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1471620	<p>LOVE encouraging mixed use development. That one is HUGE.</p> <p>Updating codes and making it easier to build and get approvals and not have to go thru long processes for this is also super important. So love those.</p>	<p>Make high density buildings able to be built anywhere.</p>	<p>You shouldn't listen to 'the peoples' feedback seriously. We do not have expertise, we are not urban planners, we don't have a long term vision, and most if not all of us have selfish interests to keep property prices high.</p>
1471643	<p>They all sound exciting.</p>	<p>Walkability in the area</p>	<p>Please consider and plan for these future developments in BelRed to meet high sustainability standards. It would be super to address and promote sustainable growth in every way possible as the project develops. We've got to start off in a BOLD new direction when it comes to growth.</p>
1471711	<p>New policy to encourage mixed use development providing places to live, work, learn, shop and play in close proximity. We need to create live/work/play environments for livability and reduced traffic congestion.</p>		<p>We have already missed an opportunity for appropriate density for many sites adjacent to the 130th street station which have already started or completed construction. Density should be highest and focused in the areas immediately adjacent to the station locations.</p>

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1471732	<p>New policy to encourage mixed use development providing places to live, work, learn, shop and play in close proximity. -This is the ideal in any city. I love that this is a focus</p> <p>Updates to incentivize incorporation of stream corridors into building and site designs. -This would be really nice to look at. When you think of some of the best cities they take advantage of the water in the area (e.g. Zurich, London, Venice, etc.)</p> <p>Updates to incentivize infrastructure and amenities that respond to unique site characteristics. -Similar to the above. I think this could give the city a lot of character</p> <p>New policy prohibiting new low job and population density land uses within the high density station area nodes. -I'm all about this. The more density, the better!</p> <p>New policy providing for a thriving arts district in the BelRed/130th node. -I'm all for a thriving arts district. I Googled where this was and it seems like it'll be near the light rail which would be awesome</p>		<p>The focus on the arts is one of the top 4 initiatives that could truly improve Bellevue and I hope this is taken very seriously. I think it's as, or nearly as, important as housing density, green space and transportation.</p>

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1471748			<p>I am concerned about your vision statement: " . . . guides the development of a land use pattern that is environmentally sustainable, economically vibrant, and socially equitable." Equitable has taken on new meanings over the past few years. If you are proposing to implement policies that are racist in any way, i.e., provide one race better access to or easier implementation of business support provided by the city, then I object. Bellevue should provide equal facilities and support to all races that live here.</p> <p>It appears that you intend to move away from prior policies that support neighborhoods within the city. I object - your new policy to provide for a range of diverse residential and supportive uses within each neighborhood district to create welcoming and inclusive neighborhoods. Neighborhoods do not need or want to have high density housing and supportive housing uses forced on them. If this is focused just on the Bel-Red area, then I am not opposed, but protect our existing neighborhoods!</p>
1471765	Increased development capacity for residential. We all seem to agree that we need more housing so let's build housing near light rail.	I think we need to think bigger given that we have a new light rail station. Once we buildings are built we'll miss the chance for	Please support maximum height and density near light rail. Five-story buildings near light rail is a missed opportunity for more density. Thank you.

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		more density and that will push pressure out to our neighborhoods.	
1471782			Allowing for high density housing is vitally important for sustainable growth of the neighborhood. Multi-story apartment/condo complexes with the ground floor being for businesses and amenities will allow for a scalable neighborhood that is walkable/bikable and not congested with car traffic. Funding public transit projects in tandem with this growth will help this be successful
1471851	Places to play in close proximity. I do a lot of driving to get to the roller skating rinks and ice rinks. I would love to see a roller skating rink to keep teens and young adults active and engaged.	Not enough city-supported recreational opportunities	Would love to know if there was a way to repurpose some of the schools that are closing into a roller rink.
1471893	Mixed use and denser job/residential uses. This area will be served by high quality transit and bike corridors and denser job/housing close by will maximize it's effectiveness and reduce the car trips needed in the area. It will also help relieve strain from the housing shortage in the area. I also appreciate the effort to preserve ethnic communities/businesses since that is a large part of the area's character.	I would like to see a bullet point about creating an effective bike network. I know this is already underway in the bike Bellevue initiative but I think it should also be reflected here.	I support this vision for belred and am excited to see it unfold. The current neighbors in the area may not be excited for all the changes but it's important to consider the future neighbors as well. This vision for belred will accommodate a great many new residents and provide them with a vibrant and desirable place to live, work, and shop.

