovely neighborhood parks

Trees, greenspace, quiet

Safe walking and biking along West Lake Sammamish Parkway

Closeness to urban amenities while keeping significant greenspace

The trail that goes next to Bennett Elementary to 24th Street

Powerlines are underground

The trees and greenery available and around

NE parks and walking paths

The quiet well-maintained homes

Views of the lake and mountain

Parks, trails, sports facilities

Ardmore park! The walking trails are a treasure!

We like having trees in the neighborhood and the unique style homes. The views are nice too, so would like to keep homes from being too tall

Trees, it is very wooded

Nearby parks

Please add public transit on 172nd ave NE from 40th to 30th and 30th to Bel-Red (or 164th)

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Proper sidewalks and sense of community

Quietness. Safety. Vegetation

Parks and trails

We have many people that walk our neighborhood. Most yards are beautiful, and we still have a few trees left

Green spaces, close to transit line (Rapid Ride)

Trees & Parks

Ardmore Park

Parks and tennis courts

Local parks and canopy of trees everywhere

Peace & quiet environment

That from Crossroads to Tam O'Shanter to the lake that this area should NOT become an inclusive neighborhood like West Bellevue/Medina

Big Douglas Fir trees, flowering trees, and safe parks. Beautification, east side along 164th needs to be considered too.

The quiet of our neighborhood

A community of people who care about each other and the environment. We already have so many temporary renters and assisted living homes that don't contribute to the community of the neighborhood. Increasing rentals is not helpful. I don't want my suburban to become an urban environment

Wide streets, easily walkable neighborhood

Safe neighborhood with no encampments nearby

Forest Trails

1. Power lines are underground. 2. Ample street parking. 3. Close access to greenbelt and trails (Tam O'Shanter park)

Quiet. Clean Air

View - lack of mammoth houses. Diversity. Friendliness

Green spaces, beautiful views, a sense of community

Safer crosswalks. Better traffic control (too many speeders)

Quiet and greenery

Sunshine and relief from "widow makers" We have 125' fir trees that have been damaging to foundation/driveway. 2006 fir trees landed on roofs one across street, one on fence, on at 45. Very scary!

Safety, police presence

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

The playground, park, and trail. Please do not spray or use pesticides or herbicides. Here families, pets and the environment suffer greatly from these carcinogens

Keep the "city in the park" alive without building too many mega-houses. What I don't like is greedy builders and investors tearing down nice small houses and building ugly block style mega-houses with no yard, parking, raising our property taxes, artificially forcing seniors to sell their long lived homes because they can't afford the taxes!. Please keep Bellevue beautiful = "city in the park" not "a park in the overcrowded city" as it is now becoming. There must be an agenda with this building frenzy going on - World's Fair or Olympics coming to town?!

Walkability

It's quiet!

Ardmore Park

Social engagement, empathy amongst neighbors has not improved was much more compatible decades ago. Some absentee homeowner(s) seem to ignore their own property - badly need upkeep

No additional structures are allowed on our property! We do not need 2 homes per lot. That would be more cars in the neighborhood. If people want 2 homes on their property, they need to buy acreage out of town!

We are in a non-HOA segment and it is nice to have the variety of small and medium (not large!) not shove next to each other housing. Neighbors know each other. Quiet streets

I love the mature Douglas fir trees. I also love our neighborhood parks - Crossroads and Weowna. As well as the lake to lake trail from Phantom Lake to Larson Lake

Large trees, small wildlife, and greenspace like Ardmore Park

Quiet streets

It is very diverse ethnically. Convenient to shopping, transportation

Quiet, peace, space, walkability

Trees. Sidewalks. Crossing lights for crosswalks

Keep green areas, small restaurants and gathering places

The available outdoor space, large backyards, and Douglas Fir trees and lots of parks. If you want to provide affordable housing, stop building "mcmansions" that have little or no yard and that are closely together. With light rail coming to Bellevue we are already seeing thousands of condominium and rental apartments. Allowing backyard cottages will result in additional, increase density, traffic, and parking. My husband and I moved to Bellevue to get away from the density of Seattle.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Parks, walking trails, lowered speed limit and traffic/speed monitoring established routinely (esp. on 164th)

Character and space

Parks, libraries, side walks

Parks! Shared common space is wonderful in Bellevue and essential for future generations. Thank you for helping our homeless find better options than parks

We have a diverse neighborhood and I would like to see everyone celebrated and encouraged to interact with each other

Small Parks

Sidewalks

Walkable. Convenience. Less Traffic.

Safe, clean, respect for the law & others

Trees and reasonable distancing between homes

Nature

Owner-occupied homes. Homes that are nicely maintained

Landscape, parks with play areas

In general, I feel my neighborhood is safe. I would like to continue promoting safety in all neighborhoods!

Concern about backyard cottages short term rentals - they should be regulated to only allow for full time residences. Special about our neighborhood: Great walking neighborhood

Our beautiful and large Ardmore Park and all the trees and foliage around the neighborhood

No cars parked in the street

Views! It is frustrating to me that Bellevue will not enforce neighborhood covenants - which are legally enforceable as part of the building permit process, but rather force homeowners into expensive legal processes. Replacing smaller mid-century homes with monster houses is ruining many Bellevue neighborhoods

Our neighborhood is safe, clean, quiet, and walkable; crime free, drug free and safe for children as well as elderly neighbors

Sidewalks

Lots of greenery, walking trails, less congestion. Driving without too much traffic/people

Enjoy that it is safe to walk and bike on the streets

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Large trees. Quiet streets. Proximity to good schools.

Nature is the most asset we have! The animals and their habitats must be protected!

View of mountains and lake with sufficient trees

1) Nature: birds, squirrels, bunnies, trees. 2) Safety: no homeless, kids can play on streets without supervision.

Other Comments

Your current rules prevented me from doing this: my lot was/is 20% too small. Now it's too late to add. Truly unfortunate. If you relax those rules now...

Prioritize sidewalks

(!) next to regulation of backyard cottages

Sidewalks needed 173d ave rom the Redmond line south to Northrup

with backyard cottages - worry about too many cars in street

So far haven't noticed large trees being removed in great numbers. Only removed if hazardous. People having fewer cars per household, being able to take transit closer to home and more frequent

Better transit routes to get around. Right now, cannot get anywhere in a reasonable amount of time

Regulate parking for DADUs

Reduce the fixed portion of water bills. This is insane for seasonal use

No transit priorities - "None it is good now!"

We must have cars

NO! Backyard cottages!

Remove more (trees) please

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

Other Comments

DADUs - these structures are NOT good for the environment. They take up permeable green space and require more resources and energy than a comparable home addition or studio/condo apartment. They will cause property taxes and insurance to greatly increase. They are likely to become storage sheds for junk, combustibles, and illegal businesses. They should NEVER be built where prohibited by neighborhood covenants, no exceptions/variances. Casting shadows and blocking views are invitations to disharmony and lawsuits.

