From:	Beth Silverstein
То:	PlanningCommission
Subject:	Neighborhood Codes
Date:	Wednesday, August 31, 2022 4:58:42 PM

## Dear Planning Commission,

I live in Enatai in a residential neighborhood that is being overrun with overbuilt lots mostly by MN Home Builders. I am an advocate of progress and neighborhood improvement. As times change, so do housing needs. The one story small ramblers that suited the neighborhood community 40 years ago are not family homes for today's Bellevue residents.

That being said, I live in a neighborhood and on a street with two story homes. The new homes that are built are outsized for their lots. Most of the homes that are purchased by MN are 2,000 sq ft (approx) and the new homes they construct are upwards of 3500-4000 sq ft ON THE SAME LAND. They destroy the neighborhood tree canopy, remove old growth large trees, and build homes that do not match the current style or flavor of the street life. The attached photo is a view from my 2nd story office window of a new home being built. The previous home on this lot was a small mid-century modern home. It might have been 2500 sq feet with a lovely setback, large front yard and lovely curb appeal. THERE ARE NO THREE STORY HOMES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. I am curious to know how a home like this gets approved by the planning commission.

Are there neighborhood standards? Is there a design review? If not, I propose that the planning commission spend some time reviewing neighborhoods and creating neighborhood standards. Mercer Island has adopted some rigid standards that prevent the overbuilding on lots. Every neighborhood deserves to have its basic nature preserved with homes that reflect it and honor the land.

Honestly, I think Bellevue can do better for its residents. Soon we will all live amongst giant cookie-cutter homes that have been built at the expense of the trees, exceed appropriate carbon footprints, and use too many natural resources.

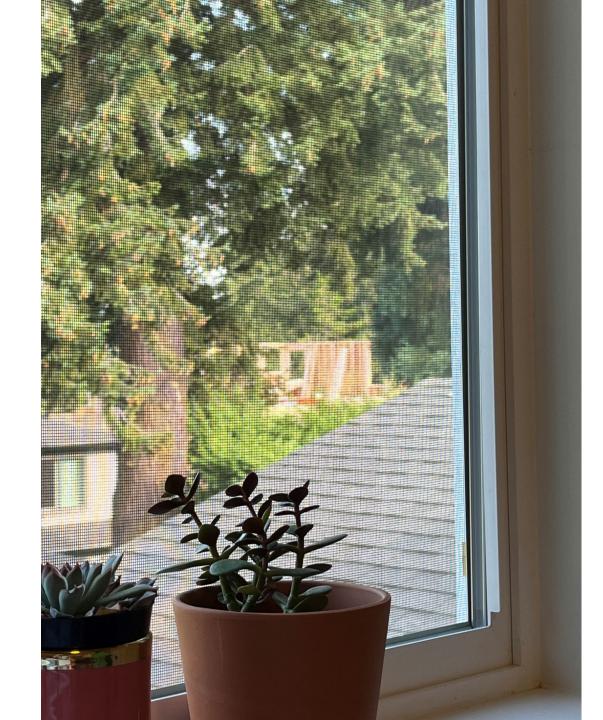
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	<u>Carolynn; Bhargava, Vishal; Icalad@bellevuewa.gov</u>
Subject:	I am sharing "AffordableHousingInventory_24x36_Sep2020" with you
Date:	Tuesday, September 6, 2022 9:51:18 AM
Attachments:	AffordableHousingInventory 24x36 Sep2020.pdf