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1472056	incentivize incorporation of stream corridors into building and site designs. This needs further definition and while "incentivizing" is good, it should be a requirement to incorporate stream corridors into site designs, and not just a "feel good option". It is better to require the basics of incorporating stream corridors into building and site designs and then providing extra incentives for going above and beyond those basic requirements. For instance, the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center and Kelsey Creek. Many of Bellevue's streams have been channelized and tunneled (Goff Creek, Valley Creek, Yarrow Creek....)	Said it above	
1472650		I still don't see any policies to change zoning rules to increase housing density or you didn't make them clear. Is it "Updates to policies providing for increased development capacity, especially residential capacity"? If it is, it's too vague.	
1472826	New policy promoting the preservation and/or relocation within BelRed of small ethnic grocery stores and food services located between the BelRed and Overlake Station Area Nodes Bellevue has driven out a lot of small businesses (mom and pop shops) these kinds of business are much needed.		Remember to keep all things open, small business, industrial, restaurant's. I think mixed used is the way to go.

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1473376	All good. Relocation of small businesses stands out as a way to nurture ethnic and neighborhood communities.	I think it important to mention housing for infrastructure workers - first responders, teachers, city employees - so that they are more a part of the local community. It should include a way for residents to build equity -- city subsidized mortgages, with profits of any sale to be split between the resident andd the city.	Make this a place your grandchildren will be proud to call home.
1473471	New policy to encourage mixed use development providing places to live, work, learn, shop and play in close proximity. I really love the natural scenery of Bellevue but I think the city can offer more indoor activities for people to spend time, esp. in the long rainy winter months. I know many people try to leave Bellevue in winter but in places like Boston where the weather is worse, people still have a lot of stores, shops, museums and event places to go. I hope Bellevue can become a place like that as well, where people want to spend the winter here more.	We can unite the population of BRK (and even Seattle) to utilize new facilities/business centers we will build. Our central location makes it very possible	
1473637	None sound good, I like bel red the way it is and I support many of the small businesses already there. You will chase them all away with these wrong headed policies.	None, its a good areas for small businesses.	Leave it alone, play with the spring district and see if your ideas are working. I don't think they are.

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1477896	<p>I like the mixed use aspect. I think downtown Bellevue right now is going in the wrong direction in the sense that it is building too many office buildings. I mean they should be the same height and look the same but should be housing instead instead of the 5 over ones they are trying to build where the taco time used to be because they are too short</p>		<p>I don't know why we need to specifically have an arts district, isn't art whatever people want to do with life, why do we specifically need to designate that? Are there barriers to art without dedicating space for it?</p>
1485365	<p>All of the policy that supports building lots of mixed use, ultra-high-density residential, especially around the 130th node, sounds great to me! I would love for the neighborhood to be lively, with many pedestrians and bicycles around, and most errands completable via walking (I live in Bridle Trails but am close enough to walk to the 130th node, and am very excited about the development).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New policy to encourage mixed use development providing places to live, work, learn, shop and play in close proximity. 2. Updates to incentivize incorporation of stream corridors into building and site designs. 3. Updates to policies providing for increased development capacity, especially residential capacity. 4. New policy prohibiting new low job and population density land uses within the high density station area nodes. 	<p>I think the zoning is too restrictive within too small of an area outside the station-- it will be impossible to achieve sufficient density when areas within half a mile of the new 130th Ave station are only zoned for residential townhomes -- e.g. on BelRed rd. and Northup. The zoning should accommodate for something more like 5 over 1s, for a more lively and dense mixed use neighborhood with great ground floor retail and many residents.</p> <p>I am really happy to see "New policy prohibiting new low job and population density land uses within the high density station area nodes.", but I think you should expand the radius that this applies for! It is a bummer seeing storage buildings remodeling and expanding just 1 block from the Spring District.</p>	

