

## NEIGHBORHOODS ELEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

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1470280	I especially like the new policy about a range of affordability types within a given neighborhood, in combination with the access to services ( stores, parks, etc) Why? 1) A range of incomes in a neighborhood strengthens outcomes for kids & families. 2) I feel my neighborhood is at risk of losing services through Land Use Amendments, and I would very much like policies in place to strengthen neighborhood-centric zoning for services.		I feel my neighborhood is at risk of losing services through Land Use Amendments, and I would very much like policies in place to strengthen neighborhood-centric zoning for services.
1471162	The focus on housing at all levels is critical. It would be nice to preserve/replace/add smaller single family houses as part of the solution. Replacing ramblers with McMansions does not help, and not every family wants to live in a multifamily scenario.	I appreciate the focus on gun violence, but please help BPD continue to attack neighborhood crime. Things like consistent mailbox looting makes neighborhoods feel unsafe, even if the relative harm is lower.	
1471470	4th down	Yes. Strict law enforcement, NO CATCH & RELEASE. Go after the gangs. Yes, they are here. No tax dollars for law breakers--THAT INCLUDES ILLEGALS. Do NOT RUIN OUR BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOODS w/ high-rises & multi-unit apartments., Keep our existing single-family housing. Do not shrink existing neighborhood property square footage. Be tough on drugs.	Stay the course not to ruin our beautiful city.
1471636	Def want more neighborhood clubs and stuff.	Mandating things usually makes things more costly and difficult to pencil out, it's probably best to let the market do its thing. (and the people)	You shouldn't listen to 'the peoples' feedback seriously. We do not have expertise, we are not urban planners, we don't have a long term vision, and most if not all of us have selfish interests to keep property prices high. People who show up to 'planning' meetings are not a representative sample of the population either. Think

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			about who has time to go to those things, it's ridiculously skewed towards certain demographics.
1471773	Addressing racially motivated hate crimes and firearm safety	How does Bellevue plan to address hate crimes committed by law enforcement?	
1472203			Every neighborhood does not need a range of housing at affordable levels....Clyde Hill? Beaux Arts? Somerset? Hilltop?
1472258	Safety New policy to support firearm safety and reduce gun violence through communications, education, partnerships, and outreach. We should have police officers at every school to protect our children	We should have police officers at every school to protect our children	We should have police officers at every school to protect our children
1472532	All of the new policies sound like a good vision for the future, except for the "places to gather". Residents can gather in the parks. A new building is not necessary, otherwise, assuring good parking and traffic management would be a concern, especially to the people that live nearby. The safety measures are totally necessary, given the current emotional undercurrents.		
1473426	Most	Make sure there are "city funded affordable housing projects" in ALL neighborhoods, eg Somerset, Bridle Trails. EVERYONE!	I want all housing types in ALL areas. For example, I want multifamily houses with views on Somerset and 6 story 3 bedroom low income housing and homeless housing in Bridle Trails. I cannot emphasize this enough.

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1474045	New policy to ensure people’s basic needs are met in every neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels; access to services like grocery stores or pharmacies; parks and natural areas; and places to gather.		Homeowners want to be free to divide their plots
1475680	Meet basic needs, engage with neighborhoods, identify and preserve neighborhood character	Stop spending time and money on hipster ideas	Foreign investment construction is not welcome
1475682	Public Safety, enforcement of current laws and fiscal responsibility.	Too often these documents take for granted a safe and clean and affordable community. You can't provide resources toward climate change and equity if you have lost sight of the fundamentals of government.	Bellevue is a great place to live, work and shop. But we need to keep foremost in vision and plans how to maintain those qualities. Well maintained public safety and infrastructure including streets, water and parks.
1475691			
1475709	Affordable housing for seniors, emergency preparedness, and the firearm safety and gun violence education and enforcement.		
1475723	Educating residents for emergency preparedness, equitable engagement, involve - and actually LISTEN - to what ppl are saying and address those issues.	Supporting the arts. Supporting other than families in this area. Bringing culture to the area.	<p>They need to LISTEN to the people already living here about what issues need to be addressed. Planning Commission doesn’t seem to do a solid job of listening to the people who show up at city council, etc meetings. It’s like we get a chance to say our piece, but since policy has pretty much already been decided, it’s an exercise in wasting time and frustrating residents.</p> <p>Also. Neighborhoods will never have the deep pockets and legal access that businesses and special interests do. But we live here, we pay taxes, and we vote. Do better with hearing us</p>

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1475743	"Encouraging" Staff to engage in community groups sounds good, but since a very large percentage of Staff live outside Bellevue, that seems costly and counterproductive, as it appears the rest of your policy changes are aimed to signal virtue and fund programs designed to divide our great city by culture and race.	A focus on our similarities, rather than our differences. You are planning to exclude the majority of the city's population (Asian and White) to provide what you are calling equity to a fraction of our community that is in fact, not excluded in any way if they are interested in integrating into our society.	Stop trying to "out virtue" every other city by implementing programs and funding projects that do nothing to improve the lives of citizens, but divide us and exclude the majority of the taxpayers in Bellevue from participating. Providing special places for tiny minorities probably won't bring us together, but the tiny minority might enjoy the benefits for a while.
1475904	Updates to definition of neighborhood character	Maintenance of existing neighborhood character is important and should be made a priority in many instances.	There seem to be new State laws that are infringing on the rights of residents to maintain their existing land use character, by allowing higher densities and lower parking requirements in neighborhoods of established character. I don't know how these are dealt with but should be in the Comprehensive Plan to allow the City to maintain its current residential neighborhoods.
1476083	1). Safety, (basic necessity for everyone)  2). Updates to existing emergency preparedness policies to address impacts of climate change, focus on protecting the most vulnerable areas, and educating residents on how to respond in case of emergency. (I think given that we live in WA, earthquake preparedness is ESSENTIAL and MANDATORY)	earthquake specific preparedness, not necessarily climate change related.	wide spread education for people regarding earthquake preparedness, emergency protocol, shelter, how to find information when disaster happens, etc. classes, seminar, webpage, kits, neighborhood leaders