Trees - Tall trees are dangerous. They drop branches and blow over causing injury and damage. They also block views. More hedges and small to medium height trees are needed along with more pollenating flowers for bees, butterflies, and birds

More sidewalks are very desirable

Too much spending. I want to spend money to fix potholes, not add new stuff

The assumption that we do not need cars is specious and wrong by your own data

Stop being woke - We are Americans

I want low income housing. Make it part of any new commercial building. Amazon low income penthouses! On top of schools, grocery stores, light rail. Please be sure if this passes you make sure there are backyard cottages of EQUAL DENSITY in Somerset, Bridle Trails, and other PRICEY neighborhoods. I don't want all the density mine!

Sidewalks

Fill potholes!

View lots - trees not an issue - have to be kept to a certain height. Very few tall trees.

(Mobility) - all is fine as is. BPD speed control on 8th east of 164th.

Backyard cottages are a bad idea

Trees destroy homes!

Backyard cottages better looking than mega-mansions

Backyard cottages only if native, mature trees are not cut down and strictly enforced by city

ADUs have prohibitive floor plan rules

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – QUESTIONNAIRE

Other Comments

ADU's have prohibitive floor plan rules. Developers are doing WTF they want with no motivating consequences

Many curbs don't have ramps and are steep. Major street crossings are unsafe.

Somewhat support backyard cottages but do not want more people, traffic, or noise.

My neighborhood is becoming wonderfully diverse. Youth to old and many colors and cultures

If you don't like trees don't move to the forest. We have lost so many beautiful 100-year-old trees. I cry every time I hear a chain saw

My neighborhood doesn't have sidewalks

No backyard cottages - period

Question - will people be able to combine attached and detached ADUs?

I think Bellevue is doing a pretty good job. Love walking trails, am happy about the improvements they're doing on West Lake Samm. So chose transit as #1 because pre-pandemic when I would take the bus downtown, they were quite crowded

for DADUs lot sizes need to be large (10,000+ s.f.) to do this. Please study other locales that have done this. We lived prior to Washington where they did this. It became crowded and unsightly. I cheapened the neighborhood to have "add-ons." Bellevue is beautiful. Let's keep it that way. Thanks.

Mobility Question - All of these are equally important. Our feeling is that we love our neighborhood and don't wish to see more building. Instead we would like to improvement on existing infrastructure

As soon as you leave our neighborhood there's a lot of surrounding areas that don't have sidewalks. It would be good to complete the sidewalks

I want better (fiber to the home) internet. Comcast sucks.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would it take for you to fully support these sense of place goals and policies?

Maintain open space and canopy

The high density in this area is disgusting. The roads only can support so much. Stop increasing the problem. Stop allowing developers to continue this density growth and removing mature tree growth and vegetation. Building structures out to the sidewalks takes away the beauty that Bellevue created and were proud of the landscaping.

For the policies to make sense. "celebrate and enhance each neighborhood' unique identity" — what does it even mean?

I'm not interested in events, but I do fully support protecting the area from the high-density usages that are quickly encroaching.

I guess it sorta feels like in the policy descriptions, Northeast Bellevue is supposed to stay a "nice," secluded residential suburbia, which I guess to me feels a little borderline elitist and not super forward-looking

The policy descriptions also make it sound like we aren't going to be getting much non-residential development in NE Bellevue, which seems perhaps like a missed opportunity to me because it would be cool to have some stores and other stuff in our neighborhood as opposed to always having to take a car and go elsewhere

Clarity. Exactly what do you plan to do?

Speed limits should be no more than 15 mph i

Where children are present. The mall is 10 mph!.

20 mph is way too fast.

Putting a lock on development of the kind where houses are razed, trees are razed, and properties flattened to build 3 car garage box homes that sit on the lot fence to fence. Really putting emphasis into helping small homeowners keep and improve their homes and make them charming and livable. In my neighborhood, a developer sued us individual homeowners to sign a letter saying they could build a three-story house with three car garages on a lot with a small rambler. Where was the city when we needed help? One of the city council members said to me (I am quoting best I can), "oh, people can sue anyone these days."

There should be a forest, ravine or beach within walking distance of each home -- I am SO lucky to have a small forest at the end of my street, with an 0.5 mile trail and a creek.

More detail about events that would seek to celebrate and enhance each neighborhood's unique identity. I don't know that I can support this goal without more information about what those events might be? Seems vague.

I would strongly like to see more focus on the rehabilitating of houses and not the replacing current houses with larger ones that are triple the price and tower above the others houses.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would it take for you to fully support these sense of place goals and policies?

A local neighborhood participation in significant changes brought by developers. No development in an area without local review. Repair or upgrade with little change in sq ft-minor involvement. Removal of trees and expansion of sq ft and multiple stories but no change in occupancy-major involvement.

Clarification of goal #3. I also think Bellevue should develop an overall image for the city to reduce the "Bellevue does not have an identifiable image, just a bunch of neighborhoods."

I'd like us to be inclusive of the higher-density housing in surrounding neighborhoods, versus celebrating a "distinction." That sounds a little supremacist to me.

HOA's typically govern a neighborhood's identity. The city should not overstep into HOA (or lack of). However, things like ADU's should not be allowed for identity, traffic, utilities, or services.

I worry that some of the policies are code for "keep our neighborhoods white" and "don't encourage change/diversity in race or economic status". Be part of the planning process.

For it to not cost 200 thousand dollars to paint something in the middle of the road

The speed limit being lower is terrible, I don't see the point in the traffic circle, and I don't understand how it will improve anything. I agree with the goals, but I do not see how these new policies are helping to reach this goal...

I support these goals and policies

More emphasis on NE-3 and less on 1 and 2.

I think it's already good, in that preserving quality of life/belonging in addition to the physical neighborhood and housing is a good idea!

Better understanding

Increase the scale of rehabilitation and enhancement of the surrounding neighborhoods to balance the scale of high-density housing. Improve traffic infrastructure.

Infrastructure (roads, transit, services) must keep pace with increasing population in multifamily housing.

Increase housing stock

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would it take for you to fully support these sense of place goals and policies?

Learning how the policies will be implemented

Making sure that encouraging renovation did not mean prohibiting rebuilding new homes.

Room for more housing density

I believe that policy S-NE-3 needs to be more specific in order to be effective. I would like to see this policy align with the Comprehensive plan indicating 156th Ave NE is a defining line between high density and residential zones

Reword Policy S-NE-1: what does "encouraging rehabilitation and maintenance of existing housing stock" mean? Is there a consideration for low income housing in the area, or is inclusivity not encouraged?

Know more about them

I am concerned that the S-NE-3 policy may inadvertently encourage building large "mcmansion" style houses that fill out the lot sizes and do not fit the neighborhood feel. While lot sizes are generous, allowing for multiple, more moderate sized single-family homes would help preserve the existing neighborhood feel while helping to allow for increased housing. Another important identity of the NE Bellevue neighborhoods is tree cover and maintaining this should not be overlooked.

Have them explained in plain language, not the wordy language they are presented in.

Restrict these lots to one residence per lot. Maintain curbing and sidewalks in safe condition and free of encroachments by periodic inspections and remedial actions enforcement.

"Neighborhood Identity" is not being preserved by existing single-family zoning. The houses in NE Bellevue are so expensive that most existing residents could not buy their own homes today--this means renters are being priced out and every home sale results in gentrification. Also, a significant number of homes are being torn down and redeveloped due to the high land values.