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1507922	<p>New policy providing for a thriving arts district in the BelRed/130th node.</p> <p>I am involved with the Bel-Red Arts District and am helping them with land use suggestions to the planning commission.</p>	<p>The Bel- Red corridor will be developed with new buildings and the commercial spaces will be more expensive for the existing tenants in the "arts" business. These small, independent tenants will likely be priced out of the market as new buildings replace the old buildings they occupy. The Bel-Red Arts District will not be successful if the business cannot afford to be there.</p> <p>Affordable housing is sometimes built using tax credits where the developer benefits and the property is income restricted, or some of the units are income restricted to be "affordable to 60% of median income tenants".</p> <p>I would like to see the same concept implemented to provide developers and incentive to create affordable commercial and live/workspaces for artists, musicians, dancers, etc.</p> <p>If a developer could achieve a "bonus" and be allowed to add say 10% more residential units, or one story higher to the building, in exchange for 50% of the ground level</p>	<p>The current rent for commercial space is \$14-18 psf for these older commercial buildings. When 5 story apartment buildings are constructed with required ground story retail, the spaces would have to lease for \$40 psf for the developer to make his proforma. This will attract national chains like Starbucks that can afford the rent, and the small independent artist will be priced out of the market.</p>

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		<p>commercial space being restricted to 50% of market rent, then artists could afford to be in these new buildings. The concept needs a lot of work, and maybe it has been done in some other city.</p> <p>Somehow the artists need affordable commercial space, or there will be very few small, independent, artists, musicians, dancers, etc. as the area develops.</p>	

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1471620	Love integrating and improving pedestrian experience while also allowing development near transit and east rail to improve biking.	I don't really think the art stuff is that important, and if it makes it harder to build housing it shouldn't be done.	You shouldn't listen to 'the peoples' feedback seriously. We do not have expertise, we are not urban planners, we don't have a long term vision, and most if not all of us have selfish interests to keep property prices high. People who show up to 'planning' meetings are not a representative sample of the population either. Think about who has time to go to those things, it's ridiculously skewed towards certain demographics.
1471643	Vibrant pedestrian experience - creating a pedestrian environment more akin to European cities would be amazing to have in Bellevue!	Consider an area for various/rotating food trucks to do business. Diverse food truck access would provide a lot of excitement and additional diversity to the area. Plus it would give food truck operators a chance to thrive.	Continually ask, "What else could we do to even better enhance the new BelRed neighborhood experience?"
1471711	New policy to integrate safe and convenient access to the East rail within adjacent development. There is a massive public investment in rail...we must make access safe and convenient. I would add proximate to housing to this as well.		Walkability and live/work/play mindset.

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1471732	<p>Updates to policies calling for integration of art, places for performance, and other artistic expressions into publicly accessible plazas and other gathering places. -Having these large areas that are just dedicated to art would be awesome!</p> <p>New policy to promote a safe, comfortable, integrated, and vibrant pedestrian experience. -I'm all for walkability and having that be a main focus.</p>		<p>Focus on walkability and focus on creating an environment where the arts are the absolute focal point (performance venues, art shows, museums, etc.)</p>
1471748			<p>All of these policies sound politically viable, but the cost of living in the city must be carefully balanced with these goals. My property tax have risen 23% since 2021 - you are nearing the point of pricing me out of the home I've lived in for 22 years. Cost is a vitally important constructing so be aware that better is the enemy of good enough.</p>
1471851	<p>Would love to see a roller rink near the pedestrian trails</p>		<p>Along with the idea of “a safe, comfortable, integrated, and vibrant pedestrian experience,” building a fully connected and protected cycling network throughout bel red will be vitally important as population and population density increases over the coming years. The Bike Bellevue project is a good start to what this could look like, though more robust protection from</p>

