



City of Bellevue

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2021

TO: Human Services Commission Members

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Parks & Community Services Department

Agenda Item for April 6, 2021 Commission Meeting

Overview of Recent Bellevue Demographic Data

The City of Bellevue is fortunate to have its own demographer, Kate Nesse, in the Planning and Community Development Department who keeps track of critical demographic data and does ongoing analysis of these to help us know how to plan to meet community needs. In addition, our demographer provides the content for the "Community Profile" chapter for the Human Services Needs Update report that is produced biennially.

At this meeting, Ms. Nesse will show how the city has changed over the past 10 years and the current trends in diversity, disability, age and income. Bellevue has become a tech hub and much of our demographics reflect that: the city is multi-lingual and ethnically, culturally and racially diverse. Talented people from around the world have been drawn to Bellevue. Because of this the city also has an unusually large number of people between 25 and 35 years old, many single and childless. Housing has become increasingly expensive in the city, especially for family-sized dwellings. This has mirrored the increasing median income in the city, but income has remained relatively flat for those families at the lower end of the income spectrum in the city over the past 10 years making housing increasingly unattainable.

In addition, Commissioners can make suggestions during the meeting to Ms. Nesse about elements that they may want to have included in the upcoming Needs Update report.

