



December 7, 2020

Dear Bellevue Planning Commissioners,

Downtown Action to Save Housing is a Washington Non-Profit Corporation established in 1991 by the Bellevue Downtown Association to help preserve and create affordable housing. Today, DASH owns and maintains 13 properties in East King County, including four here in Bellevue which provide housing for Bellevue's working families and seniors. Affordable Housing is our mission. We'd like to do more.

In 2018 we submitted a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for our Glendale Apartments property to increase density and allow for the development of more affordable housing. That CPA passed threshold review and was expanded by the Commission to include our adjacent property at Evergreen Court.

Later, upon further staff analysis, it was determined that DASH could receive more favorable zoning than NMU, allowing for more housing, if the properties were included in the Wilburton neighborhood upzone which was being developed at the time. After meeting with the Wilburton CAC and City Council, DASH agreed to allow our CPA to be diverted into that workplan. We understood there would be a risk of delay when we agreed to abandon the CPA process in 2018. We thought at the time that the delay would add one year to the process. Unfortunately, the Wilburton workplan has not advanced and there is currently no timeline for its implementation. With that path closed, we are re-starting the process with our Comprehensive Plan Amendment before you once again.

DASH has been working in partnership with Planning Staff, Commission and Council since 2016 when the Technical Advisory Group created the recommendations that formed the basis of the Affordable Housing Strategy adopted in 2017. Since that time Bellevue has done outstanding economic development work to attract more jobs to the city. Those new workers need places to live. We appreciate the steps that staff, the Commission, and Council are taking to provide avenues for the creation of more affordable housing. This is important work!

DASH's mission is to provide affordable housing for those folks whose needs just aren't being met by new market rate development. With increased density, our existing Evergreen Court and Glendale properties can support more affordable housing for Bellevue Residents. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to provide more housing in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Chris Buchanan
Director of Real Estate Development, Downtown Action to Save Housing

Eastside Friends ♥f Seniors

February 22, 2021

Bellevue Planning Commission:

I am writing in support of Downtown Action to Save Housing's (DASH) application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to increase density for more affordable housing. This will enable DASH to add urgently-needed affordable homes on its current site for the people who help Bellevue thrive and long-time Bellevue residents who want to age in place within their community. With the city's growing housing crisis, it is critical that Bellevue take advantage of opportunities to significantly address these needs.

As a human service professional who regularly talks with seniors who are longtime residents and individuals who are in need of affordable housing that is in the area they work, the need is at an all-time high. With thousands of jobs that have been created since 2017, just 500 new affordable housing units have been added in the city. These are people who keep Bellevue safe, healthy, educated and they deserve access to affordable housing. Likewise, for those who have made Bellevue their home, the ability to sustain their lifestyle, affordably, in their community is paramount as the housing crisis for seniors grows and the equity gap widens. Access to all types of housing, including affordable housing, is crucial for Bellevue's success and quality of life for our residents.

Advancing DASH's request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment is one way to spearhead positive action. I can think of no better organization to take the lead than DASH. Founded in Bellevue a quarter-century ago, DASH brings to its mission integrity, quality and the desire to help solve our city's needs. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment will enable DASH to provide affordable homes to many more.

Thank you for supporting this comprehensive plan amendment, making Bellevue more inclusive and housing friendly today and into the future.

Sincerely,

Linda

Linda Woodall
Executive Director
Eastside Friends of Seniors



March 1, 2021

Dear Bellevue Planning Commission Members,

The Wilburton neighborhood is receiving incredible infrastructure investment with Sound Transit's new light rail service, upgraded public realm investments and the implementation of "Eastrail". As you know, there will be significant real estate investment in response. This is welcomed as smart urban growth in parallel with the substantial job creation Downtown. As an essential element of livability, it is very urgent that the city also do all it can to address the significant need for affordable housing.

I am writing in support of Downtown Action to Save Housing's (DASH) application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to increase density for more affordable housing.