We need a better mix of housing types such as small-scale duplexes, triplexes, and small lot single-family homes that both fit architecturally with existing single-family homes and are financially accessible to the existing residents of the neighborhood.

Please manage traffic - no more new housing until infrastructure is added

More focus on nature, wildlife, trees, plant life

Evidence of how practical they are. How affordable/sustainable, for example. How to encourage maintenance of housing when that housing is owned by individuals with diverse backgrounds and abilities.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would it take for you to fully support these sense of place goals and policies?

In some neighborhoods, redevelopment of dilapidated housing with higher density housing options and with some mixed use would be an improvement even though it may be inconsistent with the current housing.

Safety and zoning that helps ensure a clean and safe and welcoming neighborhood

Maintain single family homes with improvements in biking and walking to local shopping centers like Crossroads Mall and Overlake.

Prioritize NE-1 and NE-3, NE-3 less important.

I need to learn more about the details of these policies and goal.

Sounds too NIMBY, I'm not against development

I need more details on POLICY S-NE-1 and POLICY S-NE-3

I already fully support the goals.

Ensure there are incentives and/or enforcement to give the policies teeth. (mastodon vs saber tooth)

For the goals for Policy S-NE-3, I am unsure as to the functional impact of "clear distinction between the neighborhood scale of Northeast Bellevue and the scale of higher intensity uses in surrounding neighborhoods." This makes me think "very clear boundaries around zoning for commercial vs. multifamily residential vs. single family residential," and I am personally in favor of less restrictions/potential expansion of mixed-use commercial and multifamily development.

Vague

* The policy proposals, as described in this survey, are pretty vague so would need to learn the impact of them

* I know a lot of people don't like "McMansions" being built, but many of the houses in Bellevue aren't very nice and need a lot of repairs and upgrades - despite their \$1M price tag

The statements are broadly worded and vary open for manipulation and interpretation

I already support these ideas of maintaining and supporting the character of the neighborhoods of NE Bellevue and steering away from high-density housing structures. We are one of the 'homes' parts of Bellevue - not business.

I would need to know details about each policy. Other than policy 1, they seem incredibly vague.

Clear plans to improve roads sidewalks biking and walking trails. More options for public transit to neighborhoods

Change the goals and policies to support redevelopment/modernization of single-family homes

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these sense of community goals and policies?

These goals just increase the density that we can no longer allow in this area.

I'm not interested in becoming involved in events and meeting people, but if this is a need for some support connecting residents to history NE4 and supporting current gathering places. NE 6 I have no idea what is meant by "Build community resilience and cohesion by fostering supportive programs."

Once again. Specifics. Exactly what do you plan to do? These are all just platitudes, not actions

I don't think that gets at it all. There are no "neighbors" when you allow foreign investors to buy homes and let the homes sit empty just to wait to flip the property. I would like to see a larger percentage of owners living in their homes in each neighborhood. There are no true neighbors when all of the homes in an area are rental properties with money that goes somewhere else. To have neighbors, people need to be secure in the fact that are not just temporary visitors to their homes and they need enough down time that they're not just rushing home to go to sleep or rushing away to a second job and do not have time to interact over the fence, on a walk, etc. Slowing down traffic with chicanes and traffic circles allows more walking and more livability. The city's transportation department has really not lived up to what they are saying in this area.

Actual implementation and publicity of these opportunities

Enhanced public transportation.

I agree that faith-based organizations and neighborhoods are the primary sense of community. The city could encourage summer street potlucks, for example. Investment in community space should be targeted to seniors, pools, teen centers, etc.

Be able to attend planning meetings that might be held very locally. At one of the community centers close by. Meetings downtown tend to be impersonal, very formal, and disengaged from what is happening in NE Bellevue.

Idk

I just don't really think these are the solutions for this issue. It won't change anything, not the right answer.

I'm not sure what existing gathering place exists.

More emphasis on NE-4 and less on others

Clarifying that the placement of new gathering places should be strategic according to where they might be most effective, Other than that, supporting community events is a great idea. I've met a lot of cool people through them and seen my friends attend as well :)

more policy details please.

Time

Support the small businesses that make our communities special.

Focus more on diversity and belonging

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these sense of community goals and policies?

These goals as so vague, it's hard to know how to comment.

I think S-NE-8 needs to be defined more clearly since the current wording is very high level. Seems to be redundant and one can argue it is just a summary of what all other policies are trying to state. Seems like it could be easily deleted, and nothing would change.

I think that building community by creating connections is an admirable goal. I am concerned that these policies are not specific enough, and do not have any end goal or measurable outcome in mind.

Make these goals easier to understand. They are wordy, indirect, and vague. They use a lot of words to say nothing.

I think the current amenities are sufficient

Focus on gathering places, bars restaurants etc.

Demonstrate that the value of the "sites". Change can be necessary if the preserved sites have minimal value.

No more roads, just repair and maintain existing roads and make safety improvements. Expand community meeting/recreation options and promote walking and biking access over car access.

Some seem too general

Once again, the specs of the plan will help me to understand it.

Goals sound like corporate speak and I have no idea what they concretely mean except the last

I need more information on POLICY S-NE-5

I already fully support these efforts.

Fully supportive

I would want to see more specific proposals for each of these plans before I could evaluate if I fully support all these goals.

What does S-NE-8 even mean?

Define specifics of event and locations — my initial understanding of non-specified locations includes many privately managed venues

I am on the fence about S-NE-5. Creating a new gathering place in our neighborhoods seems to me that it would lead to wanting to move more people into the area with high density living.

Yes, we are diverse. How about helping to make CERT members active in implementing 'Map Your Neighborhood' or the new upcoming program '2 Weeks Ready' to help neighbors get to know neighbors and preserve the family orientation of our neighborhoods.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these sense of community goals and policies?

Same as before. More detail about each policy.

Not sure everyone will benefit from gathering places. Would like more modern retail and housing.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these housing affordability goals and policies?

Don't allow any additional cottage building on the properties. It will cause additional traffic to serve new residents and road infrastructure does not support it.

It will also negatively affect neighborhood character and make look like zero size lots in overpopulated areas like Sammamish

Street parking must be adequate. Yards, gardens, and maintaining walking space are important.

Currently, the city is allowing people to remove their homes, tearing them down and allowing the removal of mature tree growth then building right up to the maximum area of the property leaving nothing that allows for esthetics, just a building and a few saplings to meet code.

Newly build homes should conform to the neighborhood structures. Not monstrosities that are eye sores.

Single family homes should stay single family homes.

Monster houses build into a neighborhood that are single story homes are unpleasant.

To purchase a property today may change tomorrow when another owner decides to tear down the house and build something out of place.

I do not support Policy S-NE-10, which is a confusing lumping of very different options - "a mix of new housing typologies such as detached accessory dwelling units, duplexes and triplexes"? The Great Neighborhood discussions that I have participated in have been favorable to ADUs, but I don't remember hearing about introducing duplexes and triplexes in single-family neighborhoods. This policy is poorly worded. This mix of housing typologies is too broad. Recommend more in-depth review by the NE Bellevue community.

