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Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers, Staff,

I am Betsi Hummer  
14541 SE 26 ST, Lake Hills/Eastgate Neighborhood.

With the sunseting of the East Bellevue Community Council, I urge Council, Boards, Commissions, and Staff to pay close attention to the pragmatic requests of people of Bellevue when they first surface.

EBCC had disapproval power over certain land use decisions which gave them a legislative clout.

Neighborhoods and their Associations do not have any particular legislative power, and depend on their representatives to enact their wills for them.

At the Eastgate Neighborhood Walk we heard about the Neighborhood Movement to improve Newport Way.

Residents formed a coalition, bought green tee shirts, and diligently attended Council, Board and Commission meetings to improve the safety of the 100 year old thoroughfare.

Their advocacy led to the recently completed Newport Way CIP, and a Youtube video was created showcasing the right way to accomplish a project.

It shouldn't be so difficult, and it shouldn't fall to the people of Bellevue to carry the weight to accomplish a necessary improvement.

It should be obvious to their elected, appointed and hired public servants to recognize the validity of the initial request and act on it without their having to buy new tee shirts and attend every Council meeting.

I hope City Hall pays close attention to the comments and concerns of people of Bellevue during these Neighborhood Walks.

Wilburton is concerned about increasing fast cut-through traffic, crime, out of scale new homes, and proposed increased density.

They also wish to clarify the inaccurate moniker of the Commercial Development District known as Wilburton Vision.

The commercial area south of Lake Bellevue (nee Sturtevant) next to the Railroad was named Midlakes in 1904 by LD Godsey, and is now called mysteriously called the Wilburton Vision.

Even the PSE electrical substation at NE 8th and 140th Avenue - approved by EBCC - is the Midlakes Substation.

Wilburton was SE 8th and 405, and extends to Kelsey Creek Farm and north west;

not down to Home Depot.

Please rename the Wilburton Vision to reflect the historical Midlakes name, and reassure Wilburtonites office towers will not be coming to their residential neighborhood.

I hope City Hall pays close attention to the people of Bellevue at the upcoming Neighborhood Walks, and through presentations they make to Council.

Don't make them buy tee shirts.

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**Attachments:** [BVU PLNG COMMISSIONERS VISION ZERO GUN SAFETY JULY 13-Topics.pdf](#)

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Dear Commissioners & City Management + Planning Staff:

Thank you for generous 3 minute's time to hear Public inputs urging Public Safety & Gun Safety Policy in Bellevue Planning. And thank you for listening.

Knowing your Meeting Minutes can be delayed for months; and many unable to attend the Planning Commission's session last night, attached is copy/printout of comments provided to you during entire 3 minutes allowed for Public Safety.

Also as a reminder to City Council, City Manager and Planning Staff the website posting for **Planning Commissioners below:**

**... Using public input, it also makes recommendations to the City Council on proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use (Zoning) Code. All other city boards and commissions coordinate their Comprehensive Plan and land use activities with the Planning Commission.**

Please act accordingly. See attached comments & Public Safety recommendations.

You have my offer to help you get this done. Just ask. Best to you.

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# **Bellevue Planning Commissioners - 7-13-2022**

## **Topics: Vision Zero Gun Safety by 2035**

**MODELED & STRUCTURED: From BELLEVUE's 2016 VISION ZERO TRAFFIC SAFETY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

GUN SAFETY "Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment" was previously accepted for Planning Commission approvals within City Policies already in place.

**BUT was turned down by several Commissioners** seeming to feel they didn't have enough information. A good **Study Session** would certainly resolve **ANY ISSUES**. ... Just like you always do for other Plan Proposals!

**BUT THAT WAS NEVER DONE! WHY? NOT SURE WHO DECIDED ON THAT POLICY?**

**Only one BELLEVUE resident** at your Comprehensive Plan Hearing spoke against Gun Safety policies. GUY's military-style camouflage clothing seemed NRA-Strange in a room full of casual dressed residents.

NOT SURE IF HE WAS CARRYING HIS FIREARMS? BUT WHO KNOWS??

**Worse yet, the City Planner** who coordinated with City residents on required Official-Submittals, ... during Final Decision Review by Commissioners, Matz told COMMISSIONERS HE recommended THEY NOT APPROVE THIS VISION ZERO PLAN?

CERTAINLY, if ANY further work was needed for Planning Approvals, ... that should have been DONE! And our Bellevue Mayor at the time didn't show up until later; AND HE offered no comments AT ALL before Commissioners voted.

MAYBE THE MAYOR WAS UNINFORMED TOO?? ... MANY OF YOU ALSO ATTENDED.

Gun Safety is an important issue on the Eastside. Time to Focus on a successful Bellevue policy NOW IN PLACE (2016 VISION ZERO); and allows our neighboring cities to ALSO join our PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES. Just like TRAFFIC SAFETY!!

ACT NOW - Set this Plan in place for **BVU Public Safety & Bellevue Thrive Success**

**Don't wait for the worst to happen like Uvalde TX or Illinois July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade slaughters**

I'll make myself available via ZOOM so you can get info you need. You don't have to stay uninformed, ... or be without sufficient information to make good decisions.

Wording & Content of VISION ZERO GUN SAFETY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSAL can be updated OR revised as Commissioner's or City Planners deem necessary. **LETS GET THIS DONE!**

***We can SAVE MANY LIVES and do our BEST FOR PUBLIC-SAFETY-SAKE HERE IN BELLEVUE.***

**ALL OF US CAN GIVE SAFETY THE TOP PRIORITY IT DESERVES FOR OUR FUTURE SUCCESS**

**Public Comments by  
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