

From: [VERNON SCHRAG](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Cc: [cityclerk](#)
Subject: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS ACTIONS Fwd: 2023 Firearms Violence Prevention in City of Bellevue
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023 7:59:06 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners, Thara Johnson & City Council Member/Advisor:
Good morning 4-27-2023. Sorry I missed your meeting last night. **See attached memo to Bellevue PD Leadership.** More armed robbery crimes this week at our Seven-Eleven with every robber armed and firing weapons inside the store. It's now way **PAST DUE that Bellevue Planning Commissioners** passed Gun Laws provisions with ZONING/Policy Amendments blocking future "NRA-Political-Mental-Illness" inside City Government. ... Ask Brad Miyake, City Attorney and Bellevue PD for guidance and leadership. Please. No more delays!!
Please review formerly submitted PLANNING Amendment - VISION ZERO BY 2035 that **you previously Rejected by 4 to 2 Vote**. That was reckless; and a foolhardy move on your part. So much gun violence, killings and armed criminals in our city. ... What about Public Safety?? Other Eastside Cities are acting. Why not Bellevue?? Bellevue must do what's right. We DO NOT NEED NRA running our City Government since that's also more "Bellevue-Political-Mental Illness"! Coordinate with other Eastside cities and do your best to protect our children, residents, businesses and general public from more GUN VIOLENCE. Tell the City Council to do their jobs. Thanks. PUBLIC RECORD
Sincerely,
Dwight Schrag
Bellevue Downtown Resident & Voter
March for Our Lives Supporter

----- Original Message -----

From: VERNON SCHRAG <dwights30@comcast.net>
To: "bellevuepd@bellevuewa.gov" <bellevuepd@bellevuewa.gov>
Date: 04/25/2023 1:02 PM PDT

Subject: 2023 Firearms Violence Prevention in City of Bellevue

Dear Bellevue PD Officers & Zone-Leaders/Chief of PD:

Please discuss w/Brad Miyake & Staff.

FYI - I've already forwarded a Bellevue Reporter News Article/Photo headlining Bellevue Mayor & Bellevue Planning Commissioners openly voting and Rejecting Key Recommendations for Study of ways to reduce GUN VIOLENCE & MURDERS in Bellevue. Borders on irresponsible or foolhardy behavior.

Eastside MOMS DEMAND ACTION have it for their facts and data assessment.

Bellevue PD Officials are ALSO welcome to this same info if it's of any interest to Bellevue PD. Or just ask the Bellevue City Clerk's office to save you some some time. Then we can meet to discuss how to proceed with Brad Miyake or City Attorney.

During these City of Bellevue Public Hearing, several Moms Demand Action members were in attendance; and a Teacher also spoke in support of the Planning Amendment Proposal. **A Bellevue Police officer was also there.**

Only one (1) NRA Member wearing Combat Fatigues spoke against the Planning Proposal to fund further reviews about growing GUN VIOLENCE and killings in Bellevue. But the NRA guy sat alongside the Bellevue Planner Staff who recommended **Bellevue "reject the whole thing"!!!** I can provide Bellevue PD the entire 4 pages if you're interested in Facts and Data.

I was also in attendance and spoke alongside **"Grandparents Against Gun Violence"** and an **Army War Veteran** who said he had friends killed by gun violence in the U.S.

All Residents/Speakers except the NRA guy & Bellevue City Planner supported the **Bellevue Vision Zero by 2035 Amendment.**

Bellevue Mayor came into the meeting late; and never made ANY COMMENT. NONE.

Why would that be, I wonder. No input for Public Safety by our Mayor?? Two of our Planning Commissioners spoke in Support (shown on Page 3 f). **Four said NO.**

It only took one NRA Military Camouflage costumed guy to strike fear in the **"Political Mental Illness"** room full of decision-makers. There was also a Bellevue **PD Officer standing at the door with his weapon holstered. He made no comment.** Are Bellevue PD even allowed to speak up on their own behalf?? Or not.

Hopefully this demonstrates how things work in City of Bellevue. No money or time is available in the City Budget to look at Public Safety issues where firearms threaten people's lives. **Traffic \$\$ Yes. ...**

Firearms Violence \$\$ NO!!