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			cars and more thorough integration to public transit and the regional trail network is needed,
1471893	All of the above. The desired vision will need safe access to light rail, safe/comfortable pedestrian infrastructure, and places people actually want to go as a pedestrian.		
1472056		Future possibilities for link/light rail park and ride so that it is easier to commute into Seattle. Bellevue and Seattle each provide different possibilities and should not become cities isolated from one another. Right now, it is horrible to get into Seattle (South Kirkland P/R no longer has a direct bus route into Seattle) BelRed should have an easy commute option not only into downtown Bellevue, but also downtown Seattle.	
1472650	Glad to see "Updates to policies providing for increased development capacity, especially residential capacity." Finally something.	BelRed should be conveniently reachable from other parts of Bellevue not just by car. Please think about transportation improvements for cyclists and people who won't have light rail next to their house.	

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1472826	<p>Updates to streamline policies and also remove redundant policies covered in Volume 1 of the Comprehensive Plan that apply citywide.</p> <p>To connect</p>		
1473376	<p>All good. Integration of art etc. and safe, vibrant pedestrian experience both speak to me of livability.</p>	<p>Not that I can think of.</p>	<p>Make this a place your grandchildren will be proud to call home.</p>
1473637	<p>none sounds good, please don't take it away and get rid of adequate parking.</p>	<p>promoting small businesses that people actually need.</p>	<p>Talk to people that actually need the small businesses to thrive here.</p>
1485365	<p>All of them!</p> <p>Safe walkability and bikeability is absolutely key.</p>		
1507922	<p>Updates to policies calling for integration of art, places for performance, and other artistic expressions into publicly accessible plazas and other gathering place.</p> <p>This is important because the City need to help make these places happen, as they won't pencil for devleopers</p>		<p>That as the area develops, the artist will be priced out of the market unless provisions are made to retain and attract them to the corridor.</p>

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1471530	Remove redundant policies. It seems this would create more efficiency and reduce costs from overlaps or conflicting policies.		
1471546	Updates to move cross-departmentally for stream rehab and maintenance.	Enhancing and maintaining stream corridors and buffers for wildlife habitat should be the overarching goal of these policies.	Enhancing and maintaining stream corridors and buffers for wildlife habitat should be the overarching goal of these policies. Secondly, changing the zoning for the area should provide for the human need to be in nature. Many of the proposed zoning changes are for mixed-use residential or dense residential and don't appear to include parks, forests, trails, playgrounds, or community spaces.
1471571	None, need more parks near the Spring District and make the roads safer for pedestrians.	Need more parks near the Spring Districts. This area (124th & Belred) is also very dangerous for pedestrians even with the recent improvements. Cars don't pay attention and will look to turn right or left despite pedestrians having the right of way. Have witnessed several incidents that were within a split second of being severe or deadly.	Big disconnect between west belted and downtown that needs to be resolved in terms of walkability (in a safe manner) and parks/outdoor space.
1471588	All of the above updates look good except for the second about removing regulatory barriers. This project should protect the environment as much as reasonable.		Progress plus environmental protection.
1471597			To consider Bellevue is still a very car necessary city. More parking, not less