We certainly need something more than endless cookie-cutter single-home buildings. How about also changing zoning so that we have useful businesses close by, and how about requiring wider sidewalks (and narrower roads) so that people actually can walk to get their morning coffee or groceries, you know, like people normally do in the cities.

I don't support adding higher density dwellings of any kind, with the exception of inter-generational families being able to share the same home. We need to have policies that allow older residents to stay in their home without being taxed out or unable to access services

I guess I just feel a little icky about that policy s-ne-11 description - it sounds like the existing well-off residents are saying "we don't want lower-income people to live near us, they can have their own mini-neighborhoods," which kinda segregates the neighborhood by socioeconomic level. I don't know if there's a good way around this problem, but just wanted to explain why I feel like I don't fully support the goals and policies

I like the idea of backyard cottages and limits to property tax increases

I like the current variety of housing, but I do not support higher density housing where is currently is not located.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these housing affordability goals and policies?

Again, stop allowing the over development of properties. It takes all of the money away from the people and puts it in the hands of the developer, and then raises our property values to the point where property taxes are more than what people can earn in two months. Stop de-valuing older homes. All of this is good talk but what we really see in our neighborhood is that the city continues to allow demo-ing of house after house. It takes away our history and charm and leaves us with anonymous mega boxes. Give us more land and smaller house footprints so we can be outdoors more. Insist that houses are smaller, garages smaller. Require the use of pervious surfaces. Require trees.

Detail about plans for multi-unit housing including locations, ratio of multi to single family housing.

I want to keep existing single-family style. I'm against introducing any new housing typologies.

Adding duplexes instead of the large expensive houses that are being built would go a long way to preserving the community and affordability.

Determine who this affordability of housing is to be target. If we are going for upwardly mobile people, then we are there. If we are going for those that provide services that make us function and improve our quality of life, we have a way to go. Bigger houses make for bigger developer profits but do not fit diverse economic families. So, we are looking for a lot of inbound traffic from other areas at the present time.

Emphasis on maintaining old & cracked sidewalks so elderly and special needs people can move about safely.

As housing stock turns over due to age or fire, duplex and/or 2 story structures is an option within existing lots. ADU's that are not street facing is not compatible with existing neighborhoods. Additionally, Airbnb or VRBO should not be allowed to preserve a sense of community (>30-day rentals/leases only).

I am against anything with ADU solutions.

I am not a fan of accessory dwelling units because of maintenance concerns and cosmetic appearance. I prefer that duplexes and triplexes are built where possible for affordability. Please be sure infrastructure is available for it wherever it goes in.

want to make sure that the new types do not negatively impact trees/ critical slopes

Not sure.

As Bellevue keeps expanding it's going to be especially useful to be creative in expanding housing and make sure residents are comfortable and safe with infrastructure, so I already fully support these policies

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these housing affordability goals and policies?

ADUs seem problematic unless a cohesive plan is developed and presented

NE Bellevue is a unique neighborhood because of its existing characteristics. Being mostly owner-occupied single-family houses is one of the top reasons. The price point is not a constraint because of single family houses, it is an inescapable fact due to the economic growth of the entire Puget sound area. There are other alternative ways of encouraging for greater diversity of households than destroying NE Bellevue's character and jamming more population in here. Introducing new housing typologies turns NE Bellevue into another Crossroads. There is no policy that can ensure new housing typologies will not negatively impact neighbors and communities. Re: infrastructure, why don't we start with ensuring the current infrastructure supports existing housing and residents before introducing new housing typologies.

Agree on programs to support existing residents.

Policies S-NE-10-12 seem to contradict the 'Sense of Place' Policies proposed.

With exception of Age-in-place goal, all seem aimed at increasing density. City of Redmond right across the street has many *thousands! * of residential units being built/starting to lease just north of NE Bellevue city limits. (Seritage Sears, PicoApts, esterra park, hyde park +more) A wide range of new options for people moving to the area and friendly for a range of budgets!! :) No additional density or affordable housing needs to be added to the NE Bellevue area, especially to existing developed neighborhoods. Bellevue should take a wait and see approach to access the demand (and infrastructure impact) before adding to the housing supply currently being built.

In regards to ADUs and other housing typologies - in our neighborhood (Sherwood forest) I know of several houses that are leased 'by bedroom' or the house (~1600sqft) is split into 3 secured "units" You can imagine the issues (parking etc.) definitely does not work towards preserving a sense of place. I suspect these owners' goal is not community or enabling affordable housing - it is to get the most rent per sq ft possible. If developers were able, the trend would definitely tend towards duplex/triplex etc. We currently see houses in our neighborhood purchased then bulldozed, clear-cut, just to be replaced by 4000sqft+ homes towering over the originals ignoring established neighborhood covenants.

Are these new affordability options, ADUs Duplex/Triplex being proposed across the whole city?

Talk in person

I do not support POLICY S-NE-11. I don't want more duplexes and triplexes. Put them in West Bellevue. We have enough high-density housing and rentals. Adding more low-income housing lowers the desirability and home prices of our neighborhoods.

Need more details on what is meant in s NE 11. I don't what the scale of what is meant by "separation."

More information on how and where new housing options will be focused

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these housing affordability goals and policies?

The neighborhood does not need duplexes or triplexes. It will ruin the family feeling of the neighborhood that you stated was so important. I do not support those changes.

S-NE-10 should state that multifamily high density (like apartments or condos) should not be considered. Add "while maintaining the low-density character of the neighborhood"

S-NE-11 should also add protection to the environment impact as well. Add "and environment and character"

Traffic and parking are my concerns

NE Bellevue should not have density increased. It is surrounded by high density land used as and traffic getting out of NE Bellevue to services is terrible already.

Make these goals easier to understand. They are wordy, indirect, and vague. They use a lot of words to say nothing.

These goals fly in the face of the reasons I moved here 46 years ago which include minimal traffic with its related street noise and environmental degradation, approx. 9600 sq ft lots per household with 10 ft side yard setbacks.

Maintain single family in Sherwood Forest

I fully support the introduction of more affordable housing types such as ADUs, duplexes, and triplexes. Allowing smaller lot sizes for single-family homes (i.e. 5000sf) would also help.

S-NE-11: It is not clear what "adequate separation" means; it does not make sense for duplexes and triplexes to be subject to any additional setback, siting, or location requirements which don't apply to a single-family home of the same size, as the "potential impacts" of the two are essentially the same.

We have failed at ne-12 over the past decade. No more housing until roads are provided.

Leave zoning and policies as is. That's why we live here

No increased density or subsidized apartments. We escaped the mess of Seattle created by those insane policies.

Strict protection of trees and nature in any expansion projects

NIMBYism could be an issue. How do we overcome that?

Policy 11 - how much separation? It's not so much about separation but about site planning to ensure that such housing does not alter the existing home's privacy and lighting. For those developments next to existing housing, design should be part of the approval process and should be applied on a case by case basis through the building permit.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these housing affordability goals and policies?

We need to allow for more density. Supporting ADU's would be a great way to allow that without changing the character of the neighborhoods too much. I think what people really object to is leveling single homes and putting up big apartment/condo buildings. Also taking older single-family properties, combining them, and putting up several more McMansions on the land is not working towards "affordable housing".