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1476098		equitable engagement.	<p>I am concerned about policy that include the word equitable, since it has taken on new meanings over the past few years. What precisely do you mean with "equitable engagement" and " equitable access to grocery stores and healthy food?" This sounds like an attempt to place racial preferences in play in our city. I am totally opposed to any policy that use race as a discriminator or determining factor - Bellevue should be a color-blind community.</p> <p>I haven't read your policy update, but I'm very concerned when you develop policies to prepare for "emergency preparedness policies to address impacts of climate change." What specific impacts are you trying to address; climate change occurs over centuries and there are only poor investments and rising costs associated with policies focused on responding to an imminent emergency that is in reality decades away. I have to be able to afford to live here; spending funds on low rate of return investments is foolish.</p>
1476143			
1476151		Illegal immigrants	Follow established laws and policies
1476167	Policy for improved housing affordability and access to grocery stores and services sounds good because these are the heart of a vibrant, family oriented city that is friendly to multigenerational families.	As more and more neighborhood schools are being closed, many with unused surrounding land, is there any consideration of coordinating with the School District to set aside/donate some of the unused land for affordable family housing?	It is heartbreaking to see the closed neighborhood schools and their unused lands around them falling into neglect, decay and vandalism, while so many families could be housed on the unused portions, in low-rise or mid-rise apartments or townhomes. Maybe new, affordable family housing on these unused peripheries could reverse some of the student loss, maybe used for teachers, and some schools could be revitalized and

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			reopened? OR, if any schools are closed permanently, the land provided to affordable family housing/urban village campus?
1476287	none of these above are important. CAR raffic mitigation regarding neighborhood schools is the ONLY issue I'm confronted with now. MORE (MANDATORY) SCHOOL BUSSES/LESS CARS in Neighborhoods.	A GOOD traffic/transportation solution to the INSANE traffic bursts making SE 16th unusable on weekdays.	from every neighborhood: WE ALREADY have plenty of "EQUITABLE ACCESS" physical distanced and road access to convenient commercial enterprise such as food , medical services. I cannot understand where/how this goal/objective was justified
1476297	Updates to definition of neighborhood character to clarify the things that make a neighborhood unique including art, cultural resources, and natural features. -this can really make Bellevue a cool/interesting place to live and make it much more city-like vs suburb-like New policy to involve the community in creating supportive systems for deterring racism and racially motivated hate crimes. -i think this would be a good focus given how divided the country is. hopefully this can be taught in schools as well. i don't think people who promote or partake in racism are going to go to these events to participate en-masse		Updates to existing policies to encourage city staff to engage a wider range of community groups including neighborhood associations, clubs, cultural organizations, and more. New policy to support firearm safety and reduce gun violence through communications, education, partnerships, and outreach.  -These seem like a waste of money  There should be a large focus on middle housing. for instance, the \$400k-\$750k market seems to be overlooked constantly
1476358	Updates to definition of neighborhood character to clarify the things that make a neighborhood unique including art, cultural resources, and natural features.	it would be really cool if we could focus on entertainment (all different forms) and fun things to do	Bellevue is seen as sterile and full of housing and offices. Bellevue has such huge potential to be a premier city if we can nail this down right

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	-i think this should be the number one priority. let's make Bellevue a fun and interesting place to live.		
1476383	Emergency Preparedness- Emergencies impact everyone.		
1476430	Defining neighborhood character with art and cultural resources	Having a range of housing types in many neighborhoods may be bad for the property value of expensive homes and may cause a lack of safety for those in expensive homes.	I don't want low cost homes near higher income homes because of the loss of property values and the threat of more crime which has impacted our region recently.
1476457	Safety	Reduce population	Quite compression neighborhood
1476608	1. Support for gun safety sounds great but I didn't see anything for mental wellness attached to that. I believe they kinda go together, especially in schools. 2. Better housing is great and needed but I don't see anything about traffic. Not all are going to take a bus. Coal Creek Pkwy is a mess and will only get worse if left to apartment expansion. These two must go hand in hand.	Mental health and road expansions.	We love our city and want it to be affordable and safe and green. Thanks for keeping all the green areas, parks, trails and water runs for the salmon. We truly are diverse.
1478722	Do not destroy our beautiful neighborhoods. Single family housing is a must. No high rises, duplex's apartments. etc.	Strong enforcement of the law. No catch & release. AND NO ILLEGALS!!!!!! we ARE ALREADY OVERTAXED. Yes, there are gangs here. Put them out of business. I want our taxes to represent us, NOT nonproducing law-breaking ILLEGALS.	Keep our city crime free, clean & most importantly protected. Don't make us into a Seattle.

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1479454	<p>1. Updates to definition of neighborhood character to clarify the things that make a neighborhood unique including art, cultural resources, and natural features. WHY? Generic housing is being added in so many locations. We are undistinguishable from Denver, and so many other cities with there same developers permitted to plop in apartment housing with nothing distinguishing about them. "Little boxes all the same," as the song goes...</p> <p>2. New policy to ensure people’s basic needs are met in every neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels; access to services like grocery stores or pharmacies; parks and natural areas; and places to gather. WHY? Green space is necessary to offset the density of housing and to make healthy places for people to gather and children to play. This should be more important in the planning of the Overlake / Crossroads area and the burgeoning apt housing. What is happening with the space where the old Sears store was in Overtake?</p>	<p>RE: New policy to support firearm safety and reduce gun violence through communications, education, partnerships, and outreach. WHY? Safety is key if we are to still live here. I think we have been pretty safe thanks to Bellevue and Redmond police,, but we live on the edges of higher crime areas, and we have had people stalking our neighborhood, and camping nearby, creating fear to walk about at dusk and in the early morning. We need more lighting in many neighborhoods and especially in neighborhoods where there are walkways through housing areas.</p>	
1481191	Emergency Preparedness and Safety	Environmental Protection and Restoration. Also- DO NOT CUT DOWN TREES! The City of Bellevue Tree Canopy has decreased significantly and it continues- Please stop it since many of the new residents do not have trees in their countries and do not want them in their yard- STOP IT- move somewhere else!	Again- Environmental Protection/Restoration and also, do not let multifamily buildings be built in Single Family residential communities. A new WA State law that is being considered in Olympia would destroy our Single Family Communities.