BELLEVUE REPORT PUBLIC HEARING - News Report. **FOR PUBLIC RECORD**

Regards,

Dwight Schrag

Downtown Bellevue Resident

March for Our Lives Supporter

From: [Plummer David F.](#)
To: [King, Emil A.](#)
Cc: onebellevue@googlegroups.com; [Council](#); [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: Re: Total Bellevue Housing Unit Production
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023 1:58:40 PM
Attachments: [Berllevue Housing types, 1980-2022.xlsx](#)

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Hello Mr. King!

Thanks for the feedback.

Attached is a partial table of OFM housing ‘data’ for Bellevue for 2015-2022; the data shows there are about 66,000 HUs in Bellevue in 2022; and the City had about 62,400 in 2019. So, does this mean that CoB is planning to have about 97,400 HUs in 2044 (the 2019 total plus the 35,000 ‘target’); if not, what is the correct procedure for determining what the 2044 guesstimated/forecasted Bellevue total HU value will be?

As far as I know, Bellevue staff has never provided a year by year, 25-year forecast (2019 to 2044) of the total (and AMI subsets) HUs. Thus, there is no way of knowing what the City plans to do to meet the 97,400 HU total for 2044. It appears that in the 21 years between now and 2044, the City must add about 1400 HU/year to meet the 97,400 goal; surely the City of Bellevue cannot possibly construct (or acquire via condemnation or rental, etc.) that many HU/year.

RSVP,

David F. Plummer

On Apr 21, 2023, at 10:38 AM, King, Emil A. <EAKing@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Plummer,

In response to your question about the historical number of overall housing units in the City of Bellevue, I’m providing you a link to the State Office of Financial Management (OFM) web site where annual numbers are included for all cities across the state. We provide OFM input on an annual basis regarding the number of units in Bellevue.

Please look under “Postcensal Estimates” and the line that says “April 1 postcensal estimates of housing: 1980, 1990-present”.

<https://ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population->

[estimates/historical-estimates-april-1-population-and-housing-state-counties-and-cities](#)

Thanks,

Emil A. King, AICP

Planning Director
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eaking@bellevuewa.gov

From: Plummer David F. <pdf3@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:57 PM

To: King, Emil A. <EAKing@bellevuewa.gov>; Abe, Linda <LAbe@bellevuewa.gov>

Cc: onebellevue@googlegroups.com; Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>; Sadat, Khadija <KSadat@bellevuewa.gov>; Phyllisjwhite <phyllisjwhite@comcast.net>

Subject: Total Bellevue Housing Unit Production

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Hello Mr. King and Ms. Abe!

According to your report to the City Council for the Council's 24 April 2023 study session the City has helped bring into existence about 2274 housing units and 'beds' for the period 2015 through the first quarter of 2023 (reference your 24 April 2023 agenda memo); this housing 'production information' is summarized in the attached Excel file.

Does the City have any information that shows how many housing units for the same time period were produced by the City's commercial/private building elements (individual citizens, commercial construction developers and builders, etc.; if so, could you identify the sources for such information so that I can submit a public records request to obtain copies; if not, how does the City determine the total number of housing units produced in each year by all housing producers in the City?

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Table X42. Bellevue Housing Units, 2015-2022

Housing Type	Year	No. of HUs	24-Apr-23
Total Housing	2015	59043	
One-Unit HU		32429	
2 or More HU		26607	
Mobile/Special HU		7	
Total Housing	2016	60443	
One-Unit HU		32471	
2 or More HU		27966	
Mobile/Special HU		6	
Total Housing	2017	61128	
One-Unit HU		32511	
2 or More HU		28612	
Mobile/Special HU		5	
Total Housing	2018	61714	
One-Unit HU		32556	
2 or More HU		29153	
Mobile/Special HU		5	
Total Housing	2019	62372	
One-Unit HU		32689	
2 or More HU		29678	
Mobile/Special HU		5	
Total Housing	2020	64688	
One-Unit HU		32823	
2 or More HU		31860	
Mobile/Special HU		5	
Total Housing	2021	65194	
One-Unit HU		32851	
2 or More HU		32338	
Mobile/Special HU		5	
Total Housing	2022	65891	
One-Unit HU		32883	
2 or More HU		33003	
Mobile/Special HU	2022	5	

Source: WA Office of Financial Management;
Postcensal Estimates of April 1 Housing Units,
1980, 1990 to Present; April, 2023

From: [VERNON SCHRAG](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: 4-28-2023 Fwd: BELLEVUE OVERRIDE PLANNING COMMISSION - Permit File #19103789 AC
Date: Friday, April 28, 2023 10:47:33 AM

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Commissioners: FYI - Ask Emil King to share the attachments sent to him today.