I would only allow accessory dwellings if that were also allowed in west Bellevue, i.e., west of Bellevue Square. We have numerous 5-7 story large apartment complexes in this area that already accommodates higher density housing.

Detached units fine, but only for owner-occupied homes. No triplexes in single-family zoned areas!

I would be interested in the details of how to implement S-NE-10. I support it, but the details will be telling on how to make the change and keep as close to the current feel of the neighborhood.

Starts off good with allowing duplexes and triplexes and then the NIMBY comes out again also I don't see how keeping older adults in their home is related to any of this

I fail to understand how POLICY S-NE-10 affects POLICY S-NE-1. Also how does POLICY S-NE-12 change the fact that

- that most of the neighborhood has no fiber to home for internet and hence no choice in high speed internet providers
- water pressure in areas at higher elevation that the lake is very poor
- existing park infrastructure like Keeney Park are not well maintained.

I already fully support these efforts.

support 13, not the others

I've provided feedback directly. Increased density will conflict with tree canopy objectives. Transit oriented development within Wilburton & BedRed corridors in coordination with regional partnerships will be sufficient for housing projections in the comprehensive plan. Extending ADU or DADUs outside of these corridors will directly impact remaining tree canopy.

I don't want density like Seattle, so I do not support duplexes or accessory dwellings. Some homes in our neighborhood have multiple adults renting rooms and there are too many cars.

S-NE-11 means making changes without those changes making a difference to those who already live here. Any significant change will make a difference. We need to bite the bullet and open doors to diverse socio-economic groups, even though that will make those who are comfortable with the status quo uncomfortable.

So long as it's not super-dense multifamily housing like what's on BelRed, seems fine.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these housing affordability goals and policies?

These objectives seem to contradict previous program policies/objectives of maintaining the culture of existing single-family homes.

Currently, it is challenging to create a family neighborhood with numerous family nursing homes and houses with room rentals.

'New Housing Typologies' - isn't that just a code word for apartment complexes? Why can't neighborhoods be for single family homes? It would be great if more investment could be made in Section 8 housing (which is dismally low) in the area to help with diversification. We have easy access to Crossroads and Overlake for parks and shopping. Traffic is already heavy. New infrastructures needed for 'New Housing Typologies' would only make things more congested and have more people living on top of each other.

If want to be sure traffic congestion was not increased, that adequate free parking was maintained, that nose levels from increased densities were not ignored and that commercial infrastructure was scammed up to support increases in population.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support all of these mobility and access goals and policies?

14,15,16,17 are great goals.

The remaining goals will cause great difficulties. Bicyclists, the majority of these riders do not follow the rules of the road. Vehicles meaning cars, trucks have taken a written and actual driving test showing their skill to drive on the roads. Bicyclists just ride anyway they chose. Sometimes on the right side of traffic, sometimes on the left side of traffic& sometimes on the sidewalks and sometimes in a bike lane. They change order wherever it is best for them. Many do not stop at stoplights or stop signs. These actions leave the cars and truck drivers in a state of anxiety, because it a bicyclists gets hit, more than likely they will have to live with what happens and probably they will be charged. Bicyclists ride through crosswalks when you are expecting pedestrians. The quickness to bicycle riders is usually unexpected.

I would love to see at least some of these implemented. And by "implemented" I don't mean paint some sharrows and celebrate it like a new highway was just opened. Also, it wouldn't hurt to spend more money on pedestrian and bike infrastructure and less on car infrastructure (including huge parking lots)

Zero deaths is an unattainable goal but a nice thought. As a walker I support improvement of access via trails and pedestrian ways, as a person who plans to age here, I support last mile access to public transportation. I am skeptical of traffic calming as it often just makes it difficult to drive into your own neighborhood.

Some of these ideas are not feasible as NE Bellevue is mostly built out (NE 28). NE 24 and Northup need to be made bike, pedestrian, and disability friendly.

Privatize transit, Government spending totally out of control. Show us where and who the money is going. Repairs to the same stretch of road multiple times!
Why not fixed the first time?

I do support these but don't believe the city will implement them when all is said and done. We have tried for traffic calming in my neighborhood for 20 years and what we are told is that "emergency vehicles need to get through", so they couldn't support putting in traffic circles or speed humps.

Increase the number of access points/methods from isolated places. Have events that emphasize the availability. Have city employees and elected officials use these means of transportation regularly. Create places that invite our regular workers to live and work in these areas. Display statistics of usage.

Once again, sidewalk repair. The sidewalks on our street (179th NE) are dangerous for the senior citizens.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support all of these mobility and access goals and policies?

W Lake Sammamish needs to be completed for shoulder/bike lane continuity. It is the most dangerous section I have witnessed in Bellevue. For commuting, park and ride facilities are the biggest opportunity to encourage transit. Most people will not walk or ride a bike when it's dark and raining.

Why would we lower the speed limit? How many kids have died in the past year from getting but by a car or anyone.
Speed limit is low enough already!

I really think garbage cans on sidewalks is a problem even for people walking in Tam O'Shanter. I can't imagine how it is for someone requiring the sidewalk for mobility.

Discouraging cut-through traffic would help tons, especially since there are a lot of schools and other gathering places near where I live. Clusters of essential services would be useful, as long as they are also near the more populated residential areas

Cut throughs seem unavoidable and altering neighborhoods seems like an overreaction. Fixing the main arterials and figuring out how to ensure traffic flows smoothly seems better than trying to put up barriers.

Great goals

We need more transit connections on streets like 30th, near Ardmore Park. It can be a 20 min walk to the B line on 156th and Bel Red and that's just too far for most people to walk to a bus stop.

Do not want cutting through of our super block.....140th to 132nd from 24th to 70th. Back in the 80s Bellevue wanted to make a street through my property connecting to Cantershire on 132nd. I already live on an arterial (140th) and don't want another street bordering my property.

There should be a policy encouraging collaboration and understanding of impacts from Redmond's high traffic areas that are adjacent to NE Bellevue. That would be a policy that it is unique or meaningful to NE Bellevue

Need to know more about the implementation

There should be a policy around working with Redmond to coordinate things like traffic lights at the boundaries of NE Bellevue and Redmond.

Make these goals easier to understand. They are wordy, indirect, and vague. They use a lot of words to say nothing.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support all of these mobility and access goals and policies?

Families in suburbs need autos. No more housing until more traffic lanes r provided.

Do not reduce any of the car capacity. Bike lanes are fine if in addition. But most people choose to live for the current lifestyle. Would rather not grow than become the mess that Seattle is with bike lines supposedly the answer

POLICY S-NE-16 sounds sketch. Speed bumps are terrible.

It's a lot of goals. Fully support some to see how they work and then work on others if success is achieved.

Policy 15 -- Connectivity can be achieved by connecting bike and pedestrian access between neighborhoods, rather than simply through vehicle connectivity.

Improving our bicycling infrastructure should be a priority. the popularity of E-bikes make it better in our city to overcome the hills, which are one barrier. The fast and heavy traffic also make cycling intimidating. Improving dedicated pedestrian and bicycling access would be helpful.