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1487930	<p>New policy to ensure people’s basic needs are met in every neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels; access to services like grocery stores or pharmacies; parks and natural areas; and places to gather.Updates to existing policies related to community engagement to highlight the need for equitable engagement.</p> <p>Updates to existing policies to encourage city staff to engage a wider range of community groups including neighborhood associations, clubs, cultural organizations, and more.</p> <p>There are not enough affordable places to live in Bellevue, so ensuring there are enough homes for people who work here who don't earn high-paying tech salaries is really really imporant.</p>	<p>Yes, I didn't see anything about outreach to Bellevue WORKERS who cant afford to live in the city. That's a problem.</p>	<p>They don't seem to care about Bellevue workers. Where is the outreach to people who work in Bellevue but can't afford to live here?</p>
1488054			
1488053	<p>Affordable housing updates and climate change are top priorities. But that does mean that preserving green spaces, improving public transportation options and high density housing in regional hubs. Stop the mc-mansions that remove all vegetation and trees.</p>	<p>Public transportation improvements and preserving green spaces. Mitigating climate change - plant and keep trees, stop allowing developers teardown every tree on a lot.</p>	<p>Affordable house is a must but it needs to have the road or public transportation to support it. Newport Hills and Coal Creek are completely bottlenecked due to more luxury housing without increased access to public transportation</p>
1488136	<p>Safety</p>		
1488148	<p>Firearm safety and reducing gun violence, emergency preparation</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>A range of housing types</p>

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1488183	Encourage community clubs groups etc	Consideration for existing single housing neighborhoods where large carbon foot print house being allowed to be built where there is no consideration to the existing community where new housing is encroaching on existing community members with no consolation with neighbors. Very poor quality housing being built with no consideration for local materials, local design that will not last.	More consideration should be given to existing community.... Encroachment, esthetics and ability to object as it appears currently only consideration is building and electrical code..... more blending in with existing
1488200	Access to stores, food, transportation, health care	As population density increases, roads and parking must increase. Parking at light rail stations is crucial or light rail will not be used.	Safety is priority
1488848	They are sound good, but I am particularly interested in the two Safety policies.		
1489717		Polices to limit building heights in neighborhoods Policies limiting the types of businesses that can by placed in residential neighborhoods to food, drug stores only. Policies that dedicate space for walking and rolling that is safe from cars Pedestrian oriented neighborhoods that put safety first over cars going fast	
1489797	They are all vitally important.	No	It's so important to provide equal access to all services and amenities. I believe these updates strive towards that.
1490057	They all sound good. Safety, emergency preparedness.	Lack of sidewalks in Lake Hulls continue to be an issue as does street cleaning and upkeep with new islands placed at neighborhood entries. Bus transportation is good but I worry about unsafe stop near NE 5th on 156th Ave ( south of Crossroads)	Recently a new home replaced an old home. It is overpriced for Lake Hills as it is priced at \$2,898,000 4276 sq ft amongst very humble homes. The monthly payments will be about 15,000 /mo. Property values ( taxes) will also rise 😞 It will become impossible for most people to be able to live here.

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1490282	New policy to make sure people’s basic needs are met. This sounds good because that’s what Bellevue is about.		Please, when you account every type of human in planning a city or neighborhood to deliver basic needs, please think of people with different mobility and not just drivers. Not every human can drive or own a car.
1490363	Impacts of growth on environment, updates to neighborhood character to include it's natural features. Residents should have the right to be prioritized. We purchased the land we live on. By taking away the qualities of our neighborhood and the reasons we purchased our homes, the city is creating more inequities for residents who continue to invest in our city. No one, no place, no city is the same.	We want our City to prioritize it's residents.	The city surveys are being used as marketing tools. Resident concerns about affordable housing may be that residents do not want apartments as their neighbors, and not how the City has defined it.  The surveys are inaccurate.
1490520	Places to gather close to neighborhoods		Remember middle and low income peoples and the environment-critters too
1490538	I think all these things sound wonderful. I am curious to see how staff, commissioners and council will be able to create programs to respond to them.		
1490576	Any policy moves that are evaluative of every resident's desire to have affordable/desirable housing according to their needs--including a supply for the "next generation" who wishes to remain in Bellevue--in a pleasant environment which includes reasonably-nearby services that are accessible by transit or by biking safely or by walking safely--which requires sidewalks, including sidewalks INTO the service areas!--and sidewalks that are maintained (hedges trimmed back, cleaned of plant and human/animal litter), as well as public green-space and trails, will be wise and prudent policy moves!	Having lived in Bellevue as a transit user and a walker for more than 35 years, I am keenly aware of householders' neglect of trimming shrubbery along sidewalks (each jurisdiction likely assuming it is the responsibility of the other!), the complete absence of sidewalks (which presence of would double my access to neighboring areas), and the unavailability of starter homes for young first-time (second-generation) buyers. (Just because a young family can't afford to buy a mega house does not mean they would like to rent an apartment!)	Young families (2-generations) who wish to make Bellevue their home don't WANT to pay rent as an alternative to buying a starter home--even if the starter home is not on a "tract of land." Just now, for newcomers to the housing market, there is a wide dichotomy between buying a multimillion dollar property or renting at a high rent in an apartment complex. Apartments should be for folks in transition and not permanent living situations. There should be more options for BUYING, even if it's townhomes or non-apt-block-style condos. If the city simply allows developers to have their way, this vision may not be realized, and the