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1471597	<p>Remove redundant policies. For every new rule or law the City makes they should remove an old rule or law.</p> <p>Also flow control to prevent flooding.</p>	<p>Do not waste my tax money on Runaway Warming due to CO2 or over regulate.</p> <p>Hear is a good idea that almost every one could agree on, ban and disable all existing wood fire places and wood stoves in Bellevue, not because of the CO2 but because of the actual bad pollutants that they release. Ban and disable all existing gas fire places because they are a waste of energy.</p>	
1471606	<p>All sound like good ideas to help with water flow in a city that has lots of rain!</p>	<p>What about trees and foliage, or is that covered in another section?</p>	
1471616	<p>Removing a lot of bureaucracy and making it easier to build is very important, which most if not all of these do</p>	<p>Re-examine the whole concept of the Bel-Red street grid. Find a more flexible solution that works toward connectivity goals. Development of the neighborhood will occur organically and in a non-linear way - the street grid is far too rigid a solution and limits some opportunities for growth and development.</p>	<p>You should not listen to regular 'people', the people lack expertise in planning, they don't have a long term vision, they have selfish interests to keep their own property values high, etc.</p>
1471622	<p>Removing extraneous regulation to better facilitate development and growth, while still keeping a priority of ecological function and resilience.</p>		<p>Educate themselves properly on the practicality issues that some existing policies and codes have, by talking to stakeholders (landowners and developers) who understand the constraints.</p>
1471633	<p>I am very interested in taking care of and supporting the environment.</p>		
1471690	<p>Too many regulations and it is too expensive to handle-</p>	<p>Give immediate 24 hour approval for probable low carbon builds.</p>	<p>Keep all traffic corridors open. Our traffic lanes are too expensive to lose them for proven in effective bike lanes.</p>
1471734	<p>All of them. Refining and simplifying are important improvements that allow projects to be funded and completed.</p>		

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1471734		Policy around transportation and housing density should be considered as well. Denser housing keeps urban sprawl in check and investing in public transit and alternative modes of transportation (like cycling) will limit unnecessary road expansion and allow for more green space and trees along thoroughfares.	Limiting added pavement (via open parking lots & expanded roadways) is the best way to preserve green space
1471764	Updates to implementation policy to work cross departmentally to develop detailed rehabilitation and maintenance plans for stream corridors. -I like that there's a focus on the stream corridors. Having these are good for the environment and are nice to look at		
1471844	Uh, how can I answer what sounds good in this vacuum? STREAMLINE WHAT policies? Explore and remove WHAT barriers? (Are all barriers bad? Didn't the city create those? Redundant policies? Just who did you hire to create this survey and such a poor question???????	BelRed is not in a bubble. Changes made there will affect my neighborhood, Wilburton. We know first-hand traffic issues, problems created by poor decisions elsewhere, etc. We know your ill-thought-through vision to create narrow roads and create huge buildings along 116th is setting up for a slew of issues for Wilburton roads, parks and sense of calm. The comments you are throwing out about drainage sound nice, but you don't offer much reality of what you mean. You draw a nice creek by Early World -- but it has taken you forever to fix your bridge issues allowing access to that vital business for parents. You can talk such changes, but if water regulations are not included in your planning, you are in for a big surprise.	This area you are discussing is not a walled enclave. Nor is the area along 116th. Nor is the Wilburton. You need to have a clear understanding that IF you do X, it will affect those other ares.
1471850	All	No	Thank you!

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1471882	<p>Updates to look for opportunities for regional surface and stormwater facilities that provide for a more coordinated and effective approach to flow control and water treatment.</p> <p>This resonates with me as I care deeply about what goes into our streams, creeks, rivers, and our lakes that we live on and our family swims in. While the statement resonates, it's very unclear what exactly it's trying address. Sounds like bunch of words that aren't actionable nor measurable.</p>	<p>We need to carefully monitor and control what flows into our water systems and lakes.</p>	<p>Discuss actions that will ensure preservation of our natural waterways and large bodies of water.</p>

