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Dear Commissioners,

Bellevue is a city of neighborhoods, and we would like to avoid blanket rules that would diminish their unique character. As the Northwest Bellevue Great Neighborhoods Plan nears completion, the Vuecrest neighborhood would like to get clarification on an element of the Housing Affordability goals. We applaud the goals including forward looking aspirations on housing topologies, housing size, visual styles, accessory dwelling units and more.

However, some of these goals may conflict with existing covenants that are bound to the title of property in some neighborhoods, including ours. Vuecrest covenants, for example, specify restrictions on building height, size, roofs, and setbacks, as well as a requirement for a single dwelling unit per lot. These covenants have been applied over the years to create and maintain a neighborhood character that is highly regarded and treasured.

We ask for reassurance that the Great Neighborhood goals and associated ordinance or policy will not invalidate existing covenants.

Respectfully submitted,
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