

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering  
City Budgeting Through a Neighborhood Lens  
Survey Results  
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**Please share WHY your highest priority is so important to you.**

*Written submissions*

*Maintaining a high quality built and natural environment balancing a livable hi-rise urban environment with wooded, natural neighborhoods giving people a choice where they want to live*

- I live on the edge of downtown and worry that the area will be unlivable due to gridlock-- and thus pollution -- from too many new amazon workers who no doubt will be Seattle commuters.
- Many studies show that communities with well-managed parks and gardens have higher health outcomes and lower crime. Prioritizing parks and green spaces will have a positive impact across a number of areas.
- Too many high rises with not enough green spaces takes soul out of city.
- We are losing our parks, trees and greenspaces. No one wants to live in or near a concrete city.
- We need denser housing so the city can grow.
- Because this is a comprehensive priority it can be used to leverage the most important priority - climate action!
- Climate action must be one of our highest priorities, because the future of all the other priorities is dependent on us making the transition to clean energy and efficiency. Buildings ("high quality built... environment") and transportation are important elements of that, so I chose those as priorities 1 and 2. In future surveys, I would hope to see climate action mentioned directly in one or more priorities, because it is linked to so many issues, such as clean air and health, being innovative in the field of energy and efficiency, and the ability of young people who live here to have a future with abundant clean water (rather than serious summer droughts from erratic weather and decreasing snowpack).
- My highest priority is combating climate change. I am disappointed that Bellevue does not even prioritize our environment, the source of all wellbeing, leaving it off the priority list entirely. Bellevue can and should be a shining example of doing all it can to reduce environmental impacts within its borders.
- Bellevue should be a leader in creating green building solutions for both commercial and residential; we must lead with climate solutions wherever possible. We cannot be a city in a park without trees; without sustainable resources, without a budgetary priority to non-fossil fuel reliance in any buildings and future projects. We don't do this, there will be no Bellevue in the not too distant future.
- You didn't include environmental or climate change issues which are my top priority. You do mention nature but not specifics on how to reduce GHG. I want Bellevue to be on the Leading Edge sustainability and meeting our goals for GHG emissions.
- We need to preserve the natural beauty of this area unless we simply want to be an extension of Los Angeles.
- Get rid of Puget sound energy
- The number and distribution of mature trees & other greenery in the neighborhoods played a significant role in our choosing to settle in Bellevue rather than in Seattle. The greenscape in our neighborhoods is incredibly valuable to our health and well-being. (And positively impacts our property values too!)
- We need to preserve our beautiful natural environment and be a leader in solving the climate change problem. I want to see Bellevue fully commit to the ESI and K4C initiatives, and engage with the People For Climate Action (PCA) to figure out a sustainable way forward. These are not even on your priority list above. Please add them! Thank you.
- I want to live in a lovely, green community.

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- The urban and natural environment is our most important resource on the Eastside community, as well as the lakes. We must live responsibly in this area.
- Creating balance and harmony with business, nature and culture is something that Bellevue has done an amazing job with over the past couple of decades. This selection was closest to that point of pride. I love that Bellevue takes on quality of life projects like Meydenbauer park with such attention to environmental balance.
- I refuse to choose among these meaningless generic "sound bite" priorities. Unfortunately, the survey will not submit unless I choose values for all eight fake choices, so I numbered them in the order they appeared. This survey seems designed to justify whatever the City wants to do rather than providing meaningful, actionable, and specific programs. Where is affordable housing? Where is the protection of our trees from developers and PSE? Where is defense of neighborhood character? Where are specific steps that the City will take to handle the homeless problem? Where are concrete programs to handle rapid growth of employers like Amazon? What is the City going to do about our emissions that contribute to climate change? This survey dodges all these challenges and offers feel-good sound bites. I am offended to see my tax dollars spent by the City on self-promotion. This is symptomatic of much that is wrong with our city government.
- Bellevue has amazing parks and trails. It definitely adds to the quality of life around here. It is important to have neighborhoods that feel like neighborhoods and a downtown that feels like downtown. I think Bellevue has done a great job of balancing that.
- I'm concerned when I keep hearing about designated green spaces being considered for development. From what I've read it seems some keep coming up over and over and the residents have to keep fighting to keep them green spaces.
- The city is woefully unable to control the development. The elimination of neighborhood character and charm by the decimation of the tree canopy combined with a clear lack of planning and thoughtfulness as it relates to home development is having a negative impact on our neighborhoods.
- It's the closest choice to taking action against climate change. I'm VERY disappointed that climate change is not addressed more directly by ANY of the choices.
- It's important to maintain the right balance of nature and development. It's what drew me to Bellevue over 30 years ago. As we become more congested in our living, working, shopping and recreational spaces, we need more natural space in which to reconnect and ground ourselves:
- I don't want Bellevue to court large businesses so much that they forget about the smaller, unique businesses or the quality of life of the people that live here.
- It has been obvious to me that every new structure being built recently has clear cut all trees before building as close to property lines as legal and as high as possible. These priorities are changing us from a "city in the park" to a city devoid of the recycling health of tree refreshed air and ground water. It is hurting us all while replacing the losses with dollars in someone's pocket and more people. A totally unbalanced process.
- Focus on that priority leads to many of the other items listed
- Taking care of the environment, providing easy access to nature, avoiding suburban sprawl.
- I want the trees to remain on 148th and I want Energize the Eastside to be canceled. This project will destroy Somerset.

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- Maintaining a high quality built and natural environment is only the closest budget category to my REAL budget category which is Responding to CLIMATE CHANGE. This is our most critical issue to respond to. Everything have already already done to make Bellevue a great place to live is now subject to serious deterioration for the next generations of our citizens if we don't respond. The budget has to include serious money to combat this threat.
- Maintaining our City in a Park improves quality of life, health, air and water quality, entertainment in a natural setting, beauty, access to outdoors which is important for both physical and mental health. Without these, most of the other items on the list of 8 attributes are meaningless.
- Very difficult to rate ambiguous questions with sweeping generalizations and no specificity. Currently the biggest threat to the city and east side is PSE's dangerous, unnecessary money grab. And where is the spineless city council in this fight to preserve trees and move to clean energy and contain rate increases?
- I don't support the goals as they are written; I actually think we should limit high rise and limit density (too long for me to explain). But the natural environment is TOP on my priority list and Bellevue is not doing enough to preserve our neighborhood and to preserve the integration of our neighborhoods into nature.
- It is inevitable that we will increase in density - this is a very desirable place to live. Therefore, I want to do it in a way that preserves open spaces, even if it has to be at the cost of some of the single-family home feel of many neighborhoods.
- "High quality natural and built environment" because our "environment", natural and man made, affects/controls our mental, physical, and spiritual well being. I t provides the very foundation for comprehensive policy formation and action. We are now confronted by our most serious existential threat since World War II, Climate Change. It is imperative that we exam every goal, strategy, tactic and action through the lens of climate change.
- I moved here from more rural areas, and while I understand the need for housing density, I also think there is still a place for single-family housing and neighborhoods, which should also be protected to the degree possible.
- The trees and parks in Bellevue are what make it a wonderful city to live in. To lose the trees and potential park lands is to diminish the quality of life and what makes Bellevue so special.
- A balance of nature, urban development, and well-placed public transportation will attract businesses and improve the quality of life in the area.
- The Bellevue parks are a gift and we enjoy them every day. Wouldn't be the same without them.
- Having access to safe, attractive walking spaces in urban centers and wooded areas in neighborhoods is essential to the physical and mental wellbeing of all residents.
- I do not like how the priorities are described -- many are too vague and some overlap. Most sound like essential elements of a great city. What is most important? Have a clear and inspiring vision -- what industry do you want the city to be known for? What reputation in terms of city life? Of course, we want a high performance, well-managed government that can serve the city's vision effectively.
- Too many high-rise buildings have been built in the past 10 years. It brings a lot of problems such as congestion of traffic, etc. We need to plan and address this problem with a more balanced approach.

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- I don't want Bellevue to become another Seattle.
- Quality of life and preservation of this is critical to all of us .... in the neighborhoods that we live in. Unfortunately Bellevue is forgoing this. ... Look around.
- As Bellevue grows and develops into the next tech hub in the Puget Sound area, it's going to be imperative to prioritize and protect our wooded spaces, wetlands and fields. For example, we should plan our living and working spaces accordingly (i.e. build up, not outward, and mixed-use buildings, etc). I also hope that we do not cave in to developers, but protect our wildlife and natural spaces from development.
- Our family enjoy nature walk/hiking. All of new construction going on around Downtown Bellevue add more cars on the streets , that can ruin the air quality.
- Tree canopy and green space is at risk and sometimes in conflict with economic development. Particularly concerned about the wasted resources and loss of canopy if Energize Eastside proceeds.
- The priority question options are fuzzy, generic, over-packed and missing the mark. You could have found way better framing by just googling "what makes a great city to live". If this has been managed by the CoB staff, I am concerned we do not have a high performance government! The options are all somehow important, however only once it's made clear what it means people can give a true priority. One of my priority is having the CoB better listen to their community and applying better judgement and leadership.
- The parks and natural living spaces are what brought us to Bellevue. The need for urban housing needs to be balanced with these natural spaces. Secondly, we need less cars and more transportation options.
- OK. I hate these type of questions where I am forced to stack rank. Many of the options I feel equally about. Or really, all of them are important for what I would want Bellevue to be. So you should def take my stack ranking with pounds of salt.
- Land is limited and we need more affordable housing close to transit and work. Highrises work well in this type of environment. Bellevue has a wealth of natural beauty that should be maintained and grown. It draws business and residents who want to reside in Bellevue.
- The balance between an urban core and wooded neighborhoods
- Livability is my number one concern. Without serious attention and effort, the housing pressures in the area will lead to Bellevue's quality of life majorly deteriorating -- more crowding, traffic, crime, noise, and so on. As new high-density housing is built, the city needs to be aggressive in setting and enforcing quality-of-life standards that hold property developers to account so they don't get free passes to push their negative externalities onto city residents. The natural environment is a big part of this quality of life; as more high-density housing is built, it is in those areas that ensuring access to a natural environment -- greenbelts, waterway/wetland restorations, etc. -- is especially urgent.
- Our beautiful wooded Bel Red neighborhood is being taken over by mixed use apartment complexes and traffic is a nightmare here. So much construction. It is just overload for the people who live here.
- residents, shoppers, visitors and businesses need to cooperate to make the city homey, vibrant and safe
- livability is important, green spaces, safe environments