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1471929	<p>We need to reduce ground water rising within the City of Bellevue.</p> <p>The exploration of permeable surface inclusion during City Street planning could facilitate reduction in flood issues</p> <p>The creation of rain garden's (see Bellevue Botanical Gardens research) street side could support retention of high events.</p> <p>Roof gardens/street gardens/vertical gardens could produce urban food reducing the need for carbon emissions to produce reduction in CO 2 levels are currently at critical levels within Somerset.</p> <p>There is a need to review UN SDG 2030 goals for WASH for all members of COB Community.</p> <p>The City of Bellevue is a small city at a critical position regarding the well-being of children's long term health due to air pollution in a post Covid time frame.</p> <p>We are also at risk of critical damage due to all hazard events. There needs to be robust consideration and discussion with COB emergency management teams.</p>	<p>Cross departmental working is essential to facilitate this approach</p>	<p>Youth involvement, insight from elder's should be sort</p> <p>Development of safe spaces for community as proposed within current work in COB Community Center's without Wall's is a future Forward global model which could be shared beyond COB for evaluation at State and National level.</p> <p>There is a significant need to affordable housing for First Responders, Veteran and social housing for low income families must be included to provide equity with COB. Allocation mental health community integration is essential. Again this is an opportunity for achieving UN "future forward " evidence based architectural city modeling.</p>

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1472008	Updates to look for regional surface and stormwater facilities that provide for a more coordinated and effective approach to flow control and water treatment IS NOT AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT! In fact, it is instead protection of homes/commercial buildings.	Update to implementation policy to work cross departmentally to develop detailed rehabilitation and "maintenance" plans for stream corridors should instead say "work across departments to develop detailed RESTORATION and rehabilitation plans. There is a big difference between restoration and rehabilitation. Study after study shows that human manipulation (rehabilitation) of streams does not work. (Corps/EPA/Ecology studies to begin with). In addition, maintenance needs to be further defined and/or another word should be used.	
1472134	Each appears appropriate based on my interpretation.	Set measurable benchmarks.	
1473352	These are all appropriate policy moves. I would pick rehab and maintenance plans as #1, clarify objectives as #2.	It is very important to consider protection and expansion of the tree canopy.	Work to develop a city you would want your children and grandchildren to grow up in!
1473475	Updates to remove redundant policies covered in Volume 1 of the Comprehensive Plan that apply citywide. Hope we can improve the implementation efficiency of Bellevue 2044 so people can start enjoying the results faster		
1480420		Storm water treatment should be important. I believe stormwater should be treated before it drains into our natural waters to provide the healthiest water for the public.	
1480432		Public safety	Stop crime

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1486178	<p>Updates to implementation policy to work cross departmentally to develop detailed rehabilitation and maintenance plans for stream corridors. In general, any depts working independently never fully succeed so communication must occur and opportunities for input be provided to fully understand the impact of a decision. This would ensure success.</p>	<p>These policies must involve the developers of the buildings and share ownership (including costs) to implement design and maintenance long term. The city (and the tax payers) should not solely fund the solutions.</p>	<p>Growth is important and unavoidable but giving the developer's control (ex. mowing down all trees just to clear the lot) does not have to happen - see Parkshore design in Kirkland, they are incorporating even downed logs on backside into landscape design. Putting in efficient appliances, solar panels, heat pumps, etc. and making it a long term investment benefits them too. Taxpayers should not suffer huge annual increases to cover their investments.</p>

