

Sept 23 2021 Affordable Housing Forum

Where do you live?



What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Transit oriented development

Housing for all

allowing detached accessory dwelling units so that people can age in place

Safe, good schools, yard, enough room that I don't have to also keep half my belongings in a storage unit.

Accessibility. Mixed use and income neighborhoods. Higher density.

deconcentration of poverty and encouraging of mixed income projects

Affordable Housing is very important for working family

Making sure that East Main, BelRed and Wilburton rezones include affordable housing

Rezoning

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

That it doesn't negatively affect the qualitative profile of Bellevue.

More opportunities for secondary dwellings on single family lots.

In Addition, Close enough to my job that I don't have to spend 2+ Hours in the car

Workforce housing

Support for aging residents to stay in their homes.

senior exemptions for property taxes. the increase year over year is very tough for seniors on fixed incomes.

Senior housing/active senior communities.

Make it easier to build more densely for affordable housing.

1. Disability accessible senior rental apartments for independent living

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Change zoning to allow for multi-family housing.

Allow zone changing.

Housing that allows low median income people to BUY and grow equity. Not dump "affordable housing" in triplex and duplexes in NE Bellevue and Crossroads and Lake Hills. WE DO NOT WANT ALL THE GROWTH NEAR TRANSIT. If you can't --stop jobs

Make a streamlined, administrative path to get more density for affordable housing.

I feel the people who bought houses years in advance are being taken advantage by city hall. You allowed the job growth. Maybe we did not want it. Job growth is not good for all of us.

I want housing banks so my kids can get a loan and live here. I want housing that allows them to buy. I don't want a bunch of condos or apartments clogging everything with no parks or open space.

the code for ADUs require parking spots, which makes it difficult for homeowners to develop. we need reevaluate code requirements and remove barriers.

I don't want full spectrum housing at my expense. It took me a long time to earn enough to buy a house and I make lots of sacrifices to do it. Find a way to do it that is not completely at the expense of lower income single family home owners

Livable wage and able to live here and work here. Enable ADU policy and building codes. Ensure affordable homes are net natural for GHG emissions. Units are easy access to transit centers. Mixed within mixed neighborhoods.

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Make it easier to get an upzone to get affordable housing.

"Unlocking" makes me VERY worried. I don't see a hotel in Bridle Trails or Somerset being opened for drug addicts.

Encourage diverse housing options citywide

Allow all single family lots to subdivide.

making sure there is a diverse set of affordable housing options (including permanently affordable homeownership) that families have access to - 0-30AMI, 30-60AMI, 60-80AMI and 80-120 AMI (though that last one does not need so much govt investment.)

allowing duplexes in neighborhoods

I am not a NIMBY. I rented my home to a section 8 family and I support a relative by paying part of her rent. She earns less than \$20K a year. I looked for low income housing for her. There is a 4 year wait in Bellevue, even though she is a senio

Are Kirkland, Issaquah, Mercer Island, Redmond and Sammamish creating low income housing as much as Bellevue? If not, I fear that we will be the new location for all low income people. It affects the schools etc. We need it spread around.

So that teachers can live closer to schools

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Be able to build multi-family housing in our lot.

Loosen ADU code and restrictions to make them easier to build.

Permanent supportive housing, permanent supportive housing, permanent supportive housing

To ensure that Bellevue is a diverse community where essential workers, retirees, and our children can afford to live here. Longtime residents should not be pushed out by cost.

Housing particularly for 30% and 50-80% AMI.

Aging in place. Safety in neighborhoods. Maintaining tree canopies.

Affordable housing and mental support service for the unhoused.

Transition to form-based code

Transition zone between more and less dense areas

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Change the zone in your area so we can build multi-family housing

All of the options I'm seeing float by on the screen.

United for families Units for emergency services

Allow backyard cottsges(ADUs)

... that affordable housing doesn't destroy existing residential values

Encourage more housing choices

Affordable housing for seniors so they can age in place -- where can seniors move to in Bellevue if they own a home but want to downsize?

Aging in place. Being able to preserve affordable housing in existing neighborhoods and not only in high density. Able to have easily built DADUs

Prevent my neighbors from building multi-family housing

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

I worked at a low wage job so I know we need the housing but I really want it to be bold and creative.

affordable modifications to home for aging in place without increased tax obligations such as property tax reassessment prior to sale

allowing duplexes/triplexes/quads/rowhouses/etc in areas where they are not allowed currently (like single family and low density zones)

Diversity in neighborhoods and schools

to be able to afford the house we currently rent that's near work. Ea yr the rent goes up 2 or \$300 per mo but the income doesn't match

Workforce housing 30-50 % AMI Affordable housing in all neighborhoods Affordable housing on arterials and close to transit options

Affordable single-family homes (zoning changes to stop creating mega homes out of ramblers)

Eliminate single family zoning

Simple single family homes in neighborhoods!

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Having my 20-something kids be able to afford to live in the area.