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- The downtown core needs to be carefully built to offer not just restaurants and movies and jobs, but also parks and open space for office workers. The outlying neighborhoods that are currently SFH should remain that way. Many are being turned into ad hoc rooming houses, group rentals or oversized homes not in proportion to the rest of the neighborhood. This detrimentally affects neighborhood cohesion and character. It is becoming harder to meet and befriend your new neighbors
- I fell in love with Bellevue because of the trees on 148th Ave NE. Please do not let PSE chop them down. I like to think that the Bellevue City Council cares about the people that live and work in Bellevue. However, recent events make me think the PUGET SOUND ENERGY is much more important to you than the people.
- This city does not need growth. More business creates more traffic, over-crowded schools (which are already over capacity), and further taxation on public lands and habitats for various wild animals.
- I love living in Bellevue - Quality of life is high. Our parks are lovely, our government works and is responsive. I put a request several years ago to widen the access to our Weowna park trail by removing one of the wood barriers so my bike trailer and dad's wheelchair could fit and it was changed within two weeks. It is amazing. Since we have so much, it is now time to take on a leadership role in the area of climate change. I worry about my kid's futures right here in Bellevue. Climate change affects the whole world, all neighborhoods, and so it is a neighborhood issue as much as a global one. It is time to start transitioning the city to becoming Carbon neutral in the next ten years. Microsoft just made this commitment and I would be proud to see the leadership in Bellevue follow.<https://blogs.microsoft.com/blog/2020/01/16/microsoft-will-be-carbon-negative-by-2030/>
- Actually, my highest priority wasn't even on your list. I'm quite concerned about climate change, and Bellevue is not leading the way an innovative and environmentally aware city should.
- Bellevue is a better place when the city is focused on what is best for existing residents by protecting neighborhoods, parks, natural spaces & minimizing urban growth. With all the apartments being built and the lack of addressing traffic & infrastructure stresses; I don't have a lot of confidence the city cares about quality of life for existing residents. I hope I can be pleasantly surprised but not holding my breath.

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- This list is rigged. You need to ask residents what their top priorities are not give us the with list for bigger government. Come on! Be honest! You can't even leave this blank!
- We have seen what happens in Seattle when this is not the #1 priority; there is some spillover taking place in Bellevue, especially the Factoria area. Also, lack of traffic enforcement with obvious and continued violation of the law (blocking arterial 116th Avenue N.E.) in front of Chick-fil-a sets a very dangerous precedent. This has to stop. Fund police to get it done. City staff have said they don't have funding to stop this lawlessness. Do it, get it done.
- Take a look a Seattle, Tacoma, and Olympia; death and destruction is compounded monthly; the actually functioning parts of civil and business health are needed for health and welfare.
- it affects all others; without it, the others are more difficult to achieve.
- It will keep Bellevue a safe and desirable place to live. Without these services the community would not be able to function properly

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- Safety is a foundation for everything else. I do not want to see what is happening in other parts of the region take root in Bellevue.
- **Public safety and services are the baseline.**
- Personal safety and property protection are my priorities. I have worked long and hard to live a better life and I want to safeguard and maintain my current situation.
- Having lived in Bellevue for 25 years, it feels like the crime has increased a lot and we are feeling more and more like downtown Seattle.
- There are laws in place made by our city council (possibly county, state legislation) for our citizens to abide for the safety of each person and our neighbors as well as public and private property. Therefore, it vital to have the unbiased services of the police department to fully enforce these laws as written and intended. Furthermore, the citizens demand top notch criminal prosecution of the offenders that have on their own volition chose to break the law. The city is encouraged to support youth programs that are currently available in the community. To create another program for the sake of having its own program is wasteful. Reaching out / bridging with youth programs already available is vital. Assess first what is, what works, what doesn't, get community input, plan, re-plan, reassess. It has to start younger than "youth" because often it is the youth rearing the younger brother and sister. And fire services with ems? You gotta be kidding me as that's an automatic priority! I am at the age that every second btn the BFS#2 to my house and from my house to the OER (Overlake Emergency Room) matters.
- Crime has risen dramatically in the region, and the difference in response between Seattle and Bellevue is dramatic. Bellevue is doing a great job keeping us safe. Please don't let our city turn into Seattle.
- Bellevue has been called a "Smaller but cleaner and safer Seattle". While our city is not like Seattle, people and business come here in larger numbers every year as it's a better place to work and live than any other Washington city. Our government should strive to maintain a Bellevue identity without selling out to developers with glass high-rises. A more classic skyline would be better instead of oddly shaped glass towers. Also, LISTEN to residents who do not wish to see green bikes and scooters scattered on our streets - make vendors provide a full plan and don't pay THEM to come here. Don't remove lanes from car and bus traffic. It requires 10 stoplights to get from Enatai to 405 through downtown, so vehicles need lanes. Bicycles should be provided better shoulder space to use and not get into higher speed car lanes.
- Feeling safe where I live and having resources for emergencies is of the utmost importance to me.
- Safety always the first priority. People will come only when it's safe.
- Safety concern is always the top priority for me. Wilburton being so close to Bellevue downtown area and there is always the concern if we have enough safety measures in place.
- Public safety goes hand in hand with a happy community where all of these other issues can thrive.
- We see more and more crime everywhere and the more we invest in public safety the less disruptive the impact to our lives and the more confidence in our community.
- we're woefully understaffed on the police department. petty crime gets zero attention without repeated, incessant contact with the police department. And they tell us so.
- Don't want to become the hell hole that is Seattle.
- With No police protection, the city goes to pot. Our Bellevue policemen are the best.
- If residents do not feel safe and secure and law enforcement / fire department are not supported with the resources / tools they need, future residents will not be attracted to our city and current residents will plan on relocation.

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- As a downtown resident, when walking, I constantly experience nearly being hit by cars when the walk sign turns to walk and cars make a right hand turn. Downtown Bellevue is very dangerous for pedestrians. I would like to see more of a police presence on the intersections of NE 4th/108th, NE 4th/106th and NE 4th/Bellevue Way.
- Because we see what is happening in Seattle! Please don't let Bellevue become Seattle, control homeless, drug trade (fentanyl overdoses are on the rise), and crime. Also it seems there are more unsafe drivers lately, please increase ticket enforcement.
- We need to maintain a strong public service for those you need it, and use the rule of law equally to all.
- I was born in Seattle. It is now a mess because of ineffective government, police who have mandates that preclude them from enforcing some of the laws on the books, and lack of prosecution and jailing offenders. I do not want to see Bellevue turn into another Seattle.p
- Most folks need to feel safe, either from outright criminal acts to dangerous drivers. Police to be supported by the justice system. What most want I want.
- If you don't know the answer to this question, we are in serious trouble!
- That is the ONLY priority listed that is an essential service. Why isn't sewer, garbage, water, power and road maintenance listed? Those are the other essential services. Pretty much everything else listed is unnecessary fluff. I am really disappointed in the options given. Is this a PUSH POLL?
- Quality of life is of the utmost importance. Without reliable and aptly staffed public safety, there is no quality of life. Feeling safe and knowing help is minutes away is the number one priority of life quality. Once that is taken care of, you can move on to other topics.
- Without safety, everything else is nonsense
- With safe and secure community, we will not have problem attracting high skill talent, big and small business to establish it HQ or office here.
- I want to be assured that when we need help that it is accessible to us. In the event of an emergency (family or community-wide), having that support is crucial. Also, I want my daughter to grow up in a neighborhood where she can play.
- Safety is the fundamental need of human beings. As Bellevue grows tremendously in population and people in the neighborhood no longer talk to each other face-to-face often due to technology change and faster living style, we still want to feel safe in living in Bellevue. I hope that I can always walk in Bellevue downtown at 11pm without feeling scared. Bottomline: don't become Seattle! Moreover, as the city grows and global climate changes, we experienced more floods and water quality in Kelsey Creek has prevented salmon from getting back. I would like to see more is done to address the environmental issues.
- Because Bellevue is becoming unsafe and full of crimes.
- Safety is my number 1 priority. Crime prevention and keeping the community safe is very important for people to want to live in Bellevue. There are definitely some areas I no longer go to like the Crossroads park to walk my dog later in the evening. Please keep our city safe.
- There have been an increasing amount of crimes in this area and this is really of our concern. We should not actually allow that and should spend our precious budget to improve the overall safety and quality of our life here.
- Law enforcement and criminal prosecution. Enforce laws on pan handling, and homeless camping along with soliciting illegal drugs. Prosecute mail theft, porch pirates, and residential and automobile thefts.
- Nothing else can happen without safety. An unsafe community will not be desirable for residents.

