From:	Carl C.
To:	PlanningCommission
Subject:	Zone Change
Date:	Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:25:23 PM

Hello,

My name is Carl Conn and I am a home owner in the city of Bellevue.

I am strongly against the proposed zoning change to allow "homeless housing."

The homeless have absolutely ruined Seattle. Walk through any neighbor in Seattle and it is in ruins. Please do not allow this to happen to Bellevue.

I strongly believe that many of the homeless population has moved to the area because we take care of them. Stop taking care of them.

Homeless people are like stray cats, feed one and the next day that car and three others will be at your door looking for food. Yeah, I said it.

You show me three homeless people and I will show you drugs and crime.

Homeless don't pay taxes, I do. Homeless don't vote, I do.

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From:	<u>Carl C.</u>
То:	PlanningCommission; Council
Subject:	Feedback to current Bellevue LUCA change proposal for Homeless Supportive Housing
Date:	Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:10:06 PM

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Include the code of conduct

Provide the safety and security plan

Require a Good Neighbor Agreement Advisory Committee

Expand notice to include owners of real property within 1,000 feet of the project site

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From:	George Bullock
To:	PlanningCommission
Subject:	Please share with the commission - Crime rate increase in Queen Anne near Homeless Hotel
Date:	Thursday, February 24, 2022 1:38:24 PM

Violent crime doubles near Queen Anne homeless shelter that was formerly a hotel | KOMO (komonews.com)

From:	George Bullock
То:	PlanningCommission
Subject:	Re: Please share with the commission - Crime rate increase in Queen Anne near Homeless Hotel
Date:	Thursday, February 24, 2022 1:51:05 PM

It is important to point out this in the article. So, the article doesn't tie the rise in crime to the OPENING of the Homeless Hotel

But there has been nearly double the reported incidents of violent crimes from May 2020 to May 2021, the same month the building was purchased by the county, on the block where the former inn is located.

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From:	Betsi Hummer
То:	PlanningCommission
Subject:	EBCC Permanent Supportive Housing Interim Official Control Minutes August 3 2021
Date:	Sunday, February 27, 2022 6:12:45 PM

## Hello

The EBCC August 3, 2021, minutes concerning the Interim Official Control for Permanent Supportive and Transistional Housing are below.

I hope you can read through them, and understand that the concerns of EBCC are reflected in the Citizen Concerns the Planning Commission is currently hearing regarding the Land USe Code Amendment for PSH TH and Emergency Housing.

At 7:17 p.m., Councilmember Kasner moved to open the public hearing. Councilmember

Dhananjaya seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

Arthur Yeung asked whether drugs will be permitted in temporary emergency housing, as has

been allowed by King County. He supports providing housing for individuals. However, he is

concerned about the potential impacts of drug and alcohol use in shelters to the community.

At 7:19 p.m., Councilmember Dhananjaya moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember

Kasner seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

Councilmember Dhananjaya asked whether a residential duration is indicated in the definition of

emergency housing. Mr. Miller said he did not recall a time limit for how long an individual may

stay in emergency housing. However, it is generally intended to meet basic needs. Mr. Miller

said there is language in the law about whether or not a facility may require a lease agreement for

residents of emergency housing. However, a specific time limit is not defined.

Ms. Tanus said the LUC considers a transient use as any stay less than 30 days. Because the

duration of stays in emergency housing varies, the City considers it the same as other transient

uses (e.g., hotels).

Responding to Councilmember Dhananjaya, Ms. Tanus said the City must comply with state law

as described in HB 1220. However, there are other factors and considerations that will be

considered in the development of permanent regulations.

Responding to Chair Hummer, Ms. Tanus confirmed that this is an opportunity for EBCC

members and the public to provide input into the City Council's development of permanent

regulations. Ms. Tanus said the LUCA will be processed through the Planning Commission so

there will be additional opportunities for public meetings and comment. **She said a courtesy** 

hearing will be held with the EBCC after the Planning Commission makes its recommendation

and before the City Council takes final action.

Councilmember Kasner said this is a good example of a topic for a joint meeting of the EBCC

and the Planning Commission, to occur earlier in the LUCA process than usual. **He** asked about

the land use districts where hotels are allowed. He said hotels and emergency shelters are very

**different.** He encouraged the equitable distribution of emergency housing throughout Bellevue.

Mr. Kasner expressed support for the IOC.

Chair Hummer noted that she was reading lately about group homes, which are allowed in

Bellevue due to a federal mandate, and adult family homes. She asked about the difference

between supportive housing and transitional housing. Ms. Tanus said those terms are defined in

the state regulations. She said adult family homes are defined differently than supportive housing

and transitional housing, which are also defined in state law. Adult family homes are allowed in

any residential area.

Mr. Miller said adult family homes are oriented toward helping residents with physical or

behavioral disabilities with their daily lives. Permanent supportive housing has a larger client

base and can provide a broad range of services (e.g., health, employment, etc.) to assist

individuals in lower income housing. Some remain in that type of housing permanently and

others transition to more independent living situations.

Ms. Hummer said there is a cottage industry of adult family homes and group homes in East

Bellevue. She expressed concern that some provide drug and alcohol treatment and recovery.