Developer code around DADU's to protect neighborhood character

Consider ability to add SROs, apodmemts.

A variety of home structures that are integrated into neighborhoods with concern not to make the neighborhood too dense for positive interactions

I'd love if the city can put the Jainism on MN Construction gobbling up the older more affordable homes, and replacing with ginormous McMansions. MN is rampaging Eastgate!!!

More affordable homes built

Don't let taxes force people out

Do not put housing for drug addicts near schools

I am interested in knowing if developers are actually required to provide within their projects or if they can just provide funds for affordable housing in other areas. I feel affordable housing should be provided in all new housing complexes

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Show proof that ADU's offer affordability!

Focus affordable housing in walkable / bicycleable areas.

Help people who want to age in place

Focus on TOD areas, preserving SF neighborhoods, if they so choose

Allow ADU both attached and detached

Form based code instead of FAR

Definitely allowing for 10,000 sq ft lot to subdivide!

Disallow multi-family housing in neighborhoods

Allow duplexes and triplexes in all single family zones

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Have unintended consequences been considered?

Make sure duplexes are in ALL neighborhoods and the burden is in ALL areas.

my housemate works @ a school doing IT but cannot afford to stay near work

Ensure that shopping, bus routes, easy access is available to aff housing folks so that traffic isn't a bigger problem, if they have to drive to resources.

Explore duplex and triplex

There is no arts community in bellevue. Would be good to develop and area to bring some soul to the city

Allowing tiny houses in people's yards

Help seniors age in place. Do not keep taxing property owners and causing more challenges for seniors to stay in their homes.

Don't allow HOA to rise every year

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

More density MORE PARKS

Allow backyard cottages

Opportunity for older folks to downsize ... too many mega houses taking place of single story homes forcing us to move out or into townhomes/condos that are good for aging in place

McMansions being built by big developers in the neighborhoods.

Mitigate impacts of higher densities on existing neighborhoods

We need more entry-level , owner-occupied housing opportunities and this means greater densities and building heights, but in urban land use districts.

Encourage sub plating for 2 smaller single families homes

Rezoning to allow more ADUs and multi family in single family zoning. Even if it's duplexes or triplexes.

Use vacant houses for unhoused as transitional housing

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Keep smaller less expensive houses instead of allowing huge expensive houses to replace the smaller houses

Prioritize teachers, nurses and medical staff, police who work in Bellevue .

reducing property setback limitations for house expansion

Disallow back yard cottages

Build housing over shopping malls

Bellevue's own website lists "affordable housing" as 45% -80% AMI. This is incorrect. Affordable housing includes 0-30% AMI, 30-40% AMI, 40-50% AMI, 50-60% AMI, which allows unemployed workers, teachers, single parents, to live here.

Making it easier to add ADUs in neighborhoods.

Preserve existing affordable housing in our neighborhood by preventing building of outsized multi-million dollars homes.

Make housing actually affordable. Change how properties value are accessed, that is the cause of prices of houses to go up.

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Allow non-owner occupied ADU's DADUs. Not everybody wants to be a landlord. Some people are good at it.

Tax properties that sit empty for a long time, so their owners are encouraged to bring these properties back into the housing inventory

What is wrong with doing nothing? Housing prices go up. Good for us!

allow backyard cottages on lots less than 15,000 sq ft

Allow neighborhoods to keep quality of life

Help seniors age in place. Tax breaks so sr xan afford home/condo they have lived in for yrs. . SS doesnt keep up with rising liviving costs

Need affordable senior living communities -- the new 'premier' communities are for the 1%

Be intentional about locations for affordable and homeless housing taking into consideration the needs of neighborhoods.. safer, locations of schools, etc

First - I don't believe we can speak about affordable housing independently of the character of existing communities. I am very supportive of affordable housing but equally important is protecting, respecting the character of existing neighborhoods .

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Finding solutions for the "gap" ... e.g. pre-development funds, workforce, etc.

Can see that developers have an oversize influence on the city and council in this plan

Making aesthetic choices available and to connect them with fabulous transportation and surround them with green recreational spaces

Don't force R-20/R-30 development in single-family neighborhoods, however, and instead, encourage infill through DADU's and understand that frequent transit service does not exist everywhere, so many people will still need to travel by auto.

Help younger generations afford their first home in the neighborhoods they grew up in. \$1 million+ for a first home is not easily achievable.

You should have thought about this before you had Amazon bring 17,000 jobs here. They could have gone to Sammamish!

There is a gap in this plan. My household makes too much for most of what I've seen so far and the income requirements on the Arch website but not enough to purchase a home within an hour of my job.

Provide help to people trying to find housing. It's so confusing and depressing to try and try and try to find housing.

Incentives to create more ADUs

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Support Jobs in the same block

How about tax exemptions for 1000 sq foot and smaller houses?

Housing for homeless is a different topic than affordable housing and should be discussed and managed separately.

ADU/DADU are "low hanging fruit. We can't get there that way. We need bang-for-the-buck which really is multi-family.