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			city is left with simply the responsibility to ensure that low-income apartments are available for renting.
1490719	More diverse housing choices and small businesses (corner stores, neighborhood pubs) would be fantastic. Our neighborhoods are car-dependent not active in any way.	Neighborhood streets should have slower speed limits *and* cut-throughs to create a pedestrian/bicycle grid. Too often people don't walk in neighborhoods because there are no direct routes to anywhere except on the arterials. Walk from Highland Middle School to Crossroads: it's only possible because there are cut-throughs. Compare this to walking from the adjacent neighborhood to Hidden Valley Sports Park. It's a route that demands driving (or walking along a dangerous street.)	Kirkland has had less restrictive zoning for decades. There are ADUs, duplexes, even sixplexes sitting right next to single family McMansions. And guess what? Kirkland's neighborhoods are lovely and their home values are high.
1490789	updates to existing policies to encourage city staff to engage a wider range of community groups. Newport Hills has changed in the past 15 years and become more culturally diverse. In order for the city to understand the values and needs of our community I think they need to be more directly engaged.	I think the city should have neighborhood liaisons who get to know the community and its specific flavor.	It's more about keeping this a "neighborhood" with its uniqueness. Understanding that there are already apartment complexes for housing (some with Section 8 units). Realizing that we support our small local businesses. Just a few thoughts.
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1495865	I think they all sound good.	The policy to protect the character of existing neighborhoods, and a focus on making neighborhoods more liveable for seniors, who are now 20% of the population. To me, that means more emphasis on adding sidewalks, AND keeping existing ones clear of encroaching landscaping, and doing more to replace uneven stretches.	Protect the character of existing neighborhoods, and focus on making neighborhoods more liveable for seniors, who are now 20% of the population. To me, that means more emphasis on adding sidewalks, AND keeping existing ones clear of encroaching landscaping, and doing more to replace uneven stretches. Also, more enforcement of codes to prevent the blocking of sidewalks, like when cars park in the driveway, but the back end of their car is over the sidewalk, forcing folks, and children, into the street to go around the car.
1495887	Updates to existing policies to encourage city staff to engage a wider range of community groups including neighborhood associations, clubs, cultural organizations, and more. Updates to definition of neighborhood character to clarify the things that make a neighborhood unique including art, cultural resources, and natural features.	Need an AGING IN PLACE policy. Also, stronger policies to protect the character of existing neighborhoods, and focus on making neighborhoods more livable for seniors, who are now 20% of the population. To me, that means more emphasis on adding sidewalks, AND keeping existing ones clear of encroaching landscaping, and doing more to replace uneven stretches. Also, more enforcement of codes to prevent the blocking of sidewalks, like when cars park in the driveway, but the back end of their car is over the sidewalk, forcing folks, and children, into the street to go around the car.	Consider that 20% of the population is over 65 and SERIOUSLY ask yourself if their needs are being met in any new policy? How is this policy going to help seniors, or hurt them?
1496626	"New policy to ensure people's basic needs are met in every neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels; access to services like grocery stores or pharmacies; parks and natural areas; and places to gather." At the very least, we should be able to take care of our citizens in all capacities.	Perhaps the city can develop a way to assist newly housed people to find jobs.	

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1498255	The new policy to ensure people's basic needs are met in every neighborhood. There are pockets of Eastgate largely ignored by the city. In particular the homes on SE Newport Way between 150th Ave SE and Lakemont Blvd. There are no parks, no sidewalks, and a speed limit of 35mph. This new policy seems to address these issues. Updates to emergency preparedness in our wooded landscapes sound amazing.	na	Please help the east pocket of Eastgate. We were annexed in 2012 and nothing has been done to bring us into the fold of the City of Bellevue. How many other neighborhoods have homes on an arterial without sidewalks?
1498274	New policy to ensure people’s basic needs are met in every neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels; access to services like grocery stores or pharmacies; parks and natural areas; and places to gather. This is fundamental to ensuring that Bellevue remains a city open to all.		
1498280	A range of housing types as long as character of the neighborhood is maintained;. i.e., higher density should not be indiscriminately mixed in low density neighborhoods.		Maintain neighborhood character at all cost!

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1498285	These policies are good and hopefully they are achieved even in neighborhoods that are not downtown or near downtown.	Some neighborhoods some distance from downtown seem to have been forgotten. An excellent example of this is the Newport Hiils Shopping Center which has been in decline for years. Now it is a real eyesore and grow more dangerous every year. Service providers such as Q Nails keep their doors locked during the day.	A new MU/L has been arbitrarily assigned to this center even though we do not know if this designation will result in a financially viable project. I don't know what designation will ultimately work, but I know that a developer needs a reasonable chance to develop a project acceptable to the community and financially feasible before they will undertake a redevelopment project. Two developers tried to present reasonable projects since 2016 and they were shouted down by a small but loud group. That group doesn't represent the community majority. This is a bigger topic than can't be covered here. Suffice it to say many of us who support redevelopment of the mess in Newport Hills Shopping Center area have spoken with council members and city staff until we're sick of listening to ourselves. No matter what we say in the most reasonable way, the loud bullies seem to win. I don't care about winning. I just want this mess FIXED.
1498318	Access to grocery stores and places to gather		
1498347			
1498428	Difficult to say. So far, all you've outlined is general 'pie in the sky' blabbing coated in generalities with no specifics regarding WHAT you plan to do and HOW it's going to be done.	What is different from the last time you planned and talked about change.	Tell people exactly what you want to accomplish, how you envision it being done, and some honest admission of what difficulties you anticipate.
1498454	New policy: a comprehensive statement and goal that ensures every neighborhood is a viable place to live.	In the New policy statement, I would add access to include "transportation options"	In the spirit of moving "New Policy" forward (if chosen), that the characteristics that make each neighborhood unique - whether it be historical, cultural etc. please ensure that these important characteristics are not lost along the way.