She said the EBCC jurisdiction has the greatest diversity of incomes, a greater concentration of

subsidized low-income housing, proximity to the Eastgate shelter and supportive housing

project, and many adult family homes and group homes. She said the current men's homeless

shelter in downtown Bellevue is a good location for access to medical services and social

services, as well as to public safety response and assistance. She encouraged a broader, more

equitable distribution of housing types across the community.

Chair Hummer recalled that the EBCC disapproved the Homeless Services Uses LUCA in recent

years because the EBCC wanted to continue to require the conditional use permit (CUP) process

for shelters within the EBCC jurisdiction. Ms. Tanus confirmed that there is a notation in the

Land Use Code that the Homeless Services Uses section is not applicable in the EBCC

jurisdiction. Ms. Hummer said she has not been able to find a cross reference or comment

regarding regulations in the EBCC area.

In further response to Ms. Hummer, Mr. Miller said Community Business (CB) is the only land

use district in the EBCC area where hotels and motels are allowed. He said the City considers

transient housing to be stays for fewer than 30 days. **Ms. Hummer asked whether a shelter could** 

**be established in office or retail spac**e. Mr. Miller said a proposal would need to go through the

CUP process. In a commercial building, the owner/developer would need to meet the residential

building codes.

Chair Hummer expressed support for Councilmember Kasner's suggestion to hold joint meetings

with the Planning Commission early in planning processes. Responding to Ms. Hummer,

Assistant City Attorney Chad Barnes said he would look into developing a communication

strategy for the EBCC and the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Kasner reiterated that he would like to see a joint meeting with the Planning

Commission for the single purpose of discussing joint problems for the EBCC and the Planning

Commission. He said the model has been used in Kirkland for years with the Houghton

Community Council.

## Moving on, Chair Hummer said she shares Mr. Yeung's concerns that drug and alcohol usage is

allowed in permanent supportive housing. She recalled that it was a topic of discussion during

the consideration of the Homeless Services Uses LUCA. She suggested that the same rules used

**by shelters should apply to permanent supportive housing.** Ms. Hummer expressed an interest in

the number of low-income and supportive housing units anticipated for Bellevue. She encouraged citywide outreach and neighborhood involvement.

Chair Hummer concurred with Mr. Kasner and strongly supports greater interaction between the

EBCC and the Planning Commission earlier in planning processes. She expressed concern that

the EBCC's input is often ignored or missed. Ms. Hummer said she appreciates the memos

provided by Deputy City Clerk Roberts under the current system to summarize the EBCC's

comments for input to the City Council, Boards and Commissions.

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From:	<u>Jodi</u>
То:	PlanningCommission
Subject:	Supportive housing rules
Date:	Sunday, February 27, 2022 10:01:00 PM

I attended most of the meetings involving the shelter going into Eastgate. So much meeting time was devoted to standards that would be required at that facility. There was deep citizen concerned surrounding those standards. Now, I understand you are looking at supportive housing within Bellevue. Absolutely, no question, those same standards need to be part of supportive housing. As well, these kinds of policies need to be well advertised and that is not meaning that you put them in the Seattle Times notifications. These kinds of changes need to be advertised to Bellevue citizens via the social media sites including Nextdoor, Facebook etc. Why am I just hearing about this extremely consequential policy decision? Jodi Gable

Sent from my iPhone

From:	<u>Carl C.</u>
То:	PlanningCommission; Council
Subject:	Feedback to current Bellevue LUCA change proposal for Homeless Supportive Housing
Date:	Monday, February 28, 2022 7:08:58 PM

I am not a Stakeholder, I pay taxes in this city!!!!!!

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From:	Meghan Tierney
То:	PlanningCommission; Council
Subject:	Feedback to current Bellevue LUCA change proposal for Homeless Supportive Housing
Date:	Monday, February 28, 2022 7:46:59 PM

Born and raised in Bellevue, I am confused why you haven't allowed more public engagement in the changing of land use codes. We, as East Bellevue, have already absorbed the placement of the Silver Cloud Inn shelter. It is basically Bellevue considering all 3 schools are with in 3 blocks of the shelter and NO Redmond schools are anywhere near. I already know 3 families moving because of this. Knowing this new change is occurring, I'm guessing the City of Bellevue will again put more shelters or housing in the Crossroads and Overlake area, avoiding anywhere near downtown or wealthier neighborhoods as they always do. It seems as though the 'stakeholders' avoid any potential negative impact on areas near Bellevue Highschool, Woodridge, or anywhere west of 140th.

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Thank you for your consideration, Meghan Tierney-Knight

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From:	Jonna Valentine
То:	PlanningCommission
Subject:	Feedback to current Bellevue LUCA change proposal for Homeless Supportive Housing
Date:	Tuesday, March 1, 2022 1:18:20 PM

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I would like to respectfully remind you that it is your responsibility to put the safety of your residents ahead of political special interests.

## Please allow more time for careful consideration, meaningful public engagement and a critically important conditional use permit (CUP) on supportive housing.

Thank you for your careful consideration, and I urge you to please listen to the voices of concern from your residents.

Jonna Valentine