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- None of these are even close. 1. Safe neighborhoods. As far from Seattle as possible. Zero tolerance for camping or RV squatting. 2. Traffic mitigation. More park and rides. Synched traffic light and an EXIT to/from FACTORIA. 3. Enough with the building before roads and/or schools can accommodate it. Stop selling out our protected lands to every developer. 4. NO LOW-BARRIER shelter anywhere near Eastgate (or in Bellevue). We should have one for women or families, or a regular barrier one. 5. Low taxes. Enough with the constant tax increases!
- Because a local government's highest obligation is the safety of its citizens/constituents and the enforcement of its laws for their protection. The City of Bellevue has significant work to do to raise its performance up to "adequate."
- Safety of all residents is the number one priority
- Public safety is government's most critical function, one that can't really be carried out by any other entity in society. With the continued population expansion, the advent of light rail - public safety challenges will likely go up.
- I don't appreciate having words put into my mouth - i.e. not being able to NOT choose all 8 items in question #3. Safety is top! We do not need homelessness. To build shelters is to invite more in. Don't get greedy w/ tax base. More is not better. We don't need to keep growing this city. Stop getting out over your skis & expecting city growth to pay for your dreams.
- Increasing population is leading to greater traffic violations. Red light running is particularly bad. Drivers with plenty of time to stop on yellow lights are gunning thru from red lights now. Violations of hov lanes also is bad.
- Keep the City safe
- Fundamental services are foundational to a safe city
- Public safety should be the number one priority of any city. Of course, that priority is only possible with an accountable, transparent government, my #2 priority.
- Make sure Bellevue does not become the next Seattle with the drug and violence.
- Public safety is the proper role of government.
- Public safety and transportation are critical to having a high quality of life.
- Maintaining high safety of our citizens and guests are top priority with us. Many car prowls, mailbox intrusions and crimes are a concern.
- Seattle is a disaster. Bellevue must continue an upward trend.
- Nothing can be more important than life safety.

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- More people working in Bellevue means even more traffic congestion. Traffic problems keep me from going into Bellevue.
- It takes 30 minutes to drive 8 miles to work.
- Transportation improvements on 118th and on Factoria Blvd
- As growth continues and the light rail begins, the city needs to ensure last mile access to stations and integrate bus service. I am within 1.5 miles of a future station and have walked the route but there are no sidewalks part of the way! (132nd and 134th between 8th and Bel Red. The city's focus on neighborhoods sometimes neglects the big picture of moving people (walk, bike in particular) between neighborhoods.

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- As we develop more, not driving everywhere has to be a priority (streets are getting crowded, parking is expensive, it's a greener option). If we can optimize options that make it convenient to go green, that works well for everyone.
- The appeal of Bellevue will become eroded if people can't get around. We need to focus on mobility in order to accommodate the growth.
- Traffic is already an issue, especially in downtown Bellevue. It does not appear that ANY planning at ALL has been done and with the City courting businesses, this will become the NUMBER 1 problem with Bellevue unless someone addresses it NOW.
- Efficient, environmentally responsible transportation and options including bicycles critically important for climate, business development, safety and community development.
- I live and work near downtown, so walking is my primary form of transportation. Almost every day I have close calls with drivers who are mildly distracted at best and malicious at worst, including drivers who intentionally cut off, accelerate toward, or otherwise intimidate pedestrians and/or bicyclists for no apparent reason. Improving transportation and related services—as well as increasing enforcement against irresponsible and inattentive drivers—is literally a matter of life or death for me.
- I am VERY disturbed that we don't see the mitigation of climate change on this list. It should be number one for everyone. Sadly, its absence suggests that the City administration has no concern or interest in how to address it. This is shameful!
- Traffic is terrible, and public transportation is a good solution for all citizens.
- Bellevue has been well developed and a welcome place for business. We need to counterbalance the rapid business and residential development with a focus on transportation and traffic mitigation for the next 5-10 years.
- I wish I could use my car less and use public transit more.
- Mobility is essential for all of the other priorities to occur.
- Commute is the one problem Bellevue has. Rush hour is getting worse and worse. Public transportation will help alleviate that, more park and rides and routes that help people get to work safe and in time should be your priority, that will help solve some of the other issues
- Bellevue is severely lacking in safe pedestrian and bike infrastructure and overprioritizes automobile traffic. We have the power to shape the city and transportation system we want to see going forward, and with 15,000 Amazon workers coming in the next few years, we need to ensure that our transportation system and land use code supports walkable and bikeable communities throughout the \*entire\* city and not just in its urban core.
- Traffic getting worse
- Transportation choices which are affordable for a retiree on a moderate, fixed income is so important to me because I don't drive & am over 80 yrs old & must lean on a cane to walk. Before the Recession a shuttle bus running frequently along Bellevue Way from about SE 8th to Bellevue Mall was being discussed. Please implement; it would be a wonderful help!!!
- Access to services
- Traffic is becoming unbearable within our city limits. There's too much construction going on and too many people are coming here to live and work. With the new Amazon influx, it will be impossible to get around the city easily. 148th Ave is the worst road to drive on and the back-ups during rush hour on this road really need to be addressed.
- Transportation can make or break quality of life. It also has a large impact on climate change. We need accessible public transit options and better development planning so that when we allow large developments, builders are required to adequately plan for and mitigate their traffic impacts.

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- Traffic in Bellevue is becoming a nightmare at all time and on almost all roads. It compromised quality of life, safety and clean air. In general, Bellevue has done a good job on the other aspects of city/suburban life.
- I live in Crossroads, the next road to be widened would be 164th for access from Issaquah /I-90 to Microsoft. That will mean taking out more mature trees than PSE has done (over 35 from the Bartells 156th to the corner of 164th and NE 8) these past two weekends. Density is not pushing smart traffic in our section of Bellevue and seems to neglect the 20K+ students and community that rely on Eastgate due to jobs OUTSIDE of Bellevue. I don't trust the city to develop business - we are pushing out all the affordable, local tech-related services and trades - these conveniences to the community are relocating OUTSIDE of Bellevue....and I follow with my business to other communities. We need job diversity, I used to have a job in Bellevue I could walk to (140th to 120th) it is getting less and less safe to walk around Bellevue. I have been working in Seattle past 8 years and do most of my shopping on the way to or from Eastgate P&R, I don't shop that often in my own neighborhood.
- As an older resident who works with many other older residents, I know how difficult it is for many to get around. When older adults (or anyone) can't travel freely, they risk becoming isolated. In 2016, a group of TELOS students started the Eastside Neighbors Network, a small nonprofit "virtual village," in part to make transportation available to seniors, but we are a drop in the bucket, and have had no substantive support from the City. Other major cities do support villages. The Levy funding now available requires leadership and coordination which our tiny and inexperienced Board does not have. Priority 2, "Maintaining and developing a caring community where all residents enjoy a high quality of life," should apply to ALL residents, not just those with financial resources, youth, and mobility. Currently, funds seem to go to youth programs, diversity programs, homelessness, which are all important, but should be balanced with resources for older residents.
- Need more options than just cars. Also a critical component to leading environmental stewardship.
- I've been using more public transportation to save money, to be less stressed due heavy traffic and to have one less car on the streets. I live in the lake hills neighborhood and I'm shocked with the lack of infrastructure of the streets in neighborhoods outside downtown area! The buses schedules fluctuate so much, many bus stops in the middle of the grass and mud , without enough street lights and signalization... I wish some day soon our city becomes a more pedestrian friendly city! Bellevue is growing and it needs better transportation infrastructure where business, residential areas and pedestrians are more connected and public transportation plays a big part on reaching this.
- Traffic congestion will strangle all the other priorities
- Traffic congestion is the highest issue. I want better roads. Build congestion relief projects on our streets and I 405.
- Arts + culture - in the form of live music venue (such as the Crocodile in SEA), more indie coffee shops (if rents weren't so high), small galleries (like Roq La Rue in SEA). Bring some of the SEA + Georgetown flavor to Bellevue. Currently, Bellevue feels like a giant mall.
- Traffic is out of control making Bellevue a terrible place to live for the residents because the traffic is from employees coming and going because they can't afford to live here. I live near main street and I try not to leave the house between 4 and 7 pm especially if I am headed to Eastgate or want to get to the north side of 520. There is nowhere for the traffic to go because 405 is always jammed up trying to get through Bellevue. Stop building until the traffic problems get resolved.
- To encourage more pedestrian traffic, I think it is important to improve transportation and pedestrian access all over downtown.
- Transit service is not as fast as it should be.