DASH is a well-respected and well-established provider and builder of quality affordable housing. Their existing 7.6-acre properties at Evergreen Court and Glendale Apartments at the eastern edge of the Wilburton Sub Area is currently underdeveloped and ideal for redeveloping as affordable housing to serve this burgeoning area. To make this possible, the Comprehensive Plan amendment you are considering will enable development standards to allow for more height and capacity. With NMU zoning we calculate that the DASH sites capacity could be increased by approximately 500 to 600 units over current capacity (depending on the approved development plan). The new development can also be done sensitively with significant tree preservation and be built in phases without displacing current residents off site.

DASH and their Glendale and Evergreen Court properties are ready to serve their community if the right land use tools and development standards are made available. Please support this amendment to ensure affordable housing can be built to support all the job growth.

Sincerely,

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March 4, 2021

Dear Bellevue Planning Commission:

As a provider of affordable senior housing in the Puget Sound region, I am writing in support of Downtown Action to Save Housing's (DASH) application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to increase density for more affordable housing. This will enable DASH to add urgently-needed affordable homes on its current site for the people who help Bellevue thrive and for long-time city residents seeking to age in place within their community. With Bellevue's growing housing crisis, it is critical the city take advantage of opportunities to significantly address these needs.

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Where your friends live.

Jay Woolford, CEO



March 5, 2021

Bellevue Planning Commission
P.O. Box 90012
Bellevue, Washington, 98009-9012

Re: DASH Glendale CPA (20-114270 AC)

Dear Chair Moolgavkar and Commissioners:

We are pleased to write in support of Downtown Action to Save Housing's (DASH) application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment. DASH Glendale CPA (20-114270 AC) proposes a map amendment from MF-M to NMU and if approved, would increase density, and enable DASH to provide urgently needed affordable homes on its current site. These homes would be occupied by working households and long-time Bellevue residents who wish to age in place within their community. With the city's growing housing crisis, it is critical that Bellevue take advantage of opportunities to significantly address these needs.

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Sincerely,

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Joe Fain, Bellevue Chamber
President & CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessie Clawson'.

Jessie Clawson, McCullough Hill
Chair, Chamber PLUSH Committee



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March 9th, 2021

Bellevue Planning Commission
Cc: Thara Johnson
Comprehensive Planning Manager
450 110th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Chair Moolgavkar & Bellevue Planning Commissioners,

On behalf of the Housing Development Consortium, thank you for this opportunity to share our support of Downtown Action to Save Housing's (DASH) application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to increase density for more affordable housing. This will enable DASH to add urgently needed affordable homes on its current site for the people who help Bellevue thrive and for long-time city residents seeking to age in place within their community. With Bellevue's growing housing crisis, it is critical the city take advantage of opportunities to significantly address these needs.

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Sincerely,

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Policy & Advocacy Manager

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From: [Laura Balent](#)
To: [LandUseReview](#); [Codecompliance](#); [Folsom_Drew](#); [Johnson_Thara](#)
Cc: [Council](#); wilburtonpresident@gmail.com
Subject: BIG 1 & DASH & development
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 11:42:46 AM

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Hello-

I received your email addresses from the COB receptionist via a phone call. A long time Wilburton resident, I am very concerned about the development in my area of the city.

I have watched the number of projects explode citywide in recent years, with little sign of stopping. This season, it seems particularly intense in my little corner of Bellevue, with the utility work on NE 8th, the sidewalk along 124th NE, the Spring District, the lightrail, and numerous private and commercial redevelopment projects within a few blocks. I understand that development is inevitable. Where I would like further understanding is what plans the COB has to maintain the quality of life in the city, specifically the Wilburton area, and specifically regarding the tree canopy that is being displaced by this rapid development, and the resultant decline in air quality.

Between the light rail project, to individual neighborhood homes being sold and redeveloped from smaller houses with large trees to huge houses with tiny trees, to older commercial properties with larger tree canopies being redeveloped into giant multi-story block buildings with little or no vegetation, our city's air quality is under siege.

