

Inclusive Innovation Forum

Initial Public Engagement Results

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Agenda

1. Background
2. Engagement and Results
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Background: Council Vision

Innovation is an integral part of our community. We embrace and support innovation in all aspects of our community – systems, institutions, businesses, schools and government. This innovative spirit is crucial to Bellevue's success.



Bellevue Innovation Goals

- Prioritize citywide innovation
- Technology policy input
- Assess emerging technologies such as generative artificial intelligence
- Supporting digital equity opportunities
- Grow and sustain innovative partnerships
- Support start-up ecosystem



Engagement: Process

- Informal brainstorming
- Interviews with community, non-profit and business partners
- Open survey
- Preview event in City Hall



Engagement: Preview Event

- Around 50 attendees
- Vision posters for review
- Small group discussion on priorities and vision
- Panels on digital equity and start up innovation
- Feedback cards and survey available



Results: From Input to Action

- Refine priorities based on input
- Synthesize actions and interests
- Host next forum to drive action plan, engage volunteers

Support and
enhance
digital equity

Augment
policies and
priorities

Thriving
Innovation
Ecosystems



Digital Equity

Support and enhance digital equity

- Free technology support
- Basics classes
- Access to technology
- Free and low-cost connectivity
- Training and education partnerships for job readiness



Augment Policies and Priorities

Augment policies and priorities to drive innovation in city services

- Make it easier to test/grow innovative ideas with the city
- Draft innovation framework
- Ensure city policies support equitable technology development
- Advise on emerging technology policy (AI, Privacy, Smart Cities)



Thriving Innovation Ecosystems

Conceptualizing and investing in new technologies, businesses, and education with community partners

- Create a neutral space to test innovative ideas
- Support small business start ups in partnership with Economic Development and Startup 425
- Partner with educational institutions to support student learning, small businesses
- Act as a connector for city/community challenges and technology
- Fundraising to help support efforts



What's Next

Inclusive Innovation Forum

March 5, 6-8 pm,
Bellevue City Hall

Register:

bellevuewa.gov/inclusiveinnovation

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