Let's get this done for PUBLIC SAFETY and Crisis Management protections in Bellevue. Quickly please!

Thanks, Dwight Schrag
Bellevue Downtown Resident
Public Safety Advocate

----- Original Message -----

From: VERNON SCHRAG <dwights30@comcast.net>
To: "eaking@bellevuewa.gov" <eaking@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: "bmiyake@bellevuewa.gov" <bmiyake@bellevuewa.gov>, "bellevuepd@bellevuewa.gov" <bellevuepd@bellevuewa.gov>, "cityclerk@bellevuewa.gov" <cityclerk@bellevuewa.gov>, "citymanager@bellevuewa.gov" <citymanager@bellevuewa.gov>
Date: 04/28/2023 10:36 AM
Subject: BELLEVUE OVERRIDE PLANNING COMMISSION - Permit File #19103789 AC

Dear Thara Johnson & Emil King: Pass it on please.

re: Plan to Override - Planning Commissioners Permit File # 19103789 AC

cc: Brad Miyake and Bellevue PD Officials. **PUBLIC RECORD 4-28-2023**

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Thank you.

Vernon Dwight Schrag
Downtown Bellevue Resident
Public Safety Advocate

From: Betsy Hummer
To: PlanningCommission; Malakoutian, Mohammad; Goeppele, Craighton; lcalad@bellevuewa.gov
Subject: Fw: OneBellevue| Attention Bellevue Residents: Survey for Attached Accessory Dwellings (AADU) Please complete by Wed May 3rd
Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023 6:50:57 AM
Attachments: image001.png

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Please try to take this survey and let me know what you think of the survey and its intended result.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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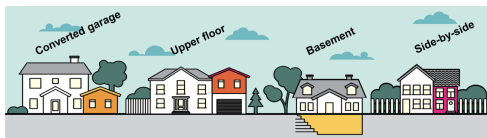
From: "Craig Spiegle" via One Bellevue <onebellevue@googlegroups.com>
To: "onebellevue@googlegroups.com" <onebellevue@googlegroups.com>
Sent: Fri, Apr 28, 2023 at 11:58 PM
Subject: Re: OneBellevue| Attention Bellevue Residents: Survey for Attached Accessory Dwellings (AADU) Please complete by Wed May 3rd
 It is odd the survey is not designed to solicit feedback and concerns or objections

Craig Spiegle
<https://www.agelight.com>
 425-985-1421

From: onebellevue@googlegroups.com <onebellevue@googlegroups.com> on behalf of Seattle Rust <seattlerust@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 11:52:33 PM
To: onebellevue@googlegroups.com <onebellevue@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: OneBellevue| Attention Bellevue Residents: Survey for Attached Accessory Dwellings (AADU) Please complete by Wed May 3rd

Pamela, what is the origin of this survey? Who created it and for what purpose?
 Dick Thompson

On Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 2:51 PM p johnston <pamjio@msn.com> wrote:



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	May 1	2	3	April 27 4	28 5	29 6
7	8	9	10 Public Hearing			

Help us gather thoughts from more people about Attached Accessory Dwelling Units (AADUs).

<https://forms.office.com/r/sbUGd4veP8>

Please complete this survey by Wed May 3rd.

This survey covers AADUs, addressing issues for the Public Hearing
 scheduled at the
Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 10th.

Links to City of Bellevue

Calendar: <https://bellevue.legistar.com>

Announcement: <https://bit.ly/bveaaduhearing>

Project Site: <https://bellevuewa.gov/ADU-reform>

You can also use this survey to help you gather your thoughts for your

testimony in writing or in person.

Cordially,

-Pamela Johuston

425-881-3301

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From: [Betsi Hummer](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#); [Malakoutian, Mohammad](#); icalad@bellevuewa.gov; [Goeppeler, Craighton](#); [Bhargava, Vishal](#); [Ferris, Carolyn](#)
Subject: Fw: Adu survey - please forward to the appropriate staff
Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023 6:52:00 AM

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From: "Betsi Hummer" <betsihummer@yahoo.com>