It looks like the strategies adopted are not working. Money is poured in but rent went up by 18%?.

AFFORDABLE IS NOT THE ONLY ISSUE. BUILDING EQUITY IS KEY.

Inclusionary zoning requirements since incentives have not worked well

ADU's must have owner on property and have set street or designated parking

Finally, the market is not likely to generate <60% AMI units, without serious incentives. C-! could be helpful, but don't create a backlash from neighborhoods by allowing density out of character with existing neighborhoods.

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Lease rather than sale or give away land to allow for future needs changes

No DADU's

Require housing in commercial development every time.

No "projects"! Incorporate affordable housing into market rate developments so we can be an inclusive community.

Get rid of the Bellevue golf course and build housing there.

Discourage foreign investors from purchasing homes and let them sit vacant.

Allow for smaller single family homes in new development

LGBTQI housing was created buy surplus land from Sound Transit in Seattle. Land discounted. Can you do it?

Stop allowing developers to get off the hook by paying \$\$ to the city. That just builds pressure to meet quotas elsewhere, like in single family neighborhoods. Hold their feet to the fire and make them uild in Affordable Housing.

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Density requirement for housing with commercial development

I do not want all the duplexes triplexes and ADUs in Lake Hills Lochmor etc. How you going to get them in the expensive areas or do I need to move out?

What percent of Bellevue city employees live in Bellevue?

Up zones on Wilburton and Factoria

BelRed lookback

Transitional housing for those that end up homeless with supporting services to enable re-entry.

Allow single family homes to be converted to duplexes.

We want notification before supportive housing is opened near schools

stop allowing 4000 sq ft new homes where modest 1950 rancher's exist. It undermines the existing community . At minimum they should be made to contribute the same amt of \$ to affordable homes. Esp International developers

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Use MFTE to allow people to BUY their apartments

Land use code changes are only one component of the solution. Are there any provisions/requirements for social services, especially in the 0-30% AMI bracket?

Why not require 50% low income not 20%

Regarding faith owned properties: is it your vision to put more traffic-causing monstrosities such as Luxe, on the former Lutheran church property? Vuecrest is Bellevue's historic jewel. What you allowing to happen around it is killing it.

Single women teachers really need to own in order to build equity.

Target of 2400 units is way to low. 24000 new employees coming from amazon alone. Good for property owners but terrible for those trying to get into housing

MFTE \$1400 is too much. Why not do 30% of person's income. That would help my sister, a senior cit who earns \$14,000 a year pension.

As anyone on the police force will tell you, increased density = increased crime. What are your proactive preventive plans for that?

Make mfte a requirement fot developers

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Expand the "growth corridor" to align with the half-mile walkshed from light rail.

Make development in the identified growth corridor GHG net zero. Good for health of residents

The neighborhoods should select the housing options that can be included in each neighborhood. This should happen in every neighborhood

Let neighborhoods self select the solutions they want to implement. Not everyone wants (D)ADUs or turn their street into a parking lot

Mercer Island has not participated in homeless support. I want each community to help out and not just us. The Silver Cloud Inn is more in Bellevue than Redmond.

Amazon should be required to build a lot of housing for people making \$15 an hour. How many houses could that space pay for?

Planning must ensure when turning single-family into multiple units includes parking space

Need to build up the city's environmental plan and action to address climate impacts of development

Stop outlawing housing types in certain neighborhoods, i.e. telling a private property owner they can't build affordable, multi-family housing on their property is ridiculous

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

The Council needs to revisit the parking and car issues in each neighborhood. Streets should not become parking lots. The adherence to multi modal transportation options does not work in every setting.

Emphasize building apartment houses and other dense multi-family units to solve this problem. ADUs and duplexes are inefficient. Since 2017, only 3% of all new affordable housing units were ADUs. You can't get there that way.

How do we avoid this in 12 years?
<https://www.opb.org/article/2021/06/15/tigard-oregon-poised-to-lose-one-fifth-of-its-affordable-housing/>

Glad to see a major focus in transit areas.

Will there be deliberate and ongoing communication with Redmond. We in NE Bellevue are continually impacted by actions in Redmond areas with little proactive discussion and planning across the cities.

Increased density should be distributed city wide.

Team with king county to purchase underused motels and upgrade for transitional housing and/or affordable housing.

Why are all these programs in perpetuity!

Will Bellevue still have SF neighborhoods? Yes?, no, maybe ?

What are your priorities around affordable housing?

Senior housing and aging in place are not the same. How can you reduce the gigantic increases in taxation yearly for seniors on fixed income!?

Can you limit the Mega mansion issue by a change in how much of a land area could have a house in it. Reducing the size of house to land area could stop the problem

We are concerned with tree canopy. How is the preserved both for neighborhood character and reduction of climate change issues?

What steps are in place particularly in C1 to ensure people get the help they need and are not just houses?

Stability in housing with a diversity of socio-economic, generational, racial/ethnic and other demographic accessible to work, schools, recreation and more...