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1471620		<p>I believe that 'enforcing' affordability requirements simply makes housing less affordable. The most important thing in housing is simply supply. Inclusionary zoning or requiring companies to have 'under market' rates, in turn makes things less affordable and disincentivizes houses from being built.</p> <p>Rather it should be simply, build build build.</p>	<p>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.</p>
1471643	<p>Owner/renter affordability is important to meet the needs of our diverse community.</p>		<p>We need to create far more affordable housing opportunities in Bellevue overall.</p>
1471711	<p>A broad range of housing types to meet the needs of a diverse population of varied income levels. This should be the goal of all municipalities.</p>	<p>What is the definition of lowrise/midrise/highrise for this statement: Updates to include new terminology for different types of buildings such as lowrise, midrise, and highrise structures.</p>	<p>Typically we tax what we want to discourage (tobacco/alcohol/soda (Seattle))...don't create a tax dis-incentive for new housing.</p>
1471732		<p>I don't know what "affordability" means, but it's very important that middle-housing is considered. I think affordable housing, depending on the definition, totally leaves the middle class out of the picture. I think this should be given a much higher priority</p> <p>I think midrise and high rise should be given much more of a priority over lowrise</p>	<p>Not to overlook the middle class when it comes to housing. There are a ton of luxury condos going up, which are nice to look at, but the middle class should be looked out after as well. Further, even if someone can afford a luxury condo, they may stretch themselves too thin and not be able to take advantage or put money into the local art scene</p>

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1471748			If you want affordable housing, then reduce the impact of city government on those interested in building additional housing. These new policies will only exacerbate housing costs - government regulations and constraints do not help solve housing issues. Focus policies on reducing the impact of regulations and requirements on costs and speed of building. Not these, "Updates to policy calling for owner and renter affordability within every BelRed neighborhood district. Updates to align policies on affordability with the citywide approach."
1471782			Allowing for the maximum density possible (high rise apartment/condo complexes) along all arterial roads and near transit routes/stops will help the long term scalability/sustainability of the bel red area
1471851	All sounds good		
1471893	All of the the above, we need more housing, we need lots of types of housing, and we need affordable housing.		
1472826	Updates to align policies on affordability with the citywide approach. To be consistent		Connect Bel-Red to the rest of the city

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1473376	All good. Affordability within every neighborhood will increase diversity in all neighborhoods, which I think is necessary.	A way for low-income people to build equity. Maybe government mortgages, with profits from any future sale to be split between resident and government.	Make this a place your grandchildren will be proud to call home.
1473471	Updates to include new terminology for different types of buildings such as lowrise, midrise, and highrise structures. We need to provide more UNITS of living for people to actually come live here, not just for work or shopping		
1473637	No, it sounds like you are extending the downtown which has almost no viable businesses any more.	Please keep it open as a business district with adequate parking. I seldom even go downtown any more, there's just not much there any more.	Keep your policies, that are only vaguely defined, and leave east Bellevue alone. Obviously you don't live here.
1477896			It is too vague. I know it is supposed to be somewhat vague but politicians can go anywhere with this language. I would much rather it say something like "BelRed should have 30% of new units be affordable to 60% AMI or lower". This is still vague enough
1485365		I think the area isn't zoned for enough housing.	To achieve affordability, please just build way more housing than you are planning to. It does not work to set aside just a few units for affordable housing -- prices will only drop enough if developers are able to build enough housing supply to meet the demand.

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1507922	<p>Updates to policy calling for owner and renter affordability within every BelRed neighborhood district.</p> <p>Updates to align policies on affordability with the citywide approach.</p> <p>The Bel-Red area needs affordable housing and retail space for artists. They do not make much money and will not be able to afford market rent.</p>	<p>Many of the businesses such as body shops, car repair, detail shops, will not be able to stay in this market. They will be forced out on use and on price unless some provisions are made to protect them.</p>	<p>There has to be some way to provide affordable housing and commercial space for artists in the Bel-Red Arts District.</p>