Need big and wide sidewalks that are safe.

Sidewalks that are narrow n built directly next to busy street are scary for many.

Please stop planting trees in sidewalks.

Prioritize wide safe sidewalks and bus stops with covering. Add cross walks on 39th Street so kids can cross to get the school bus.

FYI, hills are not a problem with electric bikes. I have one and I am 75 years old.

Vehicle calming measures increase carbon output and should no longer be used to control traffic flow.

I fear we will continue acting like anyone except men will ever be comfortable using NON-PROTECTED bike lanes. No one else uses these, and for a reason. I do not support unprotected bike lanes

I am not sure how POLICY S-NE-16 will help with efficiently moving traffic and increasing public transit.

I already fully support these efforts.

enforce traffic laws for bicyclists

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support all of these mobility and access goals and policies?

Implementation is in the details. We discussed today as an example that there should be pedestrian activated cross walk lighting along all four arterials. Currently there is only the school crossings on NE 24th near Interlake HS and Sherwood Forest elementary. There are obvious opportunities for enhanced crosswalks on NE 8th Street and 172nd Ave NE and along Northup Way

There's a lot of proposals here, hard to gauge them all

Too many priorities within this category to break down concerns.

There are perceived and/or real concerns with the transportation departments desire to make accommodations for developers over residents when addressing transportation changes that contradict city code— eliminating dual sidewalks when existing right of ways do not offer enough frontage to accommodate code.

Concerns of metro service route reductions through neighborhoods that have occurred over time an aging population cannot walk two miles to access a bus

Oh my gosh - that's a lot there to say I fully support all. Yes, I want measures to continue to alleviate heavy traffic, stop drivers from cutting through neighborhoods instead of remaining on principal arterials, make streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

This seems like micromanagement of traffic to me. It seems like a recipe to increase commute times for cars. It seems like a fundamental change to the character of what Bellevue has been, for no good articulated reason.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these environment goals and policies?

Presently the city is allowing 15 - 20 trees to be removed from an area that results could be achieved successfully in another direction, which would allow these mature trees to stand. Offers were made years ago to purchase the strip of land to preserve the tree growth and canopy. But oh know. Now a developer comes in and the city allows them to take down all the trees and vegetation so they can build houses at the end about 300 yards. This could have successfully been completed leaving 300 yards on good tree canopy. They area will never be the same. Yes, the builders are required to replace with sapling type but will not be serene as a canopy in the next 50 -100 years.

We keep giving suggestions, requests, and comments about saving trees, but nothing happens. The developers get their money, the city their cut, and the actual residents end up with a city diminishing in trees and the canopies are gone, which allows more watering needed for what new growth is left by the developers example corner of NE 24th and Bell/Red. Because of the development in that area about 12 very mature trees were removed to add concrete for a right turn lane. Yes, I know this is Redmond's doing, but this area is affected by both the cities of Bellevue and Redmond. One right land lane will not justify the high density and vehicular traffic you are allowing into this area. Pushing for public transportation is. The majority of Bellevuites do not want public transportation. And now with COVID definitely not. No, I would not take public transit nor would I live-in high-density housing.

Policy S-NE-29. This policy needs to be strengthened with land use codes that have "teeth," i.e., are designed with tangible incentives and/or effective fines, to ensure that existing trees are preserved on a property that is being re-developed. Frequently when older, smaller houses are torn down, they are replaced with larger homes that span nearly the full extent of the property, leaving no room for trees. What incentives and disincentives can be designed to prevent this from happening?

Fantastic initiatives. But you will have to work really hard after cutting all those trees along NE 8th St. How can City of Bellevue be trusted after that?

I like trees, I like trails, but I am skeptical of talk of tree canopy goals. In Redmond they allowed developers to denude acres of trees and put up sidewalk to sidewalk structures with no green space. Then they turn around and punish landowners who need to remove trees that are diseased or too large for the space. Trying to hit a tree canopy # makes me nervous.

The city needs to put some emphasis on replacing large conifers with deciduous trees. People will continue to cut down the evergreen trees. They are not appropriate in an urban setting.

Considering these goals, I still do not understand why the city allowed PSE to remove so many beautiful old growth trees in our neighborhood!!! Such a tragedy.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these environment goals and policies?

Again, I have trouble believing the city will implement this. My neighborhood (Sherwood Forest) has been complaining about the loss of tree canopy and the loss of parks for all the years I've owned my house. I see our nearby streets being widened for more traffic, more concrete being laid down, I don't see any pervious concrete being used, I don't see any real compromises being made for reducing urban heat islands, improving stormwater runoff, etc. I don't see any new easements being turned into forested trails, etc.

We have to balance the need of supporting City's tree canopy and the impact of trees on adjacent properties. E.g., roofs, gutters, and sidewalls of houses can be damaged by leaves and moss.

stop the new housing being built that cuts down the tall trees would be the best first start.

Prevent any mature tree removal until there is proof that it is needed. Mature trees take decades to grow and provide significant benefits but as it stands these can be done with little or no concern. Having multi-million-dollar homes built with huge footprints on the property makes developers huge profits but cause trees to disappear in hours. This is not expanding density, is removing permeable ground, decreasing our natural oxygen regeneration, reducing our effective canopy, and not connecting people.

NE30: Waste of money; only a small segment of the population would attend.

NE34: Very low priority, add'l community gathering places are noted elsewhere; no need to do something additional with school district.

Tree preservation needs to be balanced with safety or damage to life and structures. There is not mention of this in the description above.

Not be so long in construction

Emphasize NE-31-32 and downsize the rest.

In addition to acquisition of new open spaces/parks/trails, improvement on current natural areas (such as planting different kinds of native plants or minimizing human disruption in the environment) could also be prioritized

Existing owners of trees have little incentive to keep an maintain them solely for the benefits of the community. It would make sense if the city offered some carrots, so people are more inclined to keep trees rather than simply removing them before new policies are enacted.

POLICY S-NE-29 - 30 Important for public city land and new developments not just current residential.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these environment goals and policies?

A large number of BIG trees are planted with a poor root system. A strong wind will damage the tree and ground. New trees planted by a pro!
Understanding the importance of tree canopy...

S-NE-29 Why is this policy only targeting city wide? Since there is a lot of local support, and city wide efforts take lustrums or even decades, why not write this policy as: "Support citywide as well as area ordinances to introduce or amend requirements for tree preservation that support the City's tree canopy goal."

Bellevue should try to acquire the open land at Bellevue Tech Center rather than aggressively try to manage the landowner's ability to not use the land.

Make these goals easier to understand. They are wordy, indirect, and vague. They use a lot of words to say nothing.

Do not support any regulations that prevent homeowners from removing unwanted fir trees from their property. These trees are a constant burden & expense to homeowners that enjoy using their yards and being outdoors.

Why did you let PSE cut down so much of our suburban forest. Unbelievable!

There are way too many high-density areas under construction and planned already. We don't need more
Keep illegal campers from our public areas!

POLICY S-NE-34 doesn't sound like it has anything to do with the rest of these.

Some people like and enjoy parks, but not all. With enhancements, will enough people enjoy them to make this a wise priority?