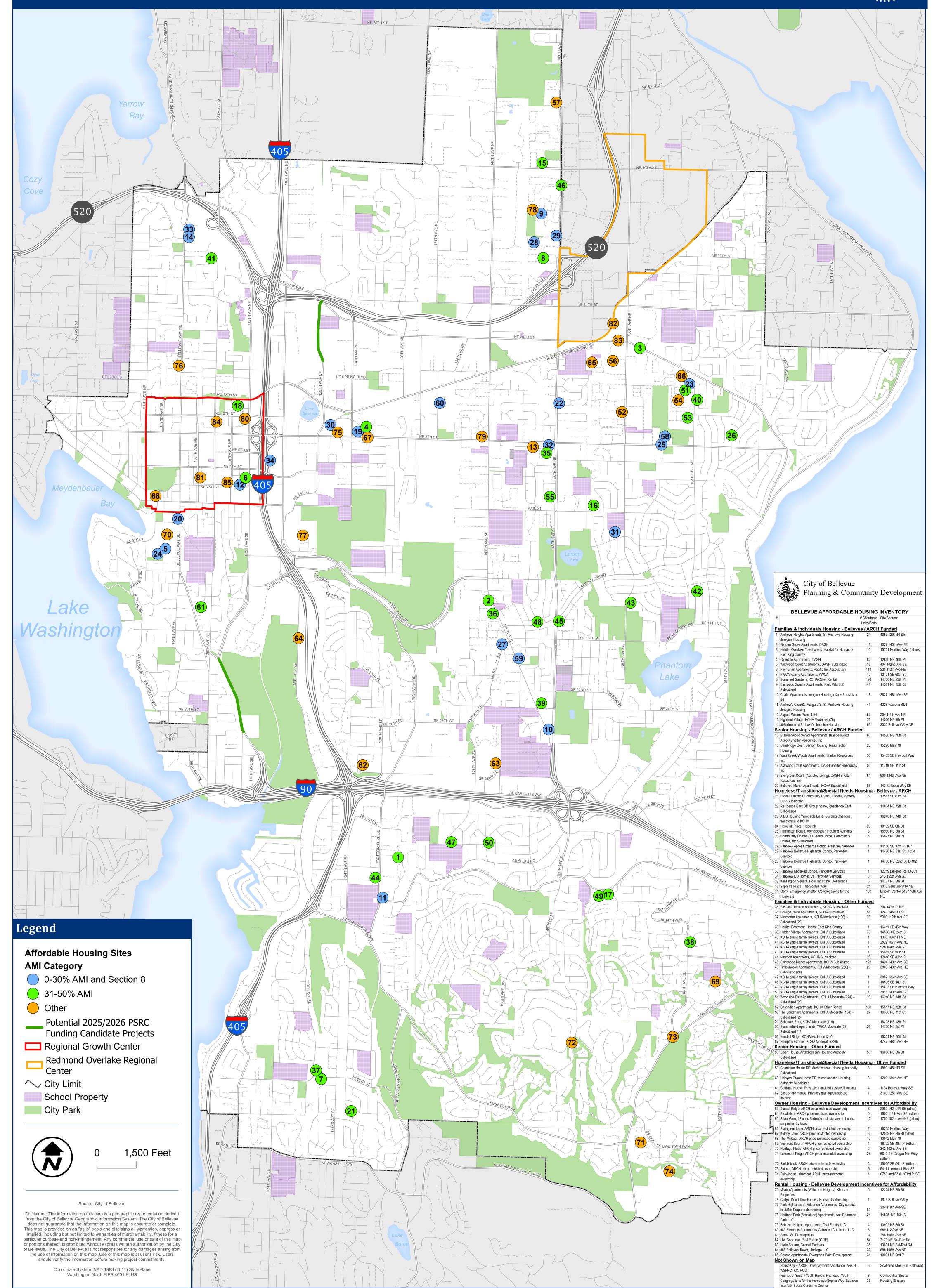
## Hello

I believe you might find this map informative as you review Affordable Housing Action. Thanks for your service Betsi Hummer 425.591.4784 betsihummer@yahoo.com

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## **Bellevue Affordable Housing Inventory**





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From:	peter@golde.org
То:	PlanningCommission
Subject:	Comment in regards to CPA amendment for affordable housing
Date:	Wednesday, September 7, 2022 11:41:51 AM

As a long-term Bellevue resident, I'm writing to submit my comments on the Affordable Housing CPS amendment.

I would like to indicate that I am STRONGLY IN FAVOR of this amendment. Housing prices indicate that supply and demand for housing have become seriously mismatched. Bellevue needs more housing. I would further urge the city to do more to permit more housing in the city, both affordable housing and market rate housing. By increasing the supply of market-rate housing in addition to affordable housing, supply and demand will become more balanced and housing prices will stop their crazy increase.

I want my children to be able to afford to live in Bellevue. That can only happen by increasing the amount of available housing.

Thank you.

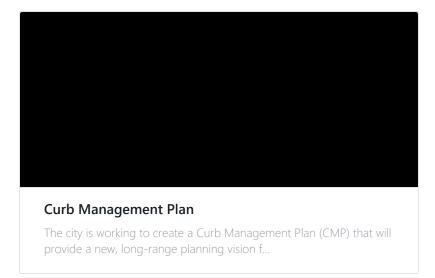
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From:	Betsi Hummer
То:	PlanningCommission; Brown, Karol; Morisseau, Anne; Malakoutian, Mohammad; Goeppele, Craighton; Ferris, Carolynn; Bhargava, Vishal
Subject: Date:	Curb Management concerns and requests for Planning Commission Thursday, September 8, 2022 7:25:15 AM

Chair Ferris, Vice Chair Bhargava, Commissioners, Councilmember Robertson, Staff, Welcome back!

As the City Council's appointees, and representatives of the Public, charged with making sure the suggestions of Staff match the Council's direction and reflect input from the public to make your best informed decision, I am sharing my thoughts, concerns, and questions on the proposed Curb Management Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

First of all, check the data. The City webpage - <u>Curb Management Plan</u> - does not indicate that a presentation was made to the East Bellevue Community Council. If a public outreach meeting is not listed, I ask myself, what else is missing? Also, City Planner Chris Iverson has stated that data showing current Curb usage will be available the first quarter of 2023. As diligent Commissioners, I expect you intend to make the best informed decision for Council, and having current data, including a survey of affected businesses, will be top of your list before you commit yourselves. This is important, because only the Planning Commission can make changes to the proposal from Staff before it goes to Council. At least 2 previous issues that came before the Planning Commission - TR2 and Permanent Supportive Housing - required Council to do their own work, delayed action on the issues, and postponed implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Code Amendments.



Second of all, there is no rush. There is no looming deadline to send this back to City Council. I ask you to delay a decision on the CM CPA until after the First Quarter of 2023 when the data is available, and have more chance for public outreach.

Here are some of my other questions that I hope you ask Staff for me so we all have the answers:

What is the current situation - how is curb managed throughout the City Show us a map of the current situation and what Staff envisions for the Plan Will the Plan be implemented throughout Bellevue or only in certain areas

What changes will the plan bring to Midlakes/Wilburton Commercial Area,, East Main, BelRed, Crossroads, Lake Hills, Vuecrest, Newport Hills, Newport Shores, and other newly developed commercial areas

Why don't we just put this aside for inclusion to the big Comprehensive Plan Update

How might this affect TR2 :

TR-2. To aggressively plan, manage, and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and expand opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner and improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.

It seems like Curb Management grew out of the pandemic restaurants in parking areas, primarily on Main Street - how does that apply to the City?

I am concerned about this blocking off NE 100th St souuth of Main, next to the City Owned Bel Vue apartments.

What are the unintended consequences? No lanes for vehicle traffic, unsafe bike lanes, isolating neighborhoods?

Thanks for your service, and hope you all ask Staff my questions, for data, and delay the decision.

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