To: "Gwen Rousseau" <grousseau@bellevuewa.gov>

Sent: Sat, Apr 29, 2023 at 6:44 AM

Subject: Adu survey - please forward to the appropriate staff

Hi Gwen,

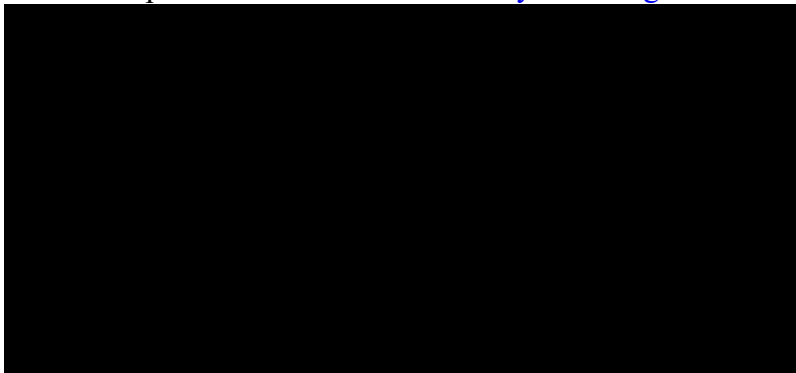
I thought the ADU survey was a great idea.

Until I began it.

I can't complete the ADU survey.

It does not show what the current code is, so I can't determine if I think it needs to be changed.

Even a simple link to the code [Accessory Dwelling Units](#)



Accessory Dwelling Units

An accessory dwelling unit is a second living unit incorporated within a single-family home. The owner of the primary residence owns the ADU. ADUs are considered a housing option for senior citizens, students, young couples, relatives of property own

would have been helpful.

Also, none of the choices reflects my thoughts and I have to choose 1 to 3.

And, I don't think any of the choices is serious enough to require the word "need".

I believe if a Citizens Advisory Committee (including Craig Spiezle) was assigned to the project, I believe staff would have a more compelling "survey".

Please redo the survey and reissue it, so it is meaningful and completeable.

Thanks

Betsi Hummer 425.591.4784 betsihummer@yahoo.com

From: [VERNON SCHRAG](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#); [King, Emil A.](#)
Cc: [City Attorney](#); [cityclerk](#)
Subject: BELLEVUE PLANNING COMMISSION THRESHOLD PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:12:38 PM
Attachments: [Bellevue Threshold Review Proposal 2023.pdf](#)

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Dear Bellevue Planning Leaders & Planning Commissioners:

See Proposal & wording enclosed/pdf file.

This is a print copy of text previously submitted (All Submittals were Handwritten as required) for a Bellevue Gun Safety Vision Zero proposed amendment in 2019.

The proposal was rejected by 4-2 Vote from Planning Commissioners; but still so VERY IMPORTANT for Public Safety and reducing Firearms violence/killings in Bellevue and on the Eastside.

Much more important today due to more murders, street violence, school shootings, mass shootings, suicides and way more guns on our Bellevue streets.

Ask our Bellevue PD to weigh in about life and death risks to PD Officers too. Mayor Robinson should probably be consulted to avoid delays or missteps.

All documents are **Public Record information** for discussion or sharing as you require and/or see appropriate. If you prefer a new/current date submission I will submit to the assigned Planning Staff person. Just let me know.

If you wish, next week I'll provide and deliver to City Hall a brief cover letter to make 2023 re-submittals more official.

If you want others to review or co-sign a cover letter as Bellevue residents supporting the Amendment, let me know. **Moms Demand Action Eastside is very concerned as most other residents, students, teachers and voters.**

Overall, the handwritten Threshold Review form of about 30+ pages (mostly blank) and attachments listed are **already on file in 2019 Bellevue Records** (w/six named "Attachments"). References also included parents, including PTA Legislative Priorities. But if you need more facts and data, ... will get it done for Planning Commissioners.

Attached straightforward details per "**Application for Comprehensive Plan Amendment**" format. Easy read. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vernon Dwight Schrag
Downtown Bellevue Resident & Voter
March for Our Lives Supporter
425-443-7958

BLOCK 2 – Proposed Amendment Language

- Strive to achieve zero deaths and serious injuries from gun violence in Bellevue by 2035.
- Comprehensive review and assessment of risks, potential for fatalities and injuries with goal of eliminating preventable firearm safety risks to residents and workers, especially people who are most vulnerable.
- Lead, coordinate and partner with our neighbors in the region to develop and implement best practices focusing on safety, early-warning predictions; risk avoidance plus education; counseling; employment of data-driven enforcement policies or practices.
- Implement gun safety strategies supporting a safe city promoting healthy living with sense of safety contributing to successful business & neighborhoods.

