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Dear Planning Commissioners

Again, I am disappointed that Staff did not incorporate your modifications into the Land Use Code Amendment.

I believe your proposals will provide accountability on the part of Providers, security for Program Participants and assurances for the entire Community.

People experiencing homelessness represent a vulnerable population that deserves protection, similar to Seniors, Children, and people with Disabilities.

I understand the Conditional Use Permit can be cumbersome and the industry representatives objected to its inclusion in the regulations. While limiting the number of bedrooms does not limit the number of individuals that can be in a home, and Congregations For The Homeless closely monitors its residents, not all providers can be depended on to be as conscientious.

I hope you include the Safety Plan, Code of Conduct, Community meetings, and Standard Operating Procedures in this Land Use Code Amendment. Also, keep in mind that LUC 20.20.244 is called Homeless Services USES, not Homeless Services SHELTER Land Use Code; it was meant for all Homeless Services, not just Shelters.

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Dear Bellevue Commissioners Mohammad Malakoutian,Carolynn Ferris, Vishal Bhargava, Karol Brown, Craighton Goeppel, Anne Morrissette, and Radhika Moolgavkar,

My name is Phyllis White, and I live at 1057 134th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA.

I hope you exercise your rights to change the proposal to reflect the concerns heard from recent public comment about having Permanent Supportive Housing, and Supportive Housing for people working to avoid experiencing Homelessness, and people working to exit homelessness.

E2SHB 1220 includes provisions for reasonable occupancy, spacing, and intensity of use requirements that may be imposed by ordinance on permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and emergency housing to protect public health and safety.

I am requesting the Planning Commission to adopt the following from existing Bellevue City Code 20.20.455: require the application to be a Conditional Use Permit, require the Standard Operating Procedure Plan, include the code of conduct, provide the Safety and Security Plan, require a Good Neighbor Agreement Advisory Committee, and expand notice to include owners of real property within 1,000 feet of a proposed site. The Homeless Services Uses Land Use Code was developed with extraordinary input from the public, providers, funders, and participants, as well as the City Council and Staff. It was developed with intensive input engaging the public including residents and businesses, a city-wide survey, community workshops, providers, participants, staff, Council, and was approved by Bellevue's City Council meeting criteria consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. It provides the enhancement for the homeless residents and public health, safety, and welfare, and is not contrary to the best interest of the citizens and property owners of the City of Bellevue. The lack of these requirements puts the vulnerable population at risk; and an unregulated environment poses hazards to this vulnerable population. Providers vary greatly and may change over time. Provider accountability and consistency is needed for the entire community.

Those in the predicament of Homelessness constitute a vulnerable population, and includes histories with drug addictions, mental illness, and other disabilities. These populations have similar needs to those living in Shelters and currently experiencing homelessness. Each of these populations have requirements of the providers to offer consistency in care for those populations and the surrounding neighborhoods. The proposed Housing deserves the same types of expectations and assurances other vulnerable populations receive through the City of Bellevue ordinances. The residential neighborhoods, too, deserve the similar regulations, assurances of provider services and operations, and protections that are afforded commercial properties used for homeless shelters in Bellevue.

Please include the residents of Bellevue as Stakeholders and consider adding requested conditions to protect public health and safety for all.

Thank you for your attention and consideration,

Phyllis White