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1498501	As much as your "new" policies read well, most are somewhat in effect already, however... read comments in question "5".	It may just be semantics, but the "new policies" seem somewhat misguided. Rather than "ensure people's basic needs are met in every neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels; access to services like grocery stores or pharmacies; parks and natural areas; and places to gather," (which can be an expensive proposition), and "equitable access to grocery stores and healthy food as part of neighborhood planning and at city funded affordable housing projects". While I understand the above statements for areas like the re-imagined BelRed corridor, where there is enough changes that these goals are logical to implement, whereas in existing areas without substantive change happening, do not focus too much on those. Rather, than spend time and money making sure basic needs are met in EVERY neighborhood, look at "what each neighborhood already has" and maximize the existing resources. In other words, allow greater density ( including affordable housing) within 1/4 mile of transportation options, shopping areas, elementary schools, fire stations, etc. where the individuals needing more affordable housing can "easily (walk) access" those resources. If, as an example, the YMCA is considered a community resource, then density between 140th and 148th Ave NE would make sense that area could potentially allow higher density, as opposed to Bridle Trails, which is affluent enough the occupants there can afford to walk or drive. Just like the highrises in Bellevue, the tallest ones are in the center and less height / less density the further away	That overall Bellevue has done a nice job of balancing things... although the "talk" about affordable housing, versus the actual efforts to streamline and make those future projects more easily accomplished, is still severely lacking.



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		<p>from the tallest ones there. Further, if we already have affordable housing in certain areas, and it is generally "accepted" as part of that neighborhood, expanding those current footprints vertically and horizontally makes more sense than creating new footprints where non existed before.</p> <p>As far as the other policies, nothing to object to.</p>	

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1498251	The new policy to ensure basic needs are met in every neighborhood - especially places to gather. It's important to have walkable places to gather, eat and shop to maintain the vitality of neighborhoods and create community connections and involvement. It also promotes neighbors helping each other if the neighborhood is conducive to gathering together so people have the opportunity to get to know their neighbors.		That small businesses and places to gather and shop (grocery stores, pharmacies, book stores, restaurants) should be preserved and enhanced near neighborhoods.
1498591	<p>policies deterring racism, bias, and hate/bias related crimes; policy focusing on intercultural and cross cultural learning and community spaces that foster culture of bringing people of diverse backgrounds together (think NYC or CA).</p> <p>policies for community engagement and staff hiring that is more diverse, multi lingual and supportive of cultural navigation</p> <p>policies that support transportation options to connect neighborhoods better to transit hubs so it is more practicable to take transit than drive</p>	<p>Safety - especially relating to transit and transportation options</p> <p>Safety - more policies addressing preparedness for crime prevention and supporting recruitment of police officers, fire fighters and other first responders -- particularly minority recruitment and women</p> <p>policies for community engagement and staff hiring that is more diverse, multi lingual and supportive of cultural navigation</p> <p>policies that support transportation options to connect neighborhoods better to transit hubs so it is more practicable to take transit than drive</p>	
1498596	None of these sound good. They all sound like communism.	Respect for private property and our constitution	It's nice to have lofty ideals, but they should respect private property.
1498618	Safety. Create sidewalk and crosswalk safety on SE 35th PL and SE 34th ST.	Do not arbitrarily change zoning without neighborhood approval. Enforce existing land use codes.	Keep neighborhoods informed from the very beginning of proposed changes.
1497050	a wider range of ownership housing options. Home ownership now is expensive beyond what younger	no	Ensure your decisions are based on current information

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	people can afford. Business area is run down and does not provide a wide range of support services		
1499061	<p>a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels</p> <p>I say that because in NW Bellevue, all the multifamily housing is pretty old vs the new mcmansions being built. Some of which could easily be turned into perhaps two lots with even the same floor space but accommodate more people. Multigenerational housing can occur in these mcmansions, but allowing more ADUs would allow multigenerational housing on the same lot for a wider range of cultures.</p>	Prioritizing alternatives to car for travel within and to other neighborhoods	
1499229	Updating emergency preparedness is always a good idea.	Noting is specifically missing, however the terms are all very general and non-specific. Truthfully, I do not believe that you will be applying these policies equally across the board, as stated above.	I understand the reasons that growth has been targeted into the Bel-Red corridor and Spring District, with resultant "fall-out" into Wilburton. I do not understand your insistence that you will be applying these policies across the city, when we all know that the city has its sites on Wilburton specifically, as the neighborhood to absorb a lot of the growth. It would be thrilling to me as a long time Bellevue and Wilburton resident, to see these growth plans actually include other neighborhoods, such as West Bellevue, Bridle Trails, Spirit Ridge, etc. How about you actually get honest, and quit leading on the residents of the city, Wilburton in particular, with the rhetoric stated in the first bullet point in the policy moves above: "New policy to ensure people's basic needs are met in EVERY neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels;

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			access to services like grocery stores or pharmacies; parks and natural areas; and places to gather." We all know that you will not be doing this. I would appreciate a change in your "bla-bla" to be more honest.
1499235	Public Safety	<p>Increase police and fire staff numbers, salaries, and response time. Speed up project implementation time: e.g. examine timeline for implementation of Fire Station 10.</p> <p>Have policy and procedures for individuals to get suggestions to appropriate departments. Example: the "improvements" to 108th Avenue NE, between NE 12th and NE 24th are poor. Removal of the center line creates a safety hazard. Drivers now use the right-hand painted line for safety reference, which is why the city has to repaint it so often. There are virtually no bikes utilizing the bike lanes. Law allows bicycles in traffic lane, provided they follow the Rules of the Road, or sidewalks provided yielding to pedestrians. The s/b turn lane onto</p>	

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		NE 12th has been impacted by running the bike lane all the way to the intersection. Compare the plan on NE 12th, prior to the Fire Station construction. There, the bike lane stops well before the intersection, permitting drivers to make a free right-hand turn, thereby helping to reduce congestion.	
1499277		Access to public transportation in all neighborhoods	
1499345	Increasing range of housing types at different affordability levels		
1499365	These are good policies that I support.	<p>Neighborhoods need to be supported by places where people can gather, and with walkability and safe bike infrastructure. These things help people to organically experience their surroundings and get to know their neighbors.</p> <p>Please allow for the development of more mixed use and missing middle housing throughout the city.</p> <p>Substantial areas of Bellevue are tied up in HOAs that restrict property rights and land value. Just as HOA limits on solar panels cannot override state law allowing them,</p>	<p>Ensure that the factors that organically build communities are prioritized, because that will always be more effective than city activities that try to mitigate underlying structural problems.</p> <p>Factors that organically build communities include walkability, bike routes that are safe from cars, local gathering places (including mixed use that enables local businesses), and housing affordability.</p>