Reference Element:

Text amendment: Human Services Element for Vision Zero – Gun Safety

**Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Bellevue Planning
& Community Development Dept
Vernon Dwight Schrag - Bellevue Resident**

Block 3 – Support for Amendment (SEE ATTACHMENTS #1; #2; and #3)

- Matches Human Services program goal #3 – Safe haven from violence/abuse
- Gun Safety + Public Safety impacts via risk to children & residents in schools, business, homes, public places from firearms death/injury
- Aligns with Vision Zero Council Resolution 9035 for Transportation Safety goals of achieving zero traffic injuries/deaths by 2030
- Supports Human Services Policy HS-8 (Welcoming, Safe & Just)

Block 4a – Evaluating the proposed amendment: (SEE ATTACHMENT #4 & #5)

- Consistent with prior 2015-2016 Vision Zero plan considerations. Intent is review of Policies that can reduce needless risks in schools, public places, business, streets.
- Conditions have changed due to dramatic firearm sales and new voter-enacted initiatives to improve public safety.
- New Child-Safety Research
- **Attached (#6) WA PTA – PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE**

Attachments #1 thru #6

1. Ordinance 1568-ORD 12/08-16 Accompanying Narrative in the Transportation Element **Vision Zero** (3 pages)
2. A Safe Haven from all forms of Violence and Abuse
3. Vision Zero (3 pages)
4. Program Goals – Goal 3 – Safe haven from violence and abuse
5. Gun Violence Protection Initiative Research Institute (Children's Study) (4 pages)
6. WA State PTA 2019 Legislative Platform – Top Five Priorities (Prevent Gun Violence)

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- Human Services p. 1 -Element-Comprehensive Plan 2016-17.pdf (105 KB)
 - BELLEVUE VISION ZERO.png (320 KB)
 - Human Services Program Goals - City of Bellevue.pdf (42 KB)
 - Bellevue Ordinance Vision Zero - Transportation.pdf (150 KB)

From: [Johnson, Thara](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: FW: BELLEVUE OVERRIDE PLANNING COMMISSION - Permit File #19103789 AC
Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 5:28:33 PM
Attachments: [5-22-19 BELLEVUE PLANNING COMMISSION RE VISION ZERO FOR GUN SAFETY BY 2035 E-mail Printout.pdf](#)
[Matz Decision to not support approve Vision Zero Gun Safety Printout.pdf](#)

FYI

From: King, Emil A. <EAKing@bellevuewa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Johnson, Thara <TMJohnson@bellevuewa.gov>; Nesse, Katherine <KNesse@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: FW: BELLEVUE OVERRIDE PLANNING COMMISSION - Permit File #19103789 AC

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BELLEVUE PLANNING COMMISSION RE: VISION ZERO FOR GUN SAFETY BY 2035

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Dear Planning Commission & Council Leadership: [**FOR PUBLIC RECORD FILE Permit # 19
103789 AC**](#)

cc: City Council, WA Legislators, U.S. Congress staff & King County Leaders

+ Staff

In several days (May 22nd) you will make Recommendations and Decisions about Comprehensive Planning proposal **VISION ZERO GUN SAFETY BY 2035**.

Despite the very professionally documented Bellevue assessment to "not include the Plan Amendment in the 2019 annual work program", there is ample and critical information available to move ahead. Yes, this is essentially an ongoing crisis. Doing nothing is unreasonable and not in line with Bellevue Visions & Values for Public Safety. One (1) public comment was received that supports the Planning Department's decision. Therefore, even though Bellevue Planning decided by specific policy methodology not to recommend this crucial Public Safety Plan Amendment to proceed further to City leadership for action, you can vote affirmatively by majority vote to **OVERRIDE**.

.... And most certainly should override with your Planning Commission's votes NOT to "scrap" this vital Public Safety proposal. Follow the wise course set by Leaders of King County Council and Kirkland City Council for Gun Safety Planning.

WHY OVERRIDE?

ANSWER: "To allow Public Hearings, Town Halls and open meetings with Taxpayer/residents to engage with Bellevue City Council & City Manager & School Boards & Police & Teachers & Students. Neither Gun Safety nor Public Safety are "Optional Decisions" for you to make without full discourse, considering ongoing facts; nor should the Planning Commission be making decisions to "kick-the-can down the road!" ... Lives Matter. Children Matter. Voters Matter.