I want to know what plans the COB has in place to maintain the air quality along the path of this rapid development. What permits are required for development where a significant loss of oxygen producing tree canopy is lost? What enforcement or penalties are happening?

Attached is a photo from last Friday, 3/5/21, of the construction at the southwest corner of Bel-Red & 130th NE, where the building is clearly impacting the trees. How long do you think it will be until what gives is the tree? I have already watched this site get cleared of numerous large trees, some of which were initially spared the lots' clearing only to be torn down as it became clear they were in the way.

A little closer to my home is the DASH project on NE 8th & 124th Ave. NE. A 7.5 acre project that looks to be transforming a shady, wooded, oxygen producing apartment complex along a busy, CO2 generating main arterial into an ecological antithesis of its current state.

I would appreciate your responses to these matters as the development tsunami continues to roll through Bellevue.

Thank you-

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From: [Hfkimball](#)
To: [Bedwell, Heidi](#)
Cc: [Rousseau, Gwen](#); [Lassiter, Dan](#); [Stanland, Christy](#)
Subject: DASH Glendale Redevelopment SEPA Application
Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 12:25:06 PM

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Good afternoon Heidi,

I just finished reading the weekly permit bulletin and took note of the proposed, combined redevelopment of Glendale Apartments and Evergreen Court. The latter currently provides 80+ senior housing units, which are sorely needed and at a premium in the City of Bellevue.

Will these 80+ housing units be recreated in the new development? Or will we be losing 80+ senior housing units? Affordable housing for all incomes falls short of needed levels in Bellevue. Seniors are especially at risk because many exist on fixed incomes and are ill-prepared to deal with continuously rising housing prices.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you,
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Johnson, Thara

From: James McEachran <mceachranj5@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 2, 2021 12:32 PM
To: PlanningCommission
Subject: A Note of Support

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You will already know of my critical support for the DASH Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

I helped to write the Transmittal Letter of the Technical Advisory Group to the City Council.

In 2017, the need for sustainable and attainable housing was critical.

In 2021, I tired of being reminded of the lack of affordable housing. We know that and cited that need long ago.

In 1987, Imagine Housing (Then, known as Saint Andrew's Housing Group) produced a nifty brochure. It was dense in copy and quoted the Bellevue Human Services' Needs Update.

Then, noted that in order to buy a home in Bellevue, a person needed to make \$16.50 an hour. Does not take long to do the math and go "Argh."

So, I encourage clear support of the DASH proposed.

As, we wrote in 2017, 4 years back, it is time to be BOLD in collaboration to create a density and a land use that remediates and models change for other communities to build and do likewise.

Thank you for your reading, listening, and acting.

James N. McEachran
Community Volunteer

Johnson, Thara

From: Paul Aigner <PAigner@transformingage.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Johnson, Thara
Subject: DASH's Comprehensive Plan Amendment Letter of Support

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ATTN: Chair Mohammad Malakoutian, Vice ChairCarolynn Ferris, Radhika Moolgavkar, Anne Morisseau, Vishal Bhargava, Karol Brown

Dear Bellevue Planning Commission:

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Johnson, Thara

From: Patience Malaba <patience@housingconsortium.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Johnson, Thara; PlanningCommission
Cc: Marty Kooistra; Mallory Van Abbema; Brady Nordstrom
Subject: Support for Advancing DASH's request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Attachments: HDC Comment Letter of support for the DASH CPA.pdf

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Hi Chair Malakoutian, Vice-Chair Ferris and Bellevue Planning Commissioners,

We are writing in strong support of Downtown Action To Save Housing / DASH's Comprehensive Plan Amendment to add density in order to build urgently-needed affordable homes. With the city's growing housing crisis and its impacts on the economic outlook, it is critical that Bellevue take advantage of opportunities to significantly address these needs. Advancing DASH's request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment is a way to spearhead positive action to generate more affordable housing for Bellevue. We urge you to support and advance the amendment.

Attached is our comment letter with more details on our support.