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		HOA limits on single family homes (or architectural rules) should not be allowed to override city permitting allowing missing middle housing and mixed use.	
1499443	Updates to definition of neighborhood character to clarify the things that make a neighborhood great, like clearing litter and signs from streets and sign code updated to eliminate gorilla advertising signs on the sides of the streets.		
1499985	Nueva política para involucrar a la comunidad en la creación de sistemas de Apollo para hacer vecindario único y seguro. Porque últimamente ha habido muchos problemas con gente que roba en este vecindario autos y otras cosas.		Si
1500229	New policy to ensure people’s basic needs are met in every neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels; access to services like grocery stores or pharmacies; parks and natural areas; and places to gather.	Good fenced in dog park for small dogs	

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1501129	Safety; policy to involve the community in creating supportive systems for deterring racism and racially motivated hate crimes; Updates to existing policies to encourage city staff to engage a wider range of community groups including neighborhood associations, clubs, cultural organizations, and more.		Safety - What can Planning Commissioners & Boards do to help ensure safety of City of Bellevue residents when city-funded housing projects start welcoming underserved population from outside Bellevue/East Side. Many residents on East side value and appreciate safety and cleanliness of our communities and many of us are concerned that our communities will soon start becoming unhealthy and unsafe like Seattle and other cities outside Seattle that have high crime rates.
1501965	All of them sound good.		Add something about the need to preserve green space, retain old trees and grow new ones and establish pedestrian/bike only pathways throughout the city.
1503770	<p>Updates to existing policies to encourage city staff to engage a wider range of community groups including neighborhood associations, clubs, cultural organizations, and more but don't disturb the identity of single family neighborhoods.</p> <p>Updates to definition of neighborhood character to clarify the things that make a neighborhood unique including art, cultural resources, and natural features.</p> <p>New policy to include equitable access to grocery stores and healthy food as part of neighborhood planning and at city funded affordable housing projects but don't allow high density remodels/rebuilds/new builds in single family neighborhoods.</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>New policy to support firearm safety and reduce gun violence through communications, education, partnerships, and outreach. Add laws for gun free zones in a mile radius around schools, stores, parks, and</p>	<p>Reduce taxes for seniors who own and occupy their homes in Bellevue. Some seniors have to work full time and not retire to be able to afford the taxes so don't make this something for low income seniors only.</p> <p>Policy on requiring driver's training for all new residents who have not had a valid Washington State drivers license before, even if a driver holds a valid out of state or international drivers license. Teenagers are not the only people who need drivers training.</p>	<p>That developers should not be given rubber-stamped approval and developers should be charged higher fees.</p> <p>Do not allow development on any large open space.</p> <p>There needs to be a moratorium on all development that abut main thorough fares in Bellevue until the problem with traffic is fixed. Light rail won't help that much as there are not enough stops built into the routes, there is not enough parking lots for people to drive to light rail stops along the route.</p> <p>Stop spending money on bicycle lanes as there are hardly anybody riding bicycles in Bellevue as transportation to and from work.</p> <p>A set tree policy needs to be put in place before anything else. Cutting down any healthy trees on a lot should cost</p>

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	community and non-profit locations. New policy to involve the community in creating supportive systems for deterring racism and racially motivated hate crimes.		an owner fees as these people are not replanting trees.  Single family neighborhoods need their identity to be saved. High density rebuilds or new builds in single family neighborhoods needs to be disallowed.
1503785	It all SOUNDS good...	Door to door outreach by city staff, maybe even home visits. Trying to gather folks at a local school, with trifold displays and sharing your plans is not enough. Maybe staffing neighborhood monthly (?) meetings where a facilitated discussion of neighborhood issues can happen. Less social media outreach; more human interaction. Offer block parties...	You used to ask neighborhoods what they wanted and felt they needed. Maybe you still do, but when that is buried somewhere on the city website, you are not communicating. Mailings help, asking people to meetings helps, actually visiting the neighborhoods on a Saturday when some folks are out walking, playing, gardening allows that variety and specificity of input that could really help. Good luck. Come out to get to know us!
1504568			Homelessness influx as rail system is completed. Concerned that the problem will not be addressed and over time Bellevue will begin to decay and resemble Seattle.



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1505446	"...every neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels... Not good policy." We want to prevent our single family neighborhoods from being turned into multifamily residential areas. Please do not change the composition of our neighborhoods.		

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1506710	I'd agree with all the policy moves. Below are comments on specific NH policies.	I am too brain-dead to even contemplate thinking about this question.	<p>NEIGHBORHOODS</p> <p>NH-1: "Maintain all neighborhoods as safe, welcoming and accessible environments for all to enjoy." Not sure what is meant by *welcoming* and by *accessible*. These are very nebulous terms.</p> <p>NH-2: "Support the creation of a variety of land uses to fulfill each neighborhood's basic needs, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A range of housing types at various affordability levels;</li><li>2. Access to basic needs such as groceries, pharmacies, and other essential services;</li><li>3. Natural areas and open spaces; and</li><li>4. Places to gather."<p>This is a great policy. Maybe its inclusion in the new comp plan, especially the 4th item, will prevent Michael's Subaru from demolishing the remaining small businesses in Sunset Village on the north side of I-90 in Eastgate. Eastgate residents and those who live north in proximity to Sunset Village now have ZERO place to gather casually, now that the coffee shop has closed.</p><p>NH-3: "Plan and prepare for the response, recovery, and mitigation of potential disasters and hazards.</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Factor climate impacts into neighborhood emergency preparedness and enhance local capacity to respond to climate-related hazards.</li><li>2. Prioritize high-risk neighborhoods for mitigating climate hazards."<p>What is a high-risk neighborhood? How are you defining which neighborhoods are classified as high-risk?</p></li></ol></li></ol>