Greenhouse gas emission reduction should be the priority in all decisions made regarding our neighborhood.

Promote PNW natural vegetation replacing grass in the landscaping of our neighborhood.
Some are very desirable; others seem like pie-in-the-sky ideas.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these environment goals and policies?

Don't "educate" people about trees, you're only going to reach people that already have them. Offer free trees to people, better yet offer to plant them and give them a tree watering bag, too. Trees increase property value, that's how you get to people that otherwise just don't care.

I need more information of the scope of POLICY S-NE-29. Also why is exploring green roofs on government buildings not being considered. I already fully support these efforts.

This where policy enforcement will need to be enhanced by the implementation of these new policies. Tree canopy is decreasing. Current lack of ways to monitor tree removal will continue this trend until metrics are introduced to measure requirements. Bellevue has passed the inflection point where growth is outward. Geographical constraints now require that existing open space and areas that are designated natural growth areas are preserved via effective enforcement as Bellevue grows "up" rather than out.

It seems there is a divide between how similar existing priorities are applied to developers, large companies, the city, and individual property owners are applied and enforced

The beauty of Washington, Bellevue and Northeast Bellevue is the trees. Trees filter our air in an environment with increasing pollution. Access to green areas, treed areas, trail areas and parks should be tantamount to city planning - not just NE Bellevue. Businesses should never be allowed to take down large swathes of trees and green space.

This one seems very vague to me. What sort of events would miss peoples of different demographics together? Would these places be overtaken by loud abrasive people who don't care who they negatively impact? Would there be ways to enjoy a park away from people who are lots and obnoxious?

What is the tree canopy plan? Trees in 148th we're recently removed against the objections of a lot of us. If that part of the tree canopy plan?

Some trees seem overgrown and dangerous and cut off light and views.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

Are there other goals and policies you think should be considered?

We need policies to address homeliness. I'm starting to see more homeless in downtown Bellevue especially in places like front of ChickFaLay, Target and other construction sites. My family and I have been living for a while now and we're starting to worry about my kid's safety while walking to school.

Revamp the policies for subdividing properties and building out to the maximum allowed.

Adult home, I know they are allowed I guess anywhere, with no consideration of the impact on the neighborhoods. We have close to 8 residential such homes in a three-mile radius. More governing needs to be done at the state and city level. Many such homes are owned by the same owners. They register one on the husband's name and one in the wife's name. The couple may not even live in the homes. This does not appear to be what or how they were originated, as an adult family home. Added traffic, not enough parking. A big impact to single family living. No. I would be happy if something would actually be done.

Shuttles to light rail. Parking will be scarce

Property Tax relief for older residents.

The city is really, really, really noisy. There is no place you can go in Bellevue and not hear I-90, I-405, or 520. That causes immense stress as does having lots of people packed into tight places. I don't support the concept of density because it is unhealthy. I prefer the pace of a smaller town and think Bellevue has become too big. Our economy cannot continue to grow to infinity as there are finite resources in the world. We need to learn more about a recycled economy and building from happiness and putting a value on that happiness. So many of our practices just put money into the hands of developers and don't allow people to build worth -- all those 400 unit apartment buildings, for example, allow developers to decide what our neighborhoods look like (plus they make the neighborhood anonymous), the developers take all the profit and then the people who move in are having to live in noisy and crowded surroundings without building any kind of home equity. I just don't think the city has been willing to look hard at the negative role business has had in our problems. I could cite PSE as an example -- letting them take down all our trees and put up mega power lines when what I think we should be doing is putting batteries and cables into the ground.

Allowing people to clear cut their property is a problem especially when they are not aware of the consequences to the neighborhood or plan to move someplace else. We need to listen less to those saying they have a 2-billion-dollar fund for an international organization that is multinational and asking for us to do all that they want with no restrictions. And listen for what they are actually willing to do for us and how that will benefit us. Other communities have suffered from having been promised the sky and being given the responsibility of picking up the pieces. Let us learn from those other cities as well.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

Are there other goals and policies you think should be considered?

Please proactively address air space as well. Use of drones is increasing and will only get more invasive. Can we also close Lake Sammamish to non-grandfathered aircraft? Noise and safety are a concern.

I am always a fan of more sidewalks because I walk a lot!

Not sure yet

Cluster multi-family in areas other than Crossroads which is now heavily impacted. Cluster in proximity to light rail stations and transit centers.

Remove height restrictions on single family homes (in case hoa enforces it) while allowing separate dwelling to be built with in property limits.

Working more closely with City of Redmond on smart development along light rail redevelopment areas. Existing infrastructure feels like it's getting a double hit of development from the two cities.

You are doing a good job. Thanks

Improve the aesthetics of our neighborhood by creating a task force to remove the ongoing graffiti tagging that is ruining the look of our neighborhoods.

Would love to have more restaurants that are walkable. Crossroads is just a bit too far. We do it but only when we have time and it's summer.

Address the problems of homelessness in a way that treats homeless people with dignity and allows them access to critical services.

Consider reducing taxes for the elderly landowners as a way to allow them to continue living in this expensive area instead of creating multifamily housing.

NE Bellevue is unique in the sense that is surrounded by very different areas: Redmond super high density to the north and west. Crossroads multifamily to the south and the lake to the east. The impact from Redmond's policies and code are particularly impactful to NE Bellevue and I think there is a gap and an opportunity to reflect that in the NE policies. Collaboration with City of Redmond should be a priority that is particularly meaningful for us.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

Are there other goals and policies you think should be considered?

1. Coordination with Redmond on transportation networks, including bike lanes/trails, bus lanes, etc. 2. More development on 148th corridor, in coordination with Redmond 2050, potentially considering redeveloping the golf course, and separating the 148th from the Bridle Trails neighborhood plan so it can have different transit-oriented goals 3. Redeveloping the 140th corridor in Bel-Red, as it's adjacent to the 130th and Overlake light rail stop developments, and could even support an infill light rail stop

We need more spaces for art and cultural events

Do not waste money changing the City of Bellevue logo.

Maintain current dwelling density restrictions and existing individual lot sizes in our neighborhoods.

New and remodeled homes should maintain the height of surrounding homes in neighborhood, i.e. no two-story houses in a 50's/60's neighborhoods.

It would be nice to have small, community-oriented businesses (such as a small coffee shop, or a small convenience store similar to "The Little Store" on West Lake Sammamish) in certain areas such as along NE 24th, 164th Ave NE, or Northup. This would give residents a walkable option to access services.

Support our Police Department!

Infrastructure sustainability. Infrastructure ages and becomes more expensive to repair or maintain as time goes on. Is NE Bellevue infrastructure sustainably affordable? I'm referring to sewage, water, gas lines, roads, etc.

Also, some of believe that emergency preparedness should be a key goal. Someday (many years from now, we hope), that goal will be #1. Now is the time to start making it happen. But it's a tough sell.

Add central squares in neighborhoods for a gathering and meeting place like they do in Europe and Latin America

Electric bikes will start to replace cars if adequate safe bike paths are provided throughout Bellevue. Note: Redmond has built many excellent bike lanes in their CBD. Bellevue should do the same that connect to each neighborhood.