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1490892	<p>All of the above cross-departmentally, with clear steps outlined for all parties to read and understand. Cohesiveness in planning. I've had experience, many years ago with lack of coordination between different people in the same department interpreting maps and rules differently and ultimately scuttling expensive building plans. I understood the reason for the ultimate plan denial, but would have appreciated consensus before spending \$200,000 among three different plan reviews of building plans on something that very clearly would run afoul of environmental rules. I have also experienced (again, a long while ago) variability in requirements for storm drain maintenance and enforcement thereof over the course of years. from lack of care and oversight to the complete opposite.</p> <p>All of this is the long way to say I applaud and support the goal of greening the city, but I feel that the left hand and the right must right work with a clear understanding of all the moving parts, and that all the moving parts are operating under the same rulebook.</p>	<p>Incorporation of incentives for both developers and homeowners to green up their properties, either new or existing.</p>	<p>Continue to develop clear overall vision with easy to understand rules for end goals and implementation across all departments, and make them public-friendly. Not just in terms of your vision, or public meetings, but providing the residents the assistance and support to do this on a personal basis. Formulate plans and resources for the individual residents on how they can integrate the overall concept into their personal lives i.e. assistance in planting water wise and native plants at home, incentives for neighborhood by neighborhood projects, individual assistance in terms of more widespread tool-libraries etc.-a integrate this into long-range projects, allocate resources on a micro-level. We give neighborhood grants for pocket-parks and other amenities, can the same be done for each separate neighborhood. Can the City distribute to the individuals in that neighborhood who wish to do so an environmentally-friendly amenity to their yards, (i.e seeds, or starts, or a coupon with a local nursery for supplies) to help make the homeowner personally invested in the direction Bellevue wishes to go? Also: require developers to install roof-gardens or plant walls, as part of the permitting process- or other, similar building ideas, and perhaps incentivize them to do so.</p>

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1532811	I've got about a 160 IQ, no kidding, and I'm reasonably well-informed, and I still can't detect a shred of meaning in that first point. The second and third are more or less communicative. The fourth was written by Humphrey Appleby. Just tell the people you need a drainage czar. Congratulations on writing the fifth one in English.	After reading that I still can't tell if the city intends to restore Goff Creek or not, nor whether I should trust its sincerity if it does.	<p>Nobody has a clue what you're trying to communicate, except that it has something to do with drainage and therefore either runoff or the creeks. Or perhaps both? We haven't had a serious drainage problem since your predecessors fixed the 20th Street culvert, like, 15 or 20 years ago, so it must have something to do either with mitigating pollution or with restoration.</p> <p>If, at any moment during the years and years I was a Scout in this town, somebody from the city had told my scoutmaster, "We need help clearing invasive snails from our creeks," we'd have been there with buckets and galoshes all wet season. You wanna bring the salmon back, get the trash grates out of the creek. You want the snails gone, get people in the creek. It's not a policy area, it's just a bunch of moderately wealthy people's backyards.</p>

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1471530	<p>Updates to ensure equitable and convenient access to nature, parks, trails, and open space.</p> <p>Updates to emphasize natural resource benefits to riparian corridors and upland areas in the acquisition of park and open space lands.</p> <p>New policy to incorporate parks, recreation, and natural amenities into pedestrian streets.</p>		
1471546	<p>Updates to emphasize natural benefits to riparian corridors and ACQUISITION of park and open space lands.</p>	<p>Changing zoning for housing purposes will require a parks plan overhaul.</p>	<p>Changing the zoning to allow for residential use needs a clear and definitive plan for adding parks, trails, open space, community space, riparian enhancements, and the enhancement or creation of natural lands habitat for wildlife.</p>
1471571	<p>Updates to emphasize opportunities along the West Tributary of Kelsey Creek, Goff Creek and NE Spring Boulevard for parks, trails, and open space development.</p> <p>We need perks and more walkable areas near the spring district.</p>	<p>Improved walkability (safely) and severely lacking parks near the spring district</p>	<p>Population and investments are growing around the spring district, but planning for walkability and parks is way too slow. We needed this infrastructure yesterday.</p>
1471588	<p>All of the above sound good and are commensurate with the intended goals for Bel/Red.</p>		<p>Keeping space available to the public, e.g., is important to keep in mind.</p>
1471591	<p>acquisition of park and open space lands, the area lacks large open park space</p>	<p>Keeping or building more large warehouse tall spaces. lots of arts and even sports need these tall ceiling warehouses that seem far and few in between</p>	

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1471597		Do not do anything for bike lanes that will reduce car lanes or reduce street parking. Spending on