**Please share WHY your highest priority is so important to you.**

*Improving transportation and related services to ensure transportation is reliable and predictable with abundant and safe mode choices*

- Transportation needs a regional solution. Alternatives to single occupant vehicles must be expanded. Traffic congestion is quickly eroding livability factors.
- Traffic jam is getting worse. The population is growing in Bellevue as well as the cities around Bellevue such as Issaquah and Redmond. The interchange of the two bridges crossing Lake Washington are located in Bellevue. The coordination with other cities and State Transportation is needed.
- Transportation will be the largest issue with the rapid growth of Amazon, Microsoft, etc. We need more road capacity to accommodate trips in, out and around Bellevue. Rail transit will carry some, but the roads are the backbone for people, freight, emergency vehicles, deliveries and buses. One reason we need a whole new DT fire station is because traffic congestion continues to clog our limited street network. Not adding capacity has resulted in delays that impact our first responders.
- It does not matter how great a place is, if you cannot get there. "All" the city's focus is on downtown, but if the residents outside of downtown cannot reasonable get to downtown, it will be harder for downtown businesses to survive.
- Traffic, of course! I have noticed that the parking lot at the Park and Ride at Eastgate gets so full. Could there be additional parking – or additional P&R's?
- Bellevue used to maintain its road surfaces, but no more. West Lake Sammamish is a roller coaster ride and getting wqrsr all the time. Traffic is horrible but Bellevue keeps building more highrises with no infrastructure to support them. Sharing these concerns with City Council in the past has accomplished zero.
- Transportation and safety are important.
- It takes longer to get to downtown Bellevue than Seattle using public transportation. Also, the intersection of NE 8th and 164th is a hazard and needs turn signals.
- Unfortunately, the US is set up which a large emphasis on and need for cars, which leads to unpleasant pollution. more and better public transport options, especially in such a suburban city, would be great
- Want to maintain or improve/preserve the environment and our relationship with it; address climate change; provide a livable city, both in green/open spaces and reasonably affordability for everyone.
- Traffic

*Maintaining and developing a caring community where all residents enjoy a high quality of life*

- It hints at developing a community where everyone has a healthy environment - air, water, land use without being concerned about what is going to be built in their backyard, what pollutants are going to be dumped in the lakes they swim in, and that the city managers are concerned about sustainable buildings (whether high rise or single home dwellings), and utility uses to keep our environment clean.
- We currently have pockets of poverty that most people seem to overlook. We must maintain services for low-income residents, such as health care, legal aid, and housing.
- I do not want to live in a city which caters to those who are fortunate enough to have jobs or other income high enough to afford >\$800K places to live, or rents above \$1.5K. People should be able to live within 10 miles of their work. I also want a city in which diversity is treasured, and all races and faiths openly communicate and listen to each other.
- We need to support all residents especially those of power income so they can work where they live, and live well, and within their means. This means providing opportunities for smaller businesses and shops that can cater to different socioeconomic backgrounds. Providing good housing and transportation to make commuting and commerce easier.

**Please share WHY your highest priority is so important to you.**

*Maintaining and developing a caring community where all residents enjoy a high quality of life*

- I want to live in a community that cares, and is neighborly. If I lived in a community full of haters, I would move. We need a compassionate approach to the less fortunate among us in Bellevue.
- Bellevue is a very wealthy city and we need to be sure that the not-so-wealthy portion of the population feel welcome and happy in our city.
- Growing up in a poor neighborhood all I thought about was living an environment opposite to that and one that I could make my mom proud. I want her to know that all the sacrifices she made for her kids were and have paid off.
- The vitality and health of the community we live in is the most important and has direct effect on us
- If we focus on caring for our residents and supporting a high quality of life, many of the other priorities will be taken care of as added benefits aligned with the primary focus.
- To enjoy a healthy community we need to provide an equitable environment where all of our residents and service providers can enjoy their idea of a quality of life.
- Culture, entertainment and nature are of high priority but my #1 priority is a City that will have a zero carbon footprint by 2030.
- Neighborhoods are the fabric of the city.
- Community building
- Need to address affordable housing and homelessness.
- We want to keep our standards high, our education high and keep attracting businesses that can contribute and support our environment.
- It should provide equitable services to everyone while respecting individual neighborhoods.
- I want to live in a place where everybody matters, not just the people with the most economic clout. I want there to be a true sense that "we're all in this together."
- The highest priority for me is that everyone has access and support to reach their potential in a caring environment. I want to live in a city where I feel safe because everyone is content that they have their needs address to be happy
- Our community is our people. Our top priority should be to take care of one another
- People should be our highest priority, not profit, not business but caring about people and making life enjoyable and affordable.
- Bellevue has a huge amount of diversity in culture and income, so I want a quality of life that works/supports everyone.
- Bellevue has a reputation as a wealthy suburb, but we must take care of the vulnerable residents - especially children and families in poverty. How we care for children reflects our values.
- Because we bought our retirement condo in Bellevue and are renting it out until we can no longer live in our house and move to our everything-within-walking-distance condo. We want to be safe and vital old people who feel they live in an environment that is equitable and caring toward everyone.
- It is sad to see the disparity of income and lack of support for those who cannot afford to continue to live in Bellevue or move to with the current cost of living. We are creating an environment in which we need people to work in the city of Bellevue, but they can only afford to live in areas that require transportation to get into the city.
- As Bellevue becomes denser and more expensive, low-income residents are being pushed out and marginalized.

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**Please share WHY your highest priority is so important to you.**

*Maintaining and developing a caring community where all residents enjoy a high quality of life*

- People need to care more about each other. The city can help facilitate that. I especially appreciate the city's support for the neighborhood mediation program and cultural conversations.
- Income inequality and gentrification of Bellevue is squeezing the socioeconomic range of people who can live in the city. We must keep the city affordable and not become a city where median-income workers must commute in to work here.
- Caring community provides positive energy and increase resident's satisfaction and quality of life.
- Equality is very important to me. Equal quality of life, equal access to quality schools, equal access to quality housing, equal access to quality jobs, equal access to quality health care, having an equal voice in the community, each person to be treated as having equal value.
- High quality of life for youth and city teachers and employees require affordable housing.
- Residents should be happy where they live. And being safe and surrounded by caring others is essential for happiness.
- Highest priorities are livability, affordability, and traffic management. This city is turning into Seattle already because it believes unmitigated growth. I and many residents are worried for what 15,000 new Amazon jobs means for traffic- 10,000 extra cars on our roads? And since the city takes payouts from builders in lieu of them building affordable housing, we have almost no housing available for low wage but critical workers. It almost feels like pushing out normal people is the strategy. Why Bellevue can't learn from Seattle's greedy and ill-planned growth is beyond me and my neighbors.
- This is the worst questionnaire I received as a survey by far. The priority question options are fuzzy, generic and missing the mark. You find way better framing by just googling "what makes a great city to live". If this has been managed by the CoB staff, I am concerned we do not have a high performance government! The options are all somehow important, however only once it's made clear people can give a true priority. One of my priority is having the CoB better listen to their community and applying better judgement and leadership. How come that 400 trees are cut for a powerline the CoB has failed to ensure the citizens that this new powerline is so critical that it would justify the tree cut. Or how come that homeless shelters are build in residential neighborhoods where the security concept is not convincing. People are opposing but ignored. I am all in for growth and business, but please, doing it the smart and future proof way. I will reach out to my city council representative as this survey is a waste of tax payer money. I wish there would have been a citizen engagement opportunity to develop that survey. One question that definitely would have needed to be added: Did the CoB and it's leadership deliver on the documented vision and plan for the future of the city (2018-2020 plan for 2035) so far.
- Traffic, high density in city core; attractive, welcoming city, vibrant
- having a good quality of life gives people the push they need to better themselves and the community
- With housing prices increasing at an alarming rate each year, it's important to me to make sure my city knows that the quality of life for the residents of Bellevue matter the most. Gentrification is happening and not ALL residents are maintaining a high quality of life.
- We would like to think that we chose Bellevue because it is a caring community where all residents enjoy a high quality of life. We think that is part of what makes Bellevue Bellevue.
- This survey shows how out of touch the City of Bellevue is with its citizens. Bellevue means "beautiful view", yet only pays lip service to tree canopy. Where are the questions focusing on the environment, air quality - these are essential to maintaining a high quality of life. Bellevue's tagline used to be "A City

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in a Park". Now it seems that it's tagline is "Open for Business". Bellevue government is bending over backwards to court business interests over the needs and desires of its citizens.

- If we achieve high quality of life for all, most of the other items will be in place to some degree.

**Please share WHY your highest priority is so important to you.**

*Creating a City that is inspired by culture, entertainment, and nature*

- Focus on providing services to current residents so they are able to thrive in the City and not be pushed out of their neighborhoods. Focus on investing on accessibility, small business and supporting cultural engagement. Don't bring Amazon to the City of Bellevue.
- We have a national acclaimed museum of art, craft and design with can connect to the global business community. We as a city have the capacity to work in partnership with this physical space in our downtown core to expand and deliver services to our diverse population through programming and engagement.
- Bellevue is a city that often forgets to preserve history and showcase culture in favor of making money by developing historical and natural spaces. That is why I think it is so important that we focus on maintaining sources of education and inspiration.
- I think culture and the arts are important to creating a unique feel for our city. I want to make sure this is a creative space, not just for technical creatives, but artistic as well. I'd like more art studios and maker spaces and quirky shops and artisan spaces. I'd like Bellevue to be known for more than just a good city for Business - which is fine, but let's try to have more/be more.
- The city remains a sleepy suburb despite its wealth. Cultural diversity, entertainment, food and conversations are either lacking or very unprofessionally delivered. Bellevue needs ti up its game to meet the expectations of a high tech city.
- Respect for all our neighbors is important. We must take care of the natural spaces, they cannot be replaced.
- We most have a guiding post or an identity we'd like to be known for before we develop specifics. Bellevue, in my opinion, is a city far different than others mainly due to its combination of culture, sophistication, diversity, and wealth nestled within and against a backdrop of beautiful natural environment.