Require large apartment complex builders to contribute to traffic alleviation as a requirement for building permits.

Not at the moment.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

Are there other goals and policies you think should be considered?

Protected bike lanes only

I am not supportive of having tiny homes in the backyards. This can very easily be misused for commercial purposes. Also, if building these leads to cutting down trees then it contradicts with the policy of preserving existing trees.

I'm working with the Tree Ambassador program this year to raise awareness for the preservation of our "growing" urban tree and wild lands spaces. Our community needs to recognize the economic value of the benefit that adjacent wildlands, open green space, parks, and our lakes provide. Without effective measurement we can't ensure compliance to policy objectives.

The NE Bellevue neighborhood is heavily impacted by decisions made in neighboring municipality.... the two cities need a stronger more effective form of communication and aligned policies. --- bring back the bel-red joint relationship

Bellevue had been a quiet place. Is like that to be kept as a main priority.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

Do you have any other feedback you'd like to share?

Thoughtful intelligent planning is essential and possible with the options offered.

Redmond and Bellevue need to reestablish relationships that take the concerns of both city residents. In Bell/ Red area there have been meetings, but the citizens input is not really taken to heart, that leaves the city and developers doing what they want. The citizens are stuck with what is left. More is needed.

While the Great Neighborhoods city staff have worked hard on outreach, the number of residents that have participated is quite small. It seems premature to give this process a blanket stamp of approval without more engagement. Both city staff and current participants need to be even more creative in figuring out ways to inform and engage residents.

This is taking way too long.

Our family loves the size of the Crossroads mall. We do not want it turned into a 2nd Bellevue Square, we love the diversity and character.

Getting back to your first comment, I have lived through several snowstorms in my neighborhood; my neighborhood is without power at least once every year. What I have noticed is that it's really obvious during storms that neighbors do not help each other. Again, when you talk about building connection, it's all fine and good to build parks and community areas but you really need to reach further into the neighborhoods. If we need traffic circles to calm traffic in my neighborhood, for example, I think that putting in landscaped circles with trees and benches might go further to let people connect more close to where they live. Or mini p-patches. Let people rent out traffic circle p-patches if they want. Create tool rentals for neighborhoods. Create repair clinics for neighborhoods. Just reach into the neighborhoods more and don't expect us all to want to congregate at a distant, busy "connecting" event. I can't manage crowds at all and the whole concept of a dense city discriminates against me.

Thanks for establishing goals for Northeast Bellevue to make living enjoyable.

The new development is changing the neighborhood and increasing prices from 800k to 1.5-2 million which is not affordable and long term going to destroy the neighborhood.

If we want a diverse community, we need to build a working community. This requires community people to get involved and work on solutions, be listened to, and be a part of the final solutions.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

Do you have any other feedback you'd like to share?

Feels isolating to live in the City of Bellevue; no cohesive "spirit" or sense of place.
Thank you for including me in your survey.

I came to this survey in an attempt to find the backyard cottage survey that was just distributed. My spouse and I have different opinions and one survey was not sufficient for us without causing marital conflict. I think the above survey encompasses the backyard cottage survey, but I'm hoping that I'll find it or find a way to get another copy so that my spouse and I both have a voice.

Nope

I have been on the NE area goals committee and find it very helpful and appreciate the support from the City for it.
Thank you for improving our city!
Information on this this overall process would be helpful.

No

I feel like Northeast Bellevue has become a free for all with developers building high density housing everywhere. Our neighborhoods are not being maintained well enough - trees need to be maintained, graffiti needs to be removed and don't put the low-income housing. Put it on the other end of town.

Please preserve the residential nature of this unique neighborhood.

First of all, thank you for the hard work. It has been a project that has taken years to materialize and it is not easy to sum all that into 30 policies. That being said, I am quite concerned about the outcome of the program in terms of specificity. When I read the policies, I have a hard time understanding how these policies are specific to NE Bellevue. If I read the policies without context, I think I can easily substitute almost any other mainly residential neighbor and the policies would still be applicable. I think there is a lot of opportunity to make them NE Bellevue centric without writing code.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

Do you have any other feedback you'd like to share?

1. Many small trails/shortcuts between neighborhoods are in disrepair or poorly signed. Some are also hidden and would require more research to find. Consider installing maps showing shortcuts, trails, benches, parks, schools, etc., and signs for pedestrians showing how to get there from intersections or other landmarks such as other schools or parks.
2. In considering traffic calming, give preference to techniques that do not increase undue burden on neighbors and cars. For example, speed bumps wear out vehicle suspensions, and increase noise to neighbors as cars rattle over the bump and then accelerate again. Road turtles or rumble strips also increase noise to neighbors.
3. In considering public transit/bus service, the timetables are extremely important. If busses do not run frequently enough, they become prohibitively inconvenient. For example, if last mile bus service only runs hourly, a person taking a bus to or from Seattle could end up with an excessively long trip time. Say that they leave their office in Seattle and wait up to 15 minutes for a bus that runs every 15 minutes and takes 30 minutes from Downtown Seattle to either Overlake Transit Center or Overlake Park and Ride. If they just miss a bus that runs hourly for the last mile, they could wait almost an hour for a bus ride of 10 minutes. This leads to a potential travel time of up to nearly 2 hours. Considering that only about 40 minutes of that time is in transit, this is a prohibitively long and inconvenient way to travel, leading to low ridership and difficulty justifying these bus services. This could be readily improved by increasing the frequency of bus services or the availability of parking at park and rides so that people can provide their own last mile transport.

Re-do this survey. It was really not user-friendly.

Do not pander to the greedy who wish to profit from the degradation of our neighborhood environment by increasing its population density.

Glad to see the discussion on trees. The City of Bellevue should have strict restrictions on tree removal.

Listen to your community members - not staff planners with agendas who live outside of Bellevue. We pay your salaries via taxes thus private homeowners should be driving the community priorities. Parks, athletic fields and traffic management. And stop allowing foreign companies (PSE) to cut down OUR trees!!

I appreciate the solicitation of input, but guidance from those with relevant insights is also important. Infrastructure sustainability, for example, is well understood by the experts but rarely by the public (until it's too late).

Thank you City of BELLEVUE!!! You all do a great job and I love Bellevue. Please keep it safe and welcoming

Allowing multiple housing, such as duplex or so, for a single house is what Bellevue needs to ease the housing issue, especially for multiple generations to live together.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM – POLICY SURVEY

Do you have any other feedback you'd like to share?

Adding traffic circles is not traffic calming rather it causes further delays and congestion on arterial streets. Thereby increasing pollution and making those streets less amenable to biking or walking.

The engagement process that resulted in these policies has been a combination of active civic engagement by neighborhoods working closely with the full support of the city. But only through effective measurement can these policies have the change we all desire.

Love the "last mile" transportation idea. We live at the bottom of a large hill so walking or biking is hard. Thanks!

Please ensure the character of single-family homes in this area of Bellevue and establish an equitable development plan that evens the ability of homeowners and developers

This is a terrific place to live. We raised our kids here & plan to stay. It has been wonderful to watch it become a more & more diverse area. We need to support families being able to live here!