Best,

Patience Malaba
Director of Government Relations and Policy (Pronouns, She/Her)
Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County
1326 5th Avenue, Suite 230 | Seattle, WA 98101



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July 6th, 2021

Bellevue Planning Commission
450 110th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Chair Malakoutian, Vice-Chair Ferris and Bellevue Planning Commissioners,

RE: Support for Advancing DASH's request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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We thank you for the opportunity to comment and look forward to continuing to work with you on ensuring that Bellevue remains a diverse, livable, and affordable community for people of all incomes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marty Kooistra
Executive Director

Patience Malaba
Director of Government Relations and Policy

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Johnson, Thara

From: Joyce Hansbearry <Joyce.Hansbearry@dashhousing.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:27 AM
To: Johnson, Thara
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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ATTN: Chair Mohammad Malakoutian, Vice ChairCarolynn Ferris, Radhika Moolgavkar, Anne Morisseau, Vishal Bhargava, Karol Brown

RE: Support of DASH application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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Unfortunately, market-rate development does not address the need for permanent, affordable housing for 1) the working people who help Bellevue thrive and 2) long-time city residents seeking to age in place within their community. DASH's two properties are located in a multi-family area at the juncture of Bel-Red, the Spring District, and the Wilburton Commercial Area. The location is well served by transit, services, and job opportunities. This is an ideal location for working family members and limited-mobility residents.

I request that you please advance DASH's request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to generate more affordable housing for Bellevue working families and seniors living on fixed incomes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joyce Hansbearry

Joyce Hansbearry | Community Manager

Ashwood Court Apartments

DASH – Downtown Action to Save Housing

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Have a wonderful day!

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Larisa Komarover

Community Manager

Johnson, Thara

From: Susan Sherman <ssherman@dashhousing.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Johnson, Thara
Cc: Chris Buchanan
Subject: Support DASH

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I request that you please advance DASH's request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to generate more affordable housing for Bellevue working families and seniors living on fixed incomes. We need to get these folks out of homelessness, especially the working poor families and marginalized seniors. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Ann Sherman

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Assistant Manager

Respectfully,
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Community Manager
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July 12, 2021

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RE: Support of DASH application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Dear Bellevue Planning Commission:

I am a Bellevue resident, fortunate to work locally and experience the positive benefits of living where I work, as well as contributing to the economy of my own neighborhood. When I think about starting a family, I feel privileged to live in Bellevue, where we benefit from schools, parks, local transportation, and amenities. However, I hope to see stronger social cohesion in Bellevue, which includes a more diverse, mixed-income community.

I urge you to advance the Comprehensive Plan Amendment put forward by Downtown Action to Save Housing (DASH), one of our leading, local providers of permanent, affordable housing. As long-time partners with the City of Bellevue, DASH has worked to preserve and expand the housing options available in our beautiful and thriving city. I share DASH's vision of a vibrant age-friendly Bellevue with a thriving, local economy and quality, safe, well-maintained homes that people can afford.

However, market-rate development does not address the need for permanent, affordable housing for 1) the working people who help Bellevue thrive and 2) long-time city residents seeking to age in place within their community. DASH's two properties comprise 7.5 acres located at the juncture of Bel-Red, the Spring District, and the Wilburton Commercial Area. Rezoning these two parcels will add approximately 500 units on the Rapid Ride B Line and within the half-mile walkshed of three light rail stations. This is an ideal location for working family members and limited-mobility residents.

I request that you please advance DASH's request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to generate more affordable housing for Bellevue working families and seniors living on fixed incomes. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sarah Chong
Bellevue Resident

From: [Johnson, Thara](#)
To: [Rousseau, Gwen](#)
Subject: FW: For your consideration
Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:34:18 PM

FYI

From: Joyce Hansberry <Joyce.Hansberry@dashhousing.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 11:51 AM
To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Thara <TMJohnson@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: For your consideration

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has come to my attention that my employers, Downtown Action to Save Housing, have requested permission to build and/or increase their properties at Glendale Apartments and Evergreen Court. I have been a resident apartment manager for DASH for the last 16 years. I know that DASH is comprised of ethical, caring, honest, efficient and logical people, both employees and board members. They have always put RESIDENTS first ahead of excess profits. The properties they own are well-kept, well-managed and serve populations of seniors, disabled persons, families with children and working individuals who might otherwise be homeless.