*Focusing on a high performance, well-managed government that attracts future residents*

- The most important budget priority is to develop a 2-year budget that includes City tax and utility rate reductions by at least 20%.
- This is a list of false choices apparently generated by someone who doesn't understand what is actually concerning the community. The questions contain too many descriptors, such that no clear intent is obvious. Impossibly general.
- My highest priority encapsulates all the rest. If government is focused on high performance, they are identifying community outcomes, strategizing/experimenting solutions and monitoring how effective, efficient and equitable those strategies are so that they can continuously improve services to make a better community for everyone to live long term.
- Bellevue needs to FUNCTION well to handle the population and business growth.
- If government is efficient and doing it's job, everything else will follow.
- It might help lower taxes.
- The government here is much more predictable, reliable, and stable than Seattle. That's why my partner and I chose to be in Bellevue instead of Seattle. If the government isn't well managed, then the rest of the services go down hill. Example: Seattle trying to do a streetcar extension or help the homeless.

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**Please share WHY your highest priority is so important to you.**

*Focusing on a high performance, well-managed government that attracts future residents*

- If the city government doesn't function at a high performance level, nothing else will. Leadership from the top.
- We need to nurture our Bellevue "brand", one that promotes excellence, common sense, and a safe, welcoming and attractive City, especially for our children.
- I am looking forward to the growth of our community, but believe this growth needs to be well planned and managed via the high performance and well managed government. The City needs to be thoughtful about growth and priorities the needs to ensure the residents tax dollars are well spent and future policies are built with the future/big picture in mind.
- Because it seems that our city government as all kinds of agendas to advance socio/political precepts at THE COST OF TAX PAYERS.

*Developing and attracting businesses to Bellevue through planning, business marketing, and land use.*

- Bringing successful businesses to Bellevue attracts interesting talented employees who will shape our civic life.
- To effectively attract businesses, Bellevue needs to excel in most if not all of the other eight priorities listed in this survey.
- Business brings well paying jobs and tax revenue to downtown
- Diverse businesses will keep the area a float long term. To keep biz, the city/govt needs to be biz friendly else we'll end up like Seattle. Seattle doesn't like landlords or biz and thus they have huge homeless, drug, and crime problems and biz are leaving when biz leaves decent people leave.
- Over 100k commute to Bellevue daily. If you want to keep and be competitive for business this reality has to be recognized and planned for more efficiently.
- More business means more employment opportunities means more tax revenue. It's time to take advantage of the Seattle City Council's hostile attitude towards high paying tech jobs.

*Maintaining and developing regional leadership and influence*

- If we demonstrate regional leadership and influence we are taking all of the other priorities into consideration exhibiting best practice.
- By continuing to ensure we're a regional leader, we will attract new businesses and maintain the residents' quality of life.
- My priorities are based on my NUMBER ONE CONCERN about our intention to be leaders on climate change mitigation. We must have a BELLEVUE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN which joins partners and leads neighbors. Every goal must be developed through a climate action lens.
- Bellevue is a wealthy, highly educated, and innovative city. My priority is that Bellevue take a leading roll in aggressively dealing with Climate Change. That must be the filter that all action by the City Council and the Bellevue Staff needs to view. Climate Change is the existential threat facing our time.
- With jobs, comes the ability to provide parks, transportation, social services etc
- Having museums, art, culture, libraries, and spaces for community are so important to the health and vibrancy of a city. It also attracts businesses and employees - they see that a city with arts and culture is where their employees want to live and work.
- Youth programming and queer youth space (and intersection people of color especially) is much needed on the eastside for celebration, acceptance, and safety.



**What are the top priorities/issues you want to see addressed *citywide*?**  
Written Submissions

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**What are the top priorities/issues you want to see addressed *citywide*?**

Written Submissions

(1) Homelessness. Dealing with drug addicts & those living in their cars or encampments. (2) Housing affordability. More Amazon workers & others means rents & home prices will continue to climb. Good for landlords & home sellers, not good for livability. (3) Growth. If we don't have infrastructure plans, we're doomed.

\* Affordable housing for residents living below the poverty line. \* Supporting small businesses through grants and programs. \* Redesigning transportation to maximize accessibility.

1) Reduce traffic 2) Control growth 3) Don't equate success to amount of money in area 4) Preserve land from building, which destroys homes for wildlife 5) Have a system where Mayor, City Manager are elected

1) Traffic. Just wait till Amazon with 15,000 more in Bellevue arrive. Traffic enforcement is essential to smooth traffic flow. We need more policemen and women on bicycles and motor cycles. 2) I was disappointed this survey did not address city support for the Bellevue School District; it is critical. The city could spend some of the money designated for enhancement of diversity and understanding by partnering with the school district. That is where both can get the most results for the \$ spent. The BSD reflects the diversity and makeup of the city--you have a ready audience (students and their parents)--do it on their turf--schools.

1, 4, 3 and 2 in that order. For the sake of a positive life choice for all there needs to be stability M

1. Reduce City taxes and utility rates. 2. Develop and publish communication protocols that require City staff, the City Council, and boards and commissions to respond promptly to written, electronic (e.g., emails), and oral inquiries and comments that request responses. 3. Develop a City policy that requires that proposed budgets, project proposals, and contracted services and purchases to include life cycle cost estimates so that acquisition, ownership, and retirement costs are fully disclosed.

a better local public transportation system; especially, interfacing with surrounding communities/cities.

A clean environment from carbon output and a safe environment from crime, including hidden crime, such as trafficking. Also, a much better transportation network. I never take the bus from our neighborhood as it is just too inconvenient and time-consuming. And, finally, although I placed it near the end, we need an answer to regional oversight. Many less wealthy parts of our city are looking very ugly. Some neighborhoods, left to fend for themselves, do not have the local money and time to improve. So, these areas continue to look depressed when a simple improvement in plants and signage could help. Maybe each neighborhood needs an organizer and some simple improvements. So sad for such a wealthy city to have gorgeous neighborhoods and very depressed areas. Even nicer areas such as Bridle Trails gets ignored by the city when requests were made, including dangerous tree situations. We have been lucky to raise some funds in our neighborhood, but it takes the 2 or 3 of us in the neighborhood to organize. It is an expensive problem, but one to consider for the health of all citizens. Allowing cutting of hundreds of trees on 148th Ave was a very sad direction. I feel for those in that neighborhood.

a variety of affordable housing options; not just a place afforded by long-time residents, tech workers, or the rich and wealthy

Access to light rail stations via pedestrian and bicycle routes.

Addressing homelessness - let's make sure we don't become Seattle, yet not let fear shake our resolve to help our neighbors who've fallen on hard times. Partnering with agencies/companies to develop affordable housing

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for teachers, police, etc. Multi-model transit - I live within two miles of the planned light rail station. Yet the bus service is infrequent and there are no bicycle lanes to get to the new light rail station.

Addressing the needs of low-income residents; including services that help them maintain housing stability, and healthy/safe lives.

Adequate low-income housing, traffic flow, maintaining the environment, containing growth in a thoughtful way, staying responsive to community voices in the face of corporate pressure. (Someone didn't edit this very well, especially question 7, before sending it out!!)

Affordable housing

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Affordable housing

Affordable housing and commercial property. Improving transportation within the city such as a rapidride bus that goes to major Bellevue areas (downtown, crossroads, factoria, community centers, Bellevue College).

Affordable housing for low income residents

AFFORDABLE HOUSING!!!!

Affordable housing, transportation including but not limited to light rail, and education.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing for all Transportation options

Again, everything is lovely, just need to address climate change.

Also better transportation system, the contract with Limebike I think was a step down although I don't know the full logistics on that but I think it was something that was more of a benefit than burden.

Are affordable housing and childcare efforts that can be addressed at the city level. If so, those!

As the light rail comes to Bellevue, there will be more and more people coming in to Bellevue for various reasons and some of these reasons will not be good and there will need to be a heightened awareness on the part of Police and Fire Departments.

Attracting jobs, creating beautiful housing

Balance between growth and livability. Expanding tree cover. More parks.

Be aware of the effects of development on roads, schools and infrastructure. Make smarter decisions not just decisions that make the city money.

Be transparent. Every council meeting should send out their minutes with 24-36 hours via email and or reporter. Interesting how one hears of the Seattle council but not Bellevue.

Being prepared to respond to social challenges coming with the light rail; law enforcement, community engagement, etc.

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Bellevue has been a great place to live for the past 34 years . . . with the exception of the residential permitting department. I hope the city will continue to well balance the business growth with resident well-being. I hope the City will not fall into the trap of shifting to many resources to too few who are contributing to the overall welfare of the city.

Bellevue leaders have a reputation for listening to Bellevue citizens and making good forward-looking plans. In 2020 the climate crisis is so clear that Bellevue citizens expect their leaders to recognize this reality and help all of us have hope for a future because we are confident that we have government prepared to lead in order to make real progress on these desperate issues. Government must give us a Climate Action Plan.

Better public transportation and better engagement/communication with the various demographics of our population/community so their voices are heard and represented. Welcome and responsibly address the growth in our community.

Better ways for cars and buses to get through the city. Bike lanes need to go on all but the most used street, 112th. Keep a bike lane there only. 108th and Main street are jammed packed going north and south with cars trying to turn and go straight. This leads to impatient people and more chances of car and pedestrian accidents. Another priority is traffic light timing to get people in and out of town better.

Build as many tall apartment buildings as possible.

Carbon neutral by 2030

Citywide, it is currently difficult to get around efficiently using the bus system. For example, a one-way trip from my home near downtown to my doctor's office in Factoria requires these steps: A 6-minute walk to the first bus stop, a 6-minute bus ride to the second bus stop, a transfer between buses, a 7-minute bus ride to the third bus stop, and finally a 12-minute walk to the doctor's office. That's 18 minutes of walking and one bus transfer for a trip that typically takes less than 10-15 minutes by private car. Bellevue will never reduce the number of cars on the roads until King County Metro and/or Sound Transit provide better public transportation options in our city. Residents are being woefully underserved by the current system.