Furthermore, neither Gun Safety nor Public Safety are "OPTIONAL" for publicly-elected, Part-time City Council members to decide for us without ample engagement, discourse, listening and transparency with all their voter-constituents who put them in office."

Here's the deal:

- (1) You read Bellevue news reports. Killings, suicides, hate crimes, murders, gang assaults, mass shootings, random shootings are ongoing every week week now. Lives Matter. Waiting around for another year or two is foolhardy, to say the very least. Over 40,000 deaths per year are resultant from doing nothing. You all know that.
- (2) So far, there is much floundering around by City governments, especially Bellevue & Eastside. Paralysis and malfeasance by Officials might be driven from Fear-Factors that maybe Neo-Nazi's & Hate Groups like KKK will viciously retaliate if any City gets focused on doing something.
- (3) A little bit like being in a War Zone where you don't know WHO the enemy is since they have no uniforms or battle lines. Suddenly people get ambushed and slaughtered, like the mass murders in our American Schools and Churches and Movie theaters, on and on. Over 100 adults and children die every day now in the U.S.
- (4) Having been shot at numerous times myself, I realize there is no logical way to take this disaster on without policy and Policy-leaders. Congress does nothing for two decades now. Cities and States and Counties will lead the way.
- (5) AMAZINGLY & FORTUNATELY WE DO have an effective, very successful "Process-Roadmap-Model" for organized strategic planning called **Vision Zero Traffic Safety by 2030** that continuously accomplished great life-saving in WA State & across the U.S. ... MAJOR decreases in Traffic deaths & injuries prove beyond a doubt that it can be done. Dramatic, awesome results were developed and implemented over long years of time. **But we have to start. No more delays.**

Bottom Line: Numbers of children and adults dying every 15 MONTHS by U.S. Gun Violence adds up to the entire military Combat Deaths that occurred in our Vietnam War debacle over a period of 15 YEARS. This is not right or just or democratic. **PASS IT ON to Bellevue City Council for Actions, please!**

YOU DON'T GET TO MAKE THE DECISIONS FOR MY FAMILY'S SAFETY. Get real and do your part. Be smart, courageous and brave. Waiting around to do your volunteer Commission jobs for Public Safety worsens risks of shooting deaths and suicides. Very irresponsible. American gun-violence is a disgusting self-inflicted War we have to win. ... **Or else admit we don't think that Lives Matter anymore??**