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			<p>NH-5: "Promote inclusive community connections that strengthen the social fabric of neighborhoods, including support for organizations that foster community cohesion and sense of belonging." This would be great. I would like to know how the city will do this. As president of Eastgate Community Association, I would love to connect with other groups who have influence among residents, but I have no idea how.</p> <p>NH-14: "Support efforts to enhance the distinct physical amenities and develop distinctive neighborhood elements that bring artistic, cultural, or natural qualities to life across Bellevue's diverse neighborhoods." OK, I have to keep plugging updating the tree code so that lots of the old, large conifers in Bellevue's older neighborhoods, are RETAINED instead of cut down to build new McMansions. Eastgate has already lost SO MANY of its large trees. It's a travesty. The treed nature of Eastgate is one of the key attributes that residents appreciate about Eastgate and what makes it special to live here.</p>

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1508203			<p>I suspect the policy: "New policy to ensure people’s basic needs are met in every neighborhood, including: a range of housing types; housing at different affordability levels" may be be in response to new state laws requiring multifamily zoning (4 and 6 plex) in currently single family neighborhoods. Implementing this policy is both impractical and objectionable.</p> <p>It is impractical economically. For example, the four most recent teardowns I am aware of in my general neighborhood are as follows:</p> <p>14920 SE 45th Place, Parcel No. 2206700155 sold to a builder on 11/20/23 for \$921,000 and since torn down with a permit issued for new single family residence under construction</p> <p>16221 SE 46th Way, Parcel No. 1687900420, sold to a builder on 8/15/23 for \$1,134,000 and since torn down with a new single family residence under construction.</p> <p>14912 SE 46th Place, Parcel No. 2206700150, sold to a builder on 3/21/23 for \$1,000,000, torn down and new 5000 square foot single family residence constructed and sold to the present owner on 11/7/23 for \$3,200,000</p> <p>14918 SE 46th Street, Parcel No. 220670, sold to a builder on 3/30/2018 for \$679,760, torn down and new 4800 square foot single family residence constructed and sold to the first buyer on 3/12/19 for \$1,855,000</p>

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			<p>These 4 properties before teardown were all in the lower price range for the general neighborhood. While builders obviously target the lowest priced potential tear-down properties, from these examples they have the incentive to build single family for maximum profit. It is difficult to conceive of a builder constructing a fourplex that would sell in the \$2 million to \$3.2 million range. Even if that were to occur, the unit price would range from \$500,000 to \$800,000. If such a unit could be sold to an individual buyer, an 80% 30 year mortgage at 5% annually would require a principal and interest payment ranging from \$2,147 to \$3,435, not including taxes, insurance, and condo dues. Plus the buyer would need a down payment ranging from \$100,000 to \$160,000 plus closing costs. That is not within the definition of affordable housing.</p> <p>Adding multifamily housing to currently single family neighborhoods is objectionable because it is essentially changing the rules of the game after residents have made the largest investment in their lives based on the single family neighborhood character.</p> <p>People who choose single family neighborhoods do so because they are lower density, i.e. fewer people. Adding multifamily increases density which overtaxes neighborhood streets designed for single family, and also increases traffic on arterials serving the neighborhoods. It adds vehicles to the neighborhood and concomitant parking problems. It obviously adds people and as</p>

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			<p>population increases, so do peoples' problems proportionately, including crime.</p> <p>People also choose single family neighborhoods because of the extra space it provides in the form of yards, gardens, 2-4 car garages, swimming pools, Pickleball courts, etc, etc.</p> <p>Adding multifamily housing to currently single family neighborhoods will, if possible at all, ultimately change the character of the neighborhoods and incentivize the movement of the SF neighborhoods out of Bellevue to the smallest surrounding towns and unincorporated areas.</p> <p>We hear that police officers, city employees, and school employees supposedly cannot afford to live in Bellevue, Seattle, etc. But even if true, how many of those persons want to live long term in an apartment or apartment-sized condominium? I suggest many of them want to have a single family detached house with a yard and space for kids to play, parking for boats, motorcycles, trailers, vegetable garden, etc. and will commute long distances to achieve that.</p> <p>I have lived in the Puget Sound region for most of my seventy some years. I knew people in the 1950s and 1960s who accepted an hour commute each way as reasonable (before freeways) so they could live in a SFDH with large yard or even acreage in south Kitsap County or</p>

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			<p>the Longbranch Peninsula, and work at a good-paying job at Boeing in Renton or Seattle. There were enough of these workers in my area such that carpools were common.</p> <p>The better way to address the affordable housing issue has two components. First, Bellevue should continue policies enabling development of high density apartments/condominiums in areas currently zoned and well-situated for them.</p> <p>Second, Bellevue should continue supporting improvements to long distance commute methods from outlying areas or other cities. The enormous budget of Sound Transit does appear to have some positive outcomes in this regard despite that agency's missteps, and the further widening of I405 likewise.</p>

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1508365	ensure people’s basic needs are met in every neighborhood - allows for everyone to live with dignity.	Reducing crime. Proactive policies for crime prevention and empowering the police to do their job.	Safety and crime minimization in all neighborhoods must be a focus while making policy decisions.
1508496	Safety - Nothing more important than the city fully funding the Police and Fire Departments.	Need to preserve zoning for single family residential neighborhoods and not allow duplexes, apartments and condo's to be built in those areas.	See comments in #4 and #5 above.
1508564	The introductory paragraph is OK, but the bulleted policy moves themselves seem to promote solutions that are not fair to everyone, pick winners and losers, and seem more in sync with activist and staff priorities than the priorities of a broad range of actual Bellevue residents. Not particularly surprised by this, as the supposed "outreach" was less about really listening and more about trying to rigidly control the process and input that got passed on. I know, because I attended numerous meetings and observed this myself. Input about unintended consequences or problems was sloughed off and not reported out. See example in below question	Unintended (or perhaps not) impacts on seniors and certain other low or fixed income groups was willfully ignored in the out reach process. An example, I raised the issue of the impact some of the proposed policies would have on seriously raising property taxes on seniors and other fixed income groups because of state law governing how assessments MUST be done state wide. (Highest and best use) I quoted the governing state law and gave the RCW citations to at least 6-8 city employees at 3 different meetings and in public comment to the Planning Commission. They all seemed surprised, but ended up ignoring, not reporting out or doing any follow up on. They either assumed I was wrong or didn't care. I was not wrong. I had that confirmed by the County assessors office, and the state legislature has recently confirmed it in their analysis of a proposed new law unrelated to it. Fast rising property taxes have already driven Bellevue residents from their homes, especially seniors. Ignoring that policies you are considering will only drive more seniors and fixed income residents out is not fair or representative. I suggested that if these policies were being considered, the state should be ask to modify that law first. That was ignored, no one followed through and it was never brought up or reported out. Seems when it comes to "affordable	That unfortunately they need to do their own listening and input, as the outreach done so far is too tainted to be relied upon.