Climate action is the most important priority for the city to address, and it must be addressed comprehensively.

Climate action. I recognize that we are taking some steps in this area, but we should work just as hard as we can to get a truly outstanding climate action plan in place, and to implement it and measure our success against it. We should learn as much as we can from how other cities (near and far) are achieving successes in this area, because it is so essential, and because the knowledge about how to accomplish it is expanding every day. And then let's show leadership, and take that knowledge and run with it!

Climate change

Climate change and environment as top priority in every new regulation. City to lead on climate change legislation and projects - stop dragging your feet. Lead or get out of the way.

Climate change plan in conjunction with the King County Coalition (K4C). Without a healthy environment there is no future for our children and their children. All the growth Bellevue is encouraging is driven by the developers and I am not opposed but without a clean environment it is not sustainable for the values of the Bellevue and the larger community.

Climate, public transportation and non-car-oriented infrastructure, community spaces, arts programs, disaster/climate resilience.

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Climate, public transportation and non-car-oriented infrastructure, community spaces, arts programs, disaster/climate resilience.

Comprehensively reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Continue to be a community that welcomes ALL people.

Continue to be a well-managed city that makes solid decisions that benefit all of the residents, not select groups. Keep taxes as low and affordable as possible. Keep up funding and support for first responders. Don't turn Bellevue into Seattle.

Continue to welcome all people and have zero tolerance for hate crimes that includes hateful graffiti. Maintain the tree canopy of this beautiful city. Put some limits on the height of downtown buildings before they block out the sun! It feels like we've become concrete, glass and steel rather than the beauty of this city in a park

Corruption in government. Rein in government spending. Stop giving our money to imploding union costs for benefits. Protecting all neighborhoods equally.

Cost of living issues

Crime reduction.

Crime, reduce traffic in the city center, manage the increased pet population , best public schools in the country

Dealing with increases in

Develop a climate action plan that is leading edge with measurable outcomes to meet K4C goals. Work with other city and King County to develop a template which can be adapted by cities. BECOME A GREEN CITY by engaging with Forterra.

Develop a climate action plan with detailed and measurable actions which can help Bellevue meet its K4C goals. Bellevue needs a Leading Edge mentality on climate change. Bellevue has been reluctant to take bold action-- even on small issues. For example, we could ban plastic shopping bags as had been done in Mercer Island. However, I got the response form City of Bellevue that "we don't like to tell people what to do...just educate them." Your survey is really skewed as it fails to address some of the most important issues we face.

Develop a comprehensive concrete plan to curb greenhouse emissions. This plan should include accelerating the transition to clean energy, and assuming public control over utilities. Also develop a multi-use performance center where concerts and workshops can be held open to the public.

Develop an architectural identity for Bellevue. Cities like Saratoga or Los Altos (CA) have done this to grow while retaining their historic/regional identities. Bellevue's wild glass tower/tons of apartments model downtown more resembles an awful London or Hong Kong model, or perhaps just a sellout model like Palo Alto, CA.

Disaster planning.Safe streets Youth engagement.Affordable housing

Drainage Infrastructure Get rid of Puget sound energy

Embracing our diversity and providing a model of melting pot community.

Emergency services, traffic, panhandeling

Enforce rules are followed, protect resident, make Bellevue a safe place.

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Ensuring ease of transpiration. Ensuring a safe place to live. Be sure not to become Seattle, a dangerous drug infested city.

Ensuring that the city and the eastside as a whole develops plans to ensure that new worker who is expected to be working on the eastside house has an opportunity to live on the eastside. They may not choose to live here, but they ought to have the opportunity to choose.

Ensuring that we as a city have an effective, well-executed approach to: A) running the new Eastside Men's shelter, and B) to dealing effectively with any surprises that might arise ( Seattle's folks in need making the quick trip over the bridge and overwhelming our Eastside resources, or increases in drug use in the area of the shelter, for example)

Environmental preservation, Tree preservation, action against climate change.

Equity in electrical power reliability. Many neighborhoods have underground lines which provide improved reliability as compared to overhead lines. Bellevue needs to look at a method an economic process to place overhead lines underground. About half of Bellevue is underground as a result of making it economic to do so. Realizing that Bellevue would need to work with PSE and the state to accomplish. To do otherwise means we will continue to have two standard of reliability depending on the neighborhood.

Everything I said in 5 applies here too. Too often lately it looks like Bellevue only cares about accommodating real estate developers and big corporations like Amazon. I'm proud they want to be here, it's a great place, but it needs to be a great place for smaller businesses and non-wealthy residents too. We need to be a healthy mix.

Get control of an adequate supply of housing at affordable prices for those coming to our community. MICROSOFT alone is rebuilding its central campus doubling or more its square foot capacity on the same footprint. We can do the same for residential housing. We need leadership to prioritize action over planning. We've had 20-50 year plans in place for decades yet have always trailed demand. As a long time single family homeowner I've been secure with housing but I want to extend the benefits of our community with a diverse population which will make our city more vibrant. More affordable quality housing close to transit and services will benefit existing Homeowners increasing land prices thorough better use of land management. A close second is the creation of the EKC-PUD which will increase local input into our energy, water/sewer and communication resources. Again Microsoft already has committed to 80%+ of its energy from renewable sources with a commitment to be carbon negative in a few decades. Bellevue needs to lead the world as the beacon for how to address climate change. No community in the world has greater resources. Now is the time to lead by action.

Greenbelts and open spaces are needed as you push density. Mature trees are massive CO2 scrubbers, they provide sound barriers for traffic on the ground and from the air. Yes, the city can replant but why not alternate and keep some of the large trees - the number of gas-burning hedge trimmers and vehicles the city uses to trim roadway shrubs would be reduced if more real trees were planted. And visibility would improve for drivers and pedestrians with real trees and fewer fast-growing shrubs. (This is an issue at 166th and NE 8th the "beautification" obstructs the view to enter the street.) We are losing contiguous unpaved areas to support picnicking, play and performances as Crossroads Park provides.

Green space, traffic congestion.

Have a caring, effective way to deal with homelessness.

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Holding businesses accountable for reducing their carbon footprint. Requiring all new construction to be "green" construction. Build up city wide electric vehicle fleets including busses more rapidly.

Homeless getting around easily and more and more of them showing up near park etc.

Homeless issues, Parking availability, Affordable housing

Homelessness

Housing affordability.

Housing and social services to help people stay off the streets. Neighborhood and community programs to foster cultural inclusion (already doing a fabulously at this, and want to recognize what a wonderful job you all are doing.)

Housing choices, neighborhood character, affordability, mobility options

How to maintain economic diversity as retirees and middle class residents can no longer afford to live here.

Humane support for children and adults experiencing homelessness, safe bike and pedestrian corridors, positive business climate, increased public access to internet, strong support for early education and K-16 including out-of-school opportunities, continued investment in parks/open spaces, support for racial equity.

I am hoping Bellevue will demonstrate great leadership on climate change/ global warming. I view this issue as existential and ahead of all other priorities. It requires leadership at all levels of government.

I am not confident that rapid growth of employers like Amazon will be a net benefit to residents of this city. This concern isn't specifically addressed by the bland choices in this survey. It seems like we will just get more traffic, more population, and strained infrastructure. What benefits will Amazon provide to Bellevue? Will big employers significantly lower our taxes? Which choice should I prioritize so the City will develop specific programs in response to the commercialization and industrialization of our city?

I believe the city planning/building has made some unfortunate choices - Chick-fil-a approval and the resulting logjam, the complete inability to drop off or pick up a disabled person anywhere.

I do not want to see Bellevue become like Seattle. I work in Seattle and the tent/loitering situation is out of control. There is a difference between affordable housing and the unsheltered. I value our pristine parks and our clear right-of-ways. We should have a zero-tolerance policy for pandhandling, tents, and sitting on sidewalks.

I don't want Bellevue to become anything like Seattle. I completely support our law enforcement and want them to continue to be backed and supported by the city to maintain the safety of Bellevue. I also want those charged to be prosecuted.

I don't want Bellevue to turn into Manhattan: A city only for the wealthy that is losing shops and services because a lot of the people who own don't live there most of the time. Rich people are great for developers - that's it. They don't contribute to actual city life.

I want Bellevue to stop development that destroys natural and historical spaces, especially when they favor McMansions over comfortable apartments that can fit more people. The city of Bellevue needs to take into account the needs and desires of everyone, not just the wealthy.

I'd like to see Bellevue work with the region to be a leader in gun violence prevention strategies

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I'm concerned about overbuilding these multi-family homes. How is this going to affect utilities, traffic, cost of living, schools, etc. And why don't we have a free toilet program like Seattle Public Utilities? We don't even get rebates. Help us older people stay in our homes.

Implementing a climate action plan. NOW.

Improving transport bottlenecks

Improve traffic.

In addition to a clean, natural environment with ample services for transportation and health care, I would love to see Bellevue continue embrace genuine diversity. Safety and economic opportunity, along with affordable housing, must be supported for all residents.

Increased funding for human services, especially housing for very low-income residents.