As a resident manager, one of my functions is to rent apartments. While I haven't kept definitive records on persons I cannot help (because they are under 62 years of age,) I can promise that I get calls daily from people who are homeless, about to be homeless or have had to vacate their current residences due to loss of job, domestic violence or landlord issues (even prior to Covid19.)

Everyone knows that Bellevue is an expensive city. But even the well-monied people of Bellevue expect to be serviced in restaurants, fast food eateries, dry cleaners, coffee houses, retail establishments, etc. Why should these workers, who might earn minimum wage, commute from Renton or Kent or Bothell? Not only are these workers performing valuable services, they are consumers,

too! This is why we need more affordable housing in Bellevue.

Over the years I've also encountered Bellevue citizens that have lived here all their lives and have suddenly found themselves not able to continue sustaining their homesteads, either due to lack of funds or lack of strength for the upkeep of their property. Widows whose husbands made, and lost, massive fortunes are suddenly thrown to the curb, having to resort to moving out of their beloved city to keep a roof over their heads. This is a disgrace!

I implore you to allow DASH to expand on their existing properties. The property already belongs to them and they are earnestly trying to fulfill a need that you might not even know exists.

Thank you for your time,

Joyce Hansberry

Joyce Hansberry | Community Manager

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Have a wonderful day!

Johnson, Thara

From: Beth Salazar <beth@bethsalazar.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:55 PM
To: PlanningCommission
Subject: Need for additional senior housing/ Bellevue

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TO: Planning Commission of Bellevue
FROM: Beth Salazar
DATE: July 20, 2021
RE: Need for additional senior housing/ Bellevue

I have been a resident at Ashwood Court Apartments, a DASH property, for 7+years. When I retired, I wanted to stay in Bellevue because it has been my home for many years. I enjoy living at Ashwood Court: location is great, staff is amazing, I don't have yard work or maintenance, great opportunities for socialization and very important to me living on social security, AFFORDABLE. I've found DASH to be generous, yet conservative, too, with the amenities they provide, in how they manage their business, take care of their property and continue to be a visible landlord.

I've heard that DASH wants to build more affordable housing options and I want to add my voice to encourage the city of Bellevue to assist in that endeavor. DASH is already here, they already own their properties, why deny them the ability to help people afford housing in our great city? Our senior population is growing but not necessarily their incomes.

With a look to the future, let's start now!

Thank you.....

Beth Salazar

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Ashwood Court #109



Bellevue Planning Commission
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7/28/2021

Dear Bellevue Planning Commission

My name is Ryan Donohue and I am the Advocacy and Policy Director at Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties. As you likely know, we have been providing affordable home ownership opportunities and home repair services for low-income people all across both King and Kittitas County for thirty-five years. On behalf of Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties, we are proud to be submitting comment in strong support of DASH and their proposed project in Bellevue.

You may be asking why Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties, an affordable homeownership organization, is offering comment on a project that is not homeownership related. We support this project for a simple reason. If people are able to have stable housing, it will be easier for those families to continue to move along the entire housing spectrum. Housing stability is key to economic success and family well-being. DASH's project is one with a proven track record of helping those in need. Ultimately, we need to be helping families move along the housing spectrum, not looping back to the beginning of it.

The reality is that Bellevue is not a sleepy suburb of Seattle anymore. Bellevue is a metropolis and an economic powerhouse in its own right, which is fantastic for the city and its residents. It's what makes Bellevue such a wonderful place to live, work, and play. However, along with that comes responsibilities to help its fellow citizens who need a helping hand. Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties believes that housing stability is an essential part of the housing continuum. This DASH project is a step towards that housing stability that will help all of Bellevue.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this project and urge swift approval.

Ryan Donohue

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Donohue", written over a horizontal line.

Advocacy and Policy Director
Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties