

HUMAN SERVICES POLICY MOVES QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

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1471642	Investing in mental health, services that allow homeless and the elders is great. HOUSING FIRST APPROACH IS AMAZING! Love that policy.	Making sure we can build as much as possible will lower housing costs in turn lowering homelessness and leaving more money in people's pockets, in turn saving the city from having to provide those from its own taxes/coffers.	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 about who has time to go to those things, it's ridiculously skewed towards certain demographics.
1471777	Opportunities to increase youth participation in the community, and have equitable outcomes in their health, wellness, and education policy to support the distribution of resources in response to a hazard event. policy to support access to healthy, affordable, and culturally relevant food for all people.		I know the city of Seattle has strange laws against food trucks not being able to cook food in the truck. This raises the cost of entry to starting a food truck and serving cheap culturally relevant food for folks. If this is a law in Bellevue this should be reversed to encourage culinary entrepreneurship in the city. If this is a king county law Bellevue should stand against it
1472250	New policy to support programs that help children and youth participate in the community and have equitable outcomes in their health, wellness, and education.		We need to focus on the core of the homeless problem: New policy to treat mental health and addiction like chronic diseases and focus on prevention through education and access to healthcare.
1472593	They all sound really good! Each of these initiatives is important to building a city of people who know they are valued by all of us.	Not that I can think of right now.	I'd rather have smaller community service hubs in multiple areas of the city than one fancy one in one part of the city that everyone has to find transportation to.

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1473409	Most make sense.	<p>There is nothing about children leaving the foster care system at age 18.</p> <p>There is nothing about children who are unhoused or affected by a parent's disease, e.g. alcoholism.</p> <p>There is no mention of collaboration with nonprofits, hospitals and the school district.</p>	<p>I am very concerned about the Redmond homeless shelter opening next to KinderCare and within walking distance of two schools. I want to make sure that there is INTENSIVE management of the folks who live there. Factoria Target is now locking up laundry detergent and finding an available bathroom at a business is getting tricky. Businesses are wary of drug users and people washing up in the restroom. When light rail starts service from Seattle, I anticipate a substantial increase in the unhoused population and a flood of drugs.</p> <p>I am proud of our city for the men's homeless shelter and Mary's place. I also want the council to push King County to require ALL cities (Medina, Sammamish, Mercer Island) to step up to the plate and do MUCH more.</p> <p>I want Bellevue to be prepared, to have resources, to handle what I anticipate will be serious problem. I don't want to live in Burien, Seattle or San Francisco. We must be much more proactive and prepared. Some cities (Salt Lake?) have been more successful than those around here.</p> <p>Let's get ready.</p>

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1475804			<p>When making decisions on policy changes and updates, please focus on those that will make real, meaningful and positive impacts on the City as a whole. Our city is a phenomenal place to live. That is nothing to be ashamed of and we should protect what it is as new citizens come in and experience how good we have it here. Lowering expectations and the quality of life to make yourselves feel virtuous seems like a bad idea.</p> <p>We are already one of the most diverse cities in the country. Attempting to meet quotas by race and country of origin is contrived and does not provide the equity you call out ad nauseum. Provide human services based on our current residents and adjust as needed. Our elderly (regardless of race/income) need our help. People not fighting addiction and mental illness need our help. So many children (regardless of race/income) need our help in this community. Help our people now. Not the group of people you are hoping to attract with these "policies" to come and exploit freebies unencumbered with expectations.</p>
1476173	None	Make the policy for human services support and include veterans, disabled or not	Take care of our own first and not illegals or thos addicted to welfare and assistance
1476507	Mental health to prevent crimes	More on youth prevention crime	Safety
1488131	<p>New policy to invest in services that allow older adults, including those who are low-income or experiencing homelessness to access programs that help them be included in community life.</p> <p>New policy to support programs that help children and youth participate in the community and have equitable outcomes in their health, wellness, and education.</p> <p>New policy to support access to healthy, affordable, and culturally relevant food for all people.</p> <p>New policy to support the distribution of resources in response to a hazard event.</p>	Policy to have all ethnicities and all religions have harmony in Bellevue with no racial discrimination. Policy to embrace all ethnicities and religions be part of different City roles.	

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1488993			I think the developers of the vision and the policies are focused on equitable outcomes... meaning everyone is provided with what they need. That is very socialistic and not sustainable in my view. Why did we add this in every policy throughout the updated Comprehensive Plan? Equity calls for government to dispense unequal treatment in order to achieve equal outcomes. It's truly identity politics... dividing people into classes. Remember we are all created equal, not equitable, and the 14th Amendment offers "equal protection " under the law.
1495891	New policy to invest in services that allow older adults, including those who are low-income or experiencing homelessness to access programs that help them be included in community life.	Need to add AGE. Age should be a protected class: New policy to create an equitable community by investing in programs and services that eliminate inequities for people based on AGE, race, ethnicity, disability, gender identity, sexuality, or neighborhood. Need to add Aging in Place. New policy to support the efforts to address the crisis of housing instability and homelessness by funding services that help people AGE IN PLACE, stay in their housing, or find new housing.	Seniors are 20% of the population and should be considered their own protected class. All CoB planners should put an older adult hat on, then look at their plans again, and seek input from older adults, before plans are finalized.
1496654	"New policy to support programs that help children and youth participate in the community and have equitable outcomes in their health, wellness, and education." It is so important for children to get a good, healthy start in life.		
1497982	policy to treat mental health and addiction like chronic diseases and focus on prevention through education and access to healthcare. Nothing else has worked.	1. Single adults of all ages and the loneliness epidemic. Bellevue needs policies that create thriving third places both public and private as well as programs and services that help connect community members and neighbors. 2. Polycys that create a welcoming and safe community for LGBTQ2S folks so everyone who is queer doesn't feel like they need to move to Capitol Hill to find community and safety. 3. Servies to those with disability is not mentioned at all either. This is a community that deserves to be seen and served by the city.	

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1498362	THEY ALL SOUND GR8. THE KEY 🗝️🔒 IS IN HOW IT HAPPENS IN PRACTICE.	WHERE DOES "UNHOUSED OUTREACH SERVICES" FOOD, NARCAN, SHELTER ON EMERGENCY BASIS OR REI SLEEPING BAGS THAT ARE SUB ZERO RATED, ON STREETS MEDICAL TEAMS ETC.???	IT ISN'T AN EFFECTIVE PLAN UNLESS IT WORKS IN PRACTICE. IT IS NEW GROUND AS WE REALLY HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSING HUGE POPULATIONS OF UNHOUSED (& COUNTING 📈) ADDICTED MARGINALIZED PEOPLE. WE NEED TO START TRYING SOME THINGS FAST 🚀 & THEN LEARN FAST BY TRIAL & ERROR NOT B AFRAID TO CHANGE & REWORK OLD PATTERNS IE: LARGE % OF MENTALLY CHALLENGED LOCKED UP.
1498457	New policy to support equitable access to human services et al - would help a greater number of citizens. New policy to support distribution of resources in response to a hazard event - Bellevue really needs to have an emergency preparedness program, advocate and communicate. Please be proactive not reactive or in the event of a serious hazard event - people will suffer.	I like any policies that address the older adult population to age in place and have access to services.	This statement actually applies over in the Housing survey but I'd like to stress that foreign-based investors shouldn't be given tax credits for development here. Furthermore, a foreign based individual or investor should be assessed a special tax. Too many of this group have purchased properties around Bellevue and then have essentially "abandoned" them. These properties are vacant, not kept up well or keeping lower to middle class families from afforded the opportunity live here.
1499028	Dealing with homelessness	This will be a growing issue if we don't get ahead of the problem.	
1499258	Invest in Children: New policy to support programs that help children and youth participate in the community and have equitable outcomes in their health, wellness, and education. Assuming "hazard event" means fire, earthquake, etc. this is good policy and would help mitigate the immediate after effects of a disaster: New policy to support the distribution of resources in response to a hazard event.		As a taxpayer I would prefer that the city 1) publish the expected ROI for all policy decisions, 2) exercise caution - some of these (DEI related in particular) sound potentially racist (anti white), and there is a significant backlash growing in corporate sectors - I would caution jumping on a bandwagon without careful consideration, 3) some of these (e.g. paying people to stay in their housing, access to culturally relevant food, etc. sound like city over-reach ...do we get to vote on this?
1499359	I agree with these policies.	Bellevue should encourage the development of affordable housing with smaller units in missing middle formats to allow for more units on a single site and to reduce costs. Adoption of an existing or new standardized modular housing unit design could speed up permitting and reduce costs.	Bellevue is a wealth city with many citizens who care. We should be able to encourage affordable housing in our community, and ensure that mental health services are available for those who may need them.

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	<p>response to a hazard event. Define resources. Define hazard event. Clarify how this coordinates with the CERT program, the Fire Department, Police Department, Utilities, Transportation, other existing Emergency Services. Why is this policy needed?</p>		<p>response to a hazard event. Define resources. Define hazard event. Clarify how this coordinates with the CERT program, the Fire Department, Police Department, Utilities, Transportation, other existing Emergency Services. Why is this policy needed?</p>

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1505245	New policy to support programs that help children and youth participate in the community and have equitable outcomes in their health, wellness, and education.	<p>All policy should support public safety. It is essential for a community where everyone can thrive and belong. No one thrives in a lawless community. Please add references to this focus.</p> <p>All policies should be required to demonstrate effectiveness. Often programs lose sight of their goals and become expensive entitlements that do nothing to change the source of the challenges.</p>	Please always make public safety and fiscal responsibility part of the city's efforts. None of these well-worded and well intentioned policies will mean much if we take for granted the basics of city governance.
1506721	Great idea to invest in health center for people suffering from mental illness: these centers should be free of charge(not like the fancy ones accessible only for rich addicted family members), dedicated to treat, prevent and help those vulnerable people to come back to their environment without stigma and coached to find their deserved place in society.	I would propose to review the quality of meals served in public schools; with more options for sustainable products but also more vegetables and vegetarian options. Why not accompany a new menu with all the health information necessary to have the children make a responsible and informed choice. Have them visit a recycling or garbage plant close to them, with all the food and food packaging being wasted from their own neighborhood.	We are living in a beautiful gorgeous environment, let's keep it breathing and blooming for everyone!
1508376	policy to support programs that help children and youth. As a city getting younger, Bellevue needs to focus on its youth and retaining them to live in the city by making it attractive.		Investments in equity and diversity, while important, should not take away from contributing members of the city. I hope a good balance is maintained while making policy decisions - we do not need Robinhood policies.
1508569	All of them are important! I like that the policies are inclusive of people based on gender identity and sexuality and that they strive to help the young as well as the older LGBTQIA+ community.	<p>In first New Policy, include vet/military status. Focus on teens and older LGBTQIA+ populations are also critical. Include equitable access to gender affirming care.</p> <p>See 1/23 article from the National Institute on Aging: https://www.nia.nih.gov/news/improving-health-and-well-being-sexual-and-gender-minority-older-adults#:~:text=Findings%20showed%20that%20lesbian%2C%20gay,and%20a%20weakened%20immune%20system.</p>	Be sure to always keep the LGBTQIA+ community voices in mind as policies and recommendations are created.

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1508635	I would support the 3rd, 5th, 6th and 9th of the above bulleted policy moves as they seem fair, sensible and relatively understandable. Many of the others are too ill defined or are in the category of too expensive or not governments' responsibility	If I understand the use of the word "equitable" to mean accomplishing exactly equal outcomes, then I would replace it with words like fair or equal. You cannot control enough variables to force exactly equal outcomes for all.	Please be representative of Bellevue residents, not of ideologies or agendas of others. You are representatives, not superiors. Most Bellevue residents are thoughtful and intelligent. Work with them, don't think for them. That is true representation, which is your job.
1508443		<p>The wording here sounds better (more realistic and meaningful) than the HS-20 wording, even though it's almost identical.</p> <p>Many of the families with kids who are renting seem to be in older homes. Can we have a program that steers them toward housing that is safe for kids and does not need lead remediation?</p>	
1508878	<p>Are there current programs that exclude people? Because reading the proposal above sounds as though they are currently programs that excludes certain types of people, whether it's race, color or ethnicity can you clarify and substantiate this claim ? Does the current policy in Bellevue exclude certain people from having a fruitful, productive and inclusive ? I've lived in BELLEVUE for over 40 years. I've never experienced it.</p> <p>Bellevue Seniors that are currently unable to support themselves due to high property, taxes and high cost-of-living in Bellevue should definitely be a priority. Veterans who serve our country and allows the freedom we have today should also be put first and foremost before those that are capable of help themselves, but are just too lazy to do so or too addicted the city should not subsidize to help them to continue to live a wasteful lifestyle while making the productive people who live in BELLEVUE pay for their poor choices and laziness.</p>	<p>Yes, start making people be accountable for their actions don't reward bad behavior, or lack of behavior to be productive.</p> <p>Make it mandatory that schools must teach reading, writing, and arithmetic before social issues. Students need to be able to articulate and function in society once they graduate high school with the skills learned in school that can help them get a job and be self sufficient .</p> <p>Instead of focusing on the no nonsense and social issues that doesn't help children be prepared for the future and compete with the rest of the world, focus on the things that will prepare them like reading, writing, and arithmetic. They need to master these things as it is important and will benefit ALL in society when the graduates are confident and esteemed in who they are because they are equipped with skills that will allow them to prosper and be self sufficient . They will also learn to be accountable and responsible.</p> <p>Have policies that focus on bringing up and helping our children, the next generation, so they can provide for</p>	<p>Stop trying to be like other cities or comply to the loudest voices and stick to the basics first . Serve those that actually live in our cities and not elsewhere. Focus on how we can better prepare the kids and how we can take care of our seniors and veterans.</p> <p>It's a noble idea to want to create more affordable housing here in Bellevue but it's not realistic. Bellevue has gotten very expensive because of the growth. It is costly to live here and by putting people who can't afford to live here, is not helping them it's just going to make it worse. It's like increasing minimum wage thinking that it will help, but it really won't because what it will do is cut jobs and owners of businesses will have to raise their prices in order to survive or go out of business. Those making minimum wage are often those who also eat at fast food places. They won't be able to buy those food any longer because prices have gone up and unaffordable and because they've had their hours cut due to increased minimum wage.</p>

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