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		housing", seniors who already have housing they are trying to hang onto are not a serious consideration. Sure looks like picking winners and losers.	
1508582	Equitable Engagement is the start to beginning conversations to include diverse voices to make change, esp. to reflect the increasing population of gender and sexually diverse individuals.	1st one - having safe spaces for LGBTQIA+ communities to gather  Under Safety, the LGBTQIA+ community should also be included for supportive systems to deter hate crimes.	Keep the LGBTQIA+ population in mind for all discussions and recommendations, e.g. making parks and public spaces more accessible by having gender neutral bathroom facilities.

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1508403	The wording about welcoming communities is great, though we could also consider ways to support existing residents through that transition and keep the aspects of life in their neighborhood that they most value. Reducing interpersonal conflicts will make our neighborhoods stronger.	I think community gardens are a subcategory of open space and parks, and a nexus for building community connections, but I don't think they really do much for access to healthy food. Perhaps the best case is if you count the generational transfer of knowledge that might encourage young people to do more serious gardening elsewhere later in life. I did one when I was a student, and didn't have the money to give it a good try. The people I know who actually do well at this had plenty of money to buy food anyway.	
1508678	Updates to existing policies to encourage city staff to engage a wider range of community groups including neighborhood associations, clubs, cultural organizations, and more. Updates to definition of neighborhood character to clarify the things that make a neighborhood unique including art, cultural resources, and natural features.  Increase communication with residents.	It's difficult to assess the impact on our neighborhoods and what this all means.	Please consider residents and the impact growth has on tree canopies.

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1508837		<p>Not allowing people to make their car a residents in neighborhoods . What usually accompanies this allowance are needles and people using our streets as their restroom and garbage dumpsite.</p> <p>Stop tolerating crime even one such as theft. Stand up for what is right and what is wrong instead of making excuses for why people commit crimes. It has nothing by to do with their race or social standing in society . Everyone needs to be held accountable and responsible for their actions regardless of race. We as a community needs to stop babying people and allowing the police to do their job and stop criminals from taking over our streets .</p> <p>Diversity equity and inclusion policies do not work it degrades everyone's livelihood and has a negative effect on society. Equity is not the same thing as equality. We need to stop focusing on DEI rather we just need to look at people as individuals.</p>	See above comments
1508996	The first policy, the update, people need to be prepared.	Yes, how about addressing the needs of people who LIVE in Bellevue, not people who do not.	Focus on Bellevue people only, we do not need people from outside Bellevue telling staff what to do. And that's what's going on right now.
1509113	<p>I don't know what this means.</p> <p>Safety should be a priority and not allowing crimes committed by those who FEEL underprivileged to commit crimes and get away with them.</p> <p>We must have laws in place to support the police.</p> <p>This is essential in any city.</p>	<p>Just what I mentioned. Do not allow criminal activity to happen without disciplinary action.</p> <p>Seattle's priority is now "Public Safety". The City should learn from other Cities' mistakes.</p>	The City Manager and Council should actively participating. Having the police shouldering all of the blame leaves them vulnerable to BLM, Hamas hate protests, eyltc.

**Which of these moves sound good and why?**

- Support equitable access to healthy food. Support firearm safety.
- \* Key policy moves are excellent. \* Keep focus on safety overall. Firearm safety is very important.
- Fire & Police Cares - this program - mental health support within fire & police dept. is great.
- Police Dept - top notch funding & hire more - they are too busy, impacts response times
- I like the idea of equitable access to grocery stores. Potential to allow mini "corner" markets in residential neighborhoods to allow people to walk/bike/roll to get groceries?
- Big yes to address racism & hate crimes for neighborhood safety. Also, in general, I want to feel safer walking in neighborhoods at night in more mixed use urban areas (am female).
- Love the striving to keep parks, art, access, etc. in B'vue.

**Are there any policy ideas missing?**

- 1) Rename the 16 "neighborhoods" to SUBAREAS -- subareas are not neighborhoods! 2) create and adopt a mid-range, say 50 years, population forecast for city and the 16 subareas of the city.
- -Surveillance for prevention of crime and fire; - Encourage inputs from private industries & public facilities
- There seems to be no effort to preserve the neighborhood of Lake Hills as trees are coming down and McMansions are being built daily -- what about affordable housing? Inclusive neighborhoods? Trees and mature plant growth?
- The policy on food access is bad. Not the city's role.
- Community gathering places -- In the area where I live, there are no community gathering places without being a member. Relationship building is key to being successful.
- There is much more to Bellevue than just BelRed. Would like to have seen more.

**What do you want Planning Commissioners to know?**

- Bellevue Hindu Temple and Cultural Center is willing to invest a sizable money towards calling such a place its own. The requirement for BHTCC is a minimum of 20 acres of either the land or a built up property with parking space to accommodate the needs of growing Hindu population in the city. BHTCC is committed to not only serving the needs of Hindus religious affiliations but also have a thriving center to celebrate and promote art, culture, festivals, traditional dance forms, events, classes like teaching Hindi and other Indian languages, etc. to a growing diversity of people in the city.
- Make sure your public safety components - Police - Fire - are part of the comprehensive plan and the 2044 vision. Public safety is a top priority.