Increased infrastructure issues for traffic flow; cars are using residential streets to bypass other main roads; Too many rentals, Airbnb's, and far too many occupants in one household (no city oversight); Crime is increasing: mailbox thefts, vehicle break-ins; Sidewalks and roads are deteriorating with no upkeep; Street lighting is poor in neighborhood area. The number of "ghost" homes is increasing! \$2+M home sold two blocks away but nobody lives there. This is NOT the community I want to remain in if this continues to be permitted.

infrastructure and traffic alternatives. We're pretty good, but people really disobey traffic laws left and right. U-turns in the middle of the street? Turning left through a red light? Not watching for pedestrians? I know in the grand scheme of things those aren't as important as the increase in crime and domestic violence and stuff. But...? I don't know - choices, right?

infrastructure, transportation, police.

Intercultural conversations and integration to ensure all cultures are enriched through the best all cultures have to bring. There is a tension developing that needs to be addressed. a tension that comes from a lack of appreciation and willingness to integrate and adopt the best each culture brings to the city.

Keep things affordable for small businesses. Continue to keep city safe from theft and other crime.

Lake Sammamish flooding Traffic

Land use that makes sense for the neighborhood and maintains the health of the people in it. Responsible building codes that prevent abuse of the city stated goals. Traffic changes that will even out the problem areas. Appropriate penalties assigned for violations that strive to prevent "better to ask forgiveness than ask permission" behavior.

Law enforcement of package theft mail theft, and car break ins.

Leading Edge Climate action is imperative, the "Bold" goals outlined in the Environmental Stewardship workshops are not enough. This needs to come through in all forms of city governance, from the way the city conducts its business and receives its energy to the transportation systems that the city supports and ultimately adopts. The city needs to listen to the prevailing scientific and sociological literature and support alternate modes, green energy programs, and sustainable infrastructure to be a leading city in environmental stewardship.

Lower taxes and lower utility rates.

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Lowering taxes. Retired people are having to move out because of the KC property taxes, also Waste Water bill is out of control. Bellevue was a nice city years ago but now, not so much.

Maintaining a healthy balance of tax revenue, i.e. that which is absolutely essential with the nice-to-haves (like another park). Use tax dollars wisely and operate with great transparency with respect to keeping citizens updated and informed.

Maintaining a high quality built and natural environment is only the closest budget category to my REAL budget category which is Responding to CLIMATE CHANGE. This is our most critical issue to respond to. Everything have already already done to make Bellevue a great place to live is now subject to serious deterioration for the next generations of our citizens if we don't respond. The budget has to include serious money to combat this threat.

Maintaining a safe city that is focused on supporting tax paying law abiding citizens

Maintaining greenbelts and enforcing non-camping policies to retain safe walking and hiking trails throughout our City, improving bicycle access and safety, reducing traffic for residents, improving access to public transportation.

Make sure to keep the small businesses. Lots of good growth happening, but I don't want all the local shops to get pushed out.

Manage home density in focused areas. - Enable more public transportation into the primary business centers and help people reduce single-occupancy trips.

Managed growth with attention to adequate infrastructure, more reliance on renewable energy, affordable housing and continued public safety.

Mobility and transit, public utilities, development and growth

More dual language schools like Jing Mei and Puesta Del Sol! For the other schools, provide language classes (Spanish and Mandarin) starting in elementary school. More high density housing (with businesses on the ground floor) to accommodate the tens of thousands of people who want to move to Bellevue. Continuing to prioritize public transportation & how to address "last mile" challenges for residents who don't live right next to a bus stop or light rail station. Supporting the opening of local & unique businesses/restaurants to make the Eastside an even better place to live. Figuring out how to alleviate Factoria congestion (it is SO bad during evening rush hour).

More green trails and easements that connect neighborhoods so we can all get out in nature easily and without driving 20 minutes to the mountains. A Rain Gardens program that teaches people how to redirect water from roofs and downspouts to permeable surfaces so we can reduce the amount of stormwater runoff. Significantly improve zoning to protect and ENHANCE the tree canopy and the code needs to include impact on the ecosystems that are in the ground. A tree surrounded by asphalt is not a healthy ecosystem. A much stricter noise ordinance. Development and building in the city is having a huge impact on neighborhoods during the day and during the night and there is nobody who is taking responsibility.

more options for ADUs and duplexes in areas that are traditionally reserved for single families. Preservation of tree canopy. Reduction in single occupancy vehicles.

more public transportation options - new Link train an important step and also bike trails so can commute by bike SAFELY too much traffic in downtown Bellevue climate change and disaster preparedness - building strong relationships among community members is an important first step (cultural conversations is excellent but

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need more). also need plans for becoming a more resilient city and leading citizens by installing and using more clean energy and green rooves on buildings and more electric car charging stations need designated areas for uber and lyfte to pull over in downtown Bellevue - they block traffic flow by stopping in the right lane more green space and protect what we have

More services for the homeless and those struggling to stay in their homes.

My wife and I are very fortunate to live in Bellevue, at the corner of Bellevue Way and 12th, with in walking distance of virtually all of the community's services. Bellevue is a wonderful, well managed city. We respectfully request the "Governing Family" take aggressive action to confront climate change including exerting it's wealth and leadership in King County and beyond, to preserve our environment for our children, grand children and generations to follow.

My wife and I love that Bellevue is clean and friendly (unlike Seattle, which has become filthy and overrun with its homeless problem). And parking is almost always free or validated in Bellevue. Contrast with Seattle where a day at the Aquarium (already pricey outing) is paired with a minimum \$15 in parking fees. It's like Bellevue WANTS people to come and enjoy it, whereas other places are making it really difficult/discouraging people (intentionally or not) from visiting.

Nature, culture, affordable housing

No answer

None of these are even close. 1. Safe neighborhoods. As far from Seattle as possible. Zero tolerance for camping or RV squatting. 2. Traffic mitigation. More park and rides. Synched traffic light and an EXIT to/from FACTORIA. 3. Enough with the building before roads and/or schools can accommodate it. Stop selling out our protected lands to every developer. 4. NO LOW-BARRIER shelter anywhere near Eastgate (or in Bellevue). We should have one for women or families, or a regular barrier one. 5. Low taxes. Enough with the constant tax increases!

Not only I, but everyone I know around Bellevue (especially retirees) DEPLORE the relentlessly increasing jungle of skyscrapers squeezing out & replacing so many low-rise businesses we residents really need in daily life-- such as a HARDWARE store! We greatly fear that QFC & Safeway will also disappear too. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN! Please prioritize provision for and safeguarding of these stores where they are now, because essential for meeting the needs of Bellevue residents, especially those living near the downtown area (I live on SE 6th St).

Our local government is great. The parks are beautiful, traffic also somewhat congested moves really well. I do have safety concerns for many areas as crime has jumped up all across BELLEVUE.

Pedestrian safety and start controlling the development that is taking place.

Plan for all seasons. Firewise as needed. Staff volunteers as needed during disasters

Please don't let Bellevue become Seattle. We love Bellevue and want it to stay a safe place to live in.

Please, please, please give your senior citizens and single households an option for garbage collection services. Right now, we have to pay for a full month's service with Republic Services but I only use garbage collection, including recycling, once a month. And I only use yard waste collection two or three times a year. The garbage company says that the City of Bellevue has not included optional monthly services in their contract but other cities are doing this. Why can't Bellevue???

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Police, Fire, access to medical facilities, youth programs, affordable housing, lower property taxes for those who own housing and are being forced to move because we can no longer afford to live here in our retirement years, and finally roads please use concrete for roads in major intersections.

Preserve tree canopy and plant more trees. There are so many open spaces and streets which would benefit from more trees. E.g., downtown park is almost all lawn. Why not plant 100 trees there? Plant trees on every major thorough fare. Create new pocket parks so ALL residents can access nature in their neighborhoods.

Pressure internet providers to remove data caps, (if they have them). This is forcing people to get their cable TV from the internet providers. Some providers have no data caps and have low rates. Comcast's lowest rates are almost double those of Frontier, and Comcast has a data cap, but Frontier does not. Unfortunately I am in a Century Link area and they cannot service me, so I am dependent on Comcast. Of Comcast offers unlimited data for a price that is nearly double their expensive data rate. So I must pay 3 to 4 times more because I want to stream my cable TV from someone else. I am relatively happy with the way Bellevue maintains it's parks, roads and schools.

Promote Individual and Citywide excellence, and staying within your budget. Given the increased property values in the City and County, is it time to lower the % of property taxes?

Providing public safety services such as police and fire services, ticket enforcement, criminal prosecution, youth programs and the public defender's office x

Public Safety (Police specifically) - ensuring we continue to live in safe neighborhoods as the City continues to grow (we are seeing an uptick in mail theft and car/home break-ins in our neighborhood). Start preparing/be one step ahead and plan for the increase in visitors as a result of Sound Transit light rail. Homelessness - this initiative needs to move forward in a thoughtful manner and probably a little more quickly than we have seen to date.

Public safety followed by build & repair streets.

Public safety, preventing power outages, road maintenance. Keeping homeless people away from neighborhoods. Preventing growth of government.

Public Safety. More support for police and fire.

public transit, ensuring the city is as walking/biking friendly as possible, access to parks/public spaces

Public transportation

Public transportation is reliable and predictable.

Recognition that the "good times" will inevitably turn to "not so good". And that the dollar andbd other costs both of good and bad decisions will be paid for down the line and not by the powers that be today

Reduce the amount of growth or slow it down. The city is growing to fast for the roads. Traffic is getting worse in some areas, that needs to stop. Always keep sufficient parking in mine. I don't want Bellevue's parking to ever become as big a problem as the parking in Seattle. Require each apartment building and each new business to have sufficient parking for it's customers and/or tenants. Housing for the low income and the no income. Everyone should have a roof over their head. Insure that everyone who wants a job has a decent job. Ensure that everyone who wants an education gets a high level education that's affordable. for safety reasons every neighborhood should have sidewalks.