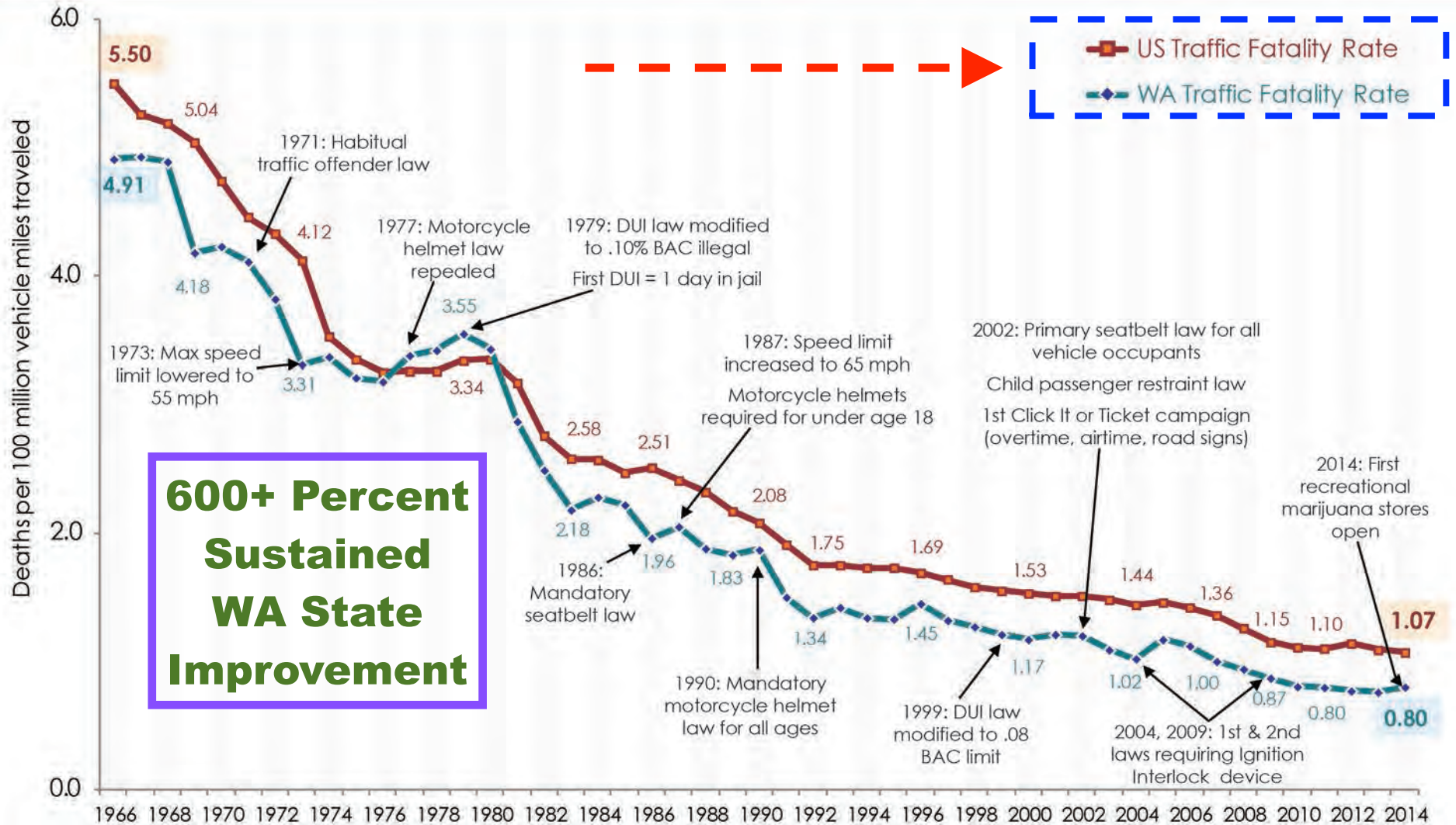
Act professionally and wisely for your fellow residents, neighbors and children of our Bellevue Community. I plan to keep pushing forward. **Pass this proposal along to the City Leadership for Public Hearings. Thank you.**

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SEE DRAMATIC, SUSTAINED LIFE-SAVING RESULTS (next page)

VISION ZERO TRAFFIC SAFETY BY 2030 is a Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy

Traffic fatality rates US and Washington State 1966–2014 By Year and Major Traffic Safety Laws



Source: FARS, WSP, WSDOT, and NHTSA

Decision to not support/approve Vision Zero Gun Safety

To nmatz@bellevuewa.gov

Hi Nicholas:

I got a **"second-hand notice of non-Approval"**. I received no notices from you or anyone in City Government??

A bit discouraging, but expected. Other avenues abound.

Several people have inquired already. Not a pretty picture, but my private assessment follows. I've gone through this stuff a few times as you know. No surprises. The usual. Will take it up with City Council. I know how this stuff works based on numerous, many experiences over all the years with Bellevue City Council.

Don't take in personally, but here's my response to these external inquiries based on an informed-guess on my part:

.... From Dwight:

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"Saw this coming for sure. Nicholas' discussion about the so-called "Exit Plan" was telling. I never did get any clarity about what that meant. When I asked for a sit-down to fill in the blanks, I got stonewalled. Nothing.***

I still plan to give them 7 minutes worth, then the mike gets cut off. It's clear (to me) from Bellevue Policy that the City Council has FULL LEGAL authority by a simple majority vote to approve, even without the Planning Commission. I think that none of these local resident-volunteer Commissioners has any intention of taking this one on. Too risky. We'll see. When I went to one of their recent meetings, they seem confused about their role. That's typical of the various Bellevue Commissions, Traffic, Parks, etc. Not a pretty picture.

We can discuss strategies. I believe citizens/taxpayers have to force a decision before you can ask for more comprehensive actions. Write letters, continue pressing for substantial change. Vision Zero Baby-steps really might get lost forever, since the proposal itself is not the long term strategic solution. Moms Demand Action will have to deal with this over many decades if they should choose to stay engaged.

Opinion, ... Big-picture this Vision Zero had to be submitted because Bellevue has this strange, hybrid, part-time City Council form of government that plays political games with everything it does. City Manager can't act and the City Council just kicks the can. No one takes accountability. Everyone knows the deal. Patty-cake."

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I still have faith in open public engagement, transparency and voter involvement. Get ready. It just takes awhile. Regards, Dwight***