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Resources for at-risk populations (such as shelters for homeless and addiction) to prevent a Seattle-like crime issue. More emphasis on quality of life for residents, rather than over-emphasis on pleasing developers (hello destructive influence of Amazon). Continue developing reliable public transportation reach into neighborhoods, connected to the major transit centers. It shouldn't take over an hour to go from I-90 to Redmond by bus.

Respect our elders, make this a welcoming, accessible place for them. Many long-term residents face financial challenges as property values soar and their tax bills rise. Support King County Assessor's effort to create a Homestead Exemption for long-term residents in addition to the Senior Property Tax Exemption and Deferral programs. Also, identify seniors who live alone and are at risk of isolation, and find out what will help them remain engaged in their neighborhoods and communities. Creative solutions are available - see the Age-Friendly Cities program of AARP for ideas.

Respond to present and worsening climate change impacts through increase in electric vehicle charging stations as well as city electric vehicles. Infrastructure to prepare for protection of water supply. Additionally, without housing available for the increased corp (Amazon, etc.) expected demand, increased housing costs will further threaten affordable family housing and neighborhood communities of diversity.

Safe vehicle flow and interaction with pedestrians and cyclists.

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Safety - access to emergency services. Also, I would include transportation/traffic (which also makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to get where they are needed). Response time is critical.

Safety - enforcing the laws and city codes; sending a clear message that offenses of all types are not tolerated in the city of Bellevue.

Safety and maintaining the "City in a Park" feel. I am concerned about the impact of massive move-in by Amazon. I hope City of Bellevue can provide the public a comprehensive plan for Amazon's move-in.

Safety and preservation of nature and the beauty of Bellevue of before. Better traffic management and staggering of major building projects downtown as well as in residential.

Safety is my number 1 priority. Crime prevention and keeping the community safe is very important for people to want to live in Bellevue. There are definitely some areas I no longer go to like the Crossroads park to walk my dog later in the evening. Please keep our city safe.

Safety!

Safety, schools, and government efficiency.

Safety, transportation and maintenance of our green areas.

Safety. A lot of property crimes happened in recent years. My mails had been stolen from my mailbox several times already

Safety, crime fighting, & not attracting homeless drug addicts near family neighborhoods

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Same as #5: Bellevue's elected officials and employees should be planning and executing initiatives to curtail (discourage) growth, not encourage it. The City is already far behind the curve in terms of providing for citizen safety and quality of our built environment; adding more businesses and individual citizens increases that failure, rather than improving the situation. Even the articulation of these survey questions betrays this basic misunderstanding of the function and responsibility of government - to serve its citizens, not to build/enlarge its empire by luring even more folks (and enterprises) who are not Bellevue citizens (and to whom the COB is not accountable or responsible.

Same as above

Same as my neighborhood priorities.

Same. City could do a lot by restricting growth AND auditing/changing codes and processes more oriented towards these priorities. Charge. For tree removal based on benefit of SIZE of tree accounting for timber value, carbon, water intake ie stormwater noise, eco system value etc

see questions 4 and 5 above Also, affordable housing!!

Signalization of bus stops, cross walks , street lights, increase of bus circulating

Slowing growth until you deal with traffic and housing affordability.

Smart growth, with increased density in those neighborhoods designed for it.

Stop closing traffic lanes & taking on-street parking. Stop with the bike lanes.

Stop giving permits to new high rise buildings.

Stop tree cutting on 148th by PSE Stop Energize the Eastside Please listen to the citizens, Bellevue City Council not foreign owned PSE Form a PUD and say goodbye to PSE

Stop with all the high rises now

Sustainability concept, future oriented infrastructure, new power solutions instead of new powerlines, a PUD instead of PSE as CoB failed to manage electricity demand and supply in the interest of residents/businesses/future generations, keep Bellevue safe and clean and reduce crime, fix broken roads in city and neighborhoods (rough surface and potholes in many places), abolish tires with spikes/studs in winter as these destroy the roads (do not drive other wise in snow and ice or get winter tires on an AWD)

Sustainable growth, climate change mitigation, helping low-income kids and families

Sustainability, environment

The #1 priority should be zero carbon city in 10 years. Including protections for our City in A Park --- Where is the protection of our trees from developers and PSE? The #2 priority is a high performance government that works for it's residence and not only for big business. We need a change in how Bellevue is governed including an elected Mayor and City Council members who represent districts/neighborhoods. Where is affordable housing? Where is defense of neighborhood character? Where are specific steps that the City will take to handle the homeless problem? Where are concrete programs to handle rapid growth of employers like Amazon? What is the City going to do about our emissions that contribute to climate change?

The homeless issue. We need more awareness of what we can do to help those who can't help themselves.

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The increasing housing prices pushing long time residents as well as resident to earn a modest living out of the neighborhood. Making sure ALL Bellevue schools are top schools and that ALL Bellevue schools receive the same care so no student is left behind.

traffic

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Traffic and development

Traffic and transportation planning are huge. So is providing a solution for affordable housing and homelessness.

Traffic calming for pedestrian safety. Continue the great park and trail updates. Provide affordable housing.

Traffic congestion - all the construction going on has negatively impacted traffic in the area. Sustainable growth. Safety.

Traffic congestion, in general. Also, in-city parking availability/pricing.

Traffic congestion, population growth, and police/fire/Medic 1 timely responses to emergencies.

Traffic congestion. Provide leadership to fix I 405 AND fix our streets. Do not remove traffic lanes for bikes! Most people drive. Make the streets work.

Traffic is horrible.

Traffic issues and flow especially at boundaries with other adjacent cities (Redmond specifically)

Traffic under control by emphasizing useful routes for busses to connect with the soon-to-be finished light rail. City gov't working with its citizens and communities to get zoning to an ideal level for each neighborhood. Do not give in to big business. Stop with the levies for school funds.

Traffic, traffic and traffic and affordable housing, slower growth until the other 2 items are fixed. I am tired of losing long time restaurants because of the growth and the cost of space in the new buildings.

TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC!!!! PROPERTY CRIME!!! Prevent Bellevue from becoming Seattle, in so many ways. I am liberal, but Seattle is just out of control, way over the top. I implore Bellevue to be the leader in balancing the needs of all parties when making decisions that affect Bellevue short and long term. I shudder about traffic, congestion, livability when Amazon fully builds out its plans for # of employees in (effectively) downtown Bellevue. I'm afraid that I won't be able to navigate what I envision as even worse horrific traffic. And don't tell me to take public transit. It's absolutely not tenable.

Traffic.

Transit service efficiency.

Transparent government, public safety, and improving infrastructure for cars to keep up with growth that would ease congestion. We are way behind on our roads.

Transportation

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transportation and mobility

Transportation and affordable housing.

transportation and growth management

Transportation for everyone: walk, bike, bus, train, car, carpool, subway...

Transportation improvement

Transportation needs to be better.

transportation without congestion

Transportation, circulator bus. Bellevue is going to choke on the number of people you are packing into high rises. You are foolishly taking away capacity for cars in favor of bicycles.

Transportation, homelessness/affordable housing, accessibility.

Transportation, police & fire recruitment, low but effective tax rates.

Transportation.

Transportation: Work with WSDOT to increase priority of I-90 westbound ramp braiding so 148th->I-90 and I-90->I-405 movements don't conflict. Also, ensure that well before East Link launches, residents are given ample opportunity to learn about and participate in the process of reconfiguring the bus network. Nature: More greenbelts and nature walks citywide, especially corridors like the Lake to Lake Trail that span the entire city. More creek/wetland restorations. Especially desirable to develop greenbelts in the Spring/Bel-Red area. Neighborhoods: More stringent standards for noise, especially at night. Ability for noise standards to be customized for each of the city's designated neighborhoods. More stringent enforcement and mitigation measures for high-rise construction noise in downtown and the Spring District. Jobs: please, please don't give Amazon carte blanche to remake the city however it wants over the coming years. Having major employers invest in the city is indeed a boon, but please hold firm on ensuring that as the city continues to grow, it does so in a manner respecting the quality of life of those who do and will live here.

Transportation improvements.

Tree Canopy is essential to air quality and high quality of life. Energize Eastside is a travesty of justice - an unnecessary, bloated financial boondoggle for the benefit of foreign investors. Olympic Pipeline Safety must be a priority. Those pipelines bisect Bellevue east-to-west, and we MUST take precautions to avoid an explosion like what happened in Bellingham. Traffic: Too much emphasis is being placed on courting big business, which is putting transportation pressure on smaller side roads, because of clogged arterials. Traffic cutting through Woodridge is terrible at rush hour. Eastlink Rail is NOT going to solve that problem.

We are growing so fast in Bellevue there seems to be no regard to historic sites. We need to pay attention to this and not just plow everything over.

We need a public utility. PSE is a menace to neighborhoods, community values, and the environment.

What are we doing to address the climate crisis? single use plastic, recycling, carbon emissions...

While growth is exciting, the city needs to ensure the infrastructure is put in place before adding more people and cars.

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With the advent of many more people employed downtown, I would like to suggest a free bus service circling the downtown core to help keep roadway usage to minimum. There was a free bus shuttle doing this in 1980 which allowed us to visit the library, city hall, Bellevue Sq, etc without using our cars (polluting downtown area).

Zoning; retention of neighborhood character/cohesion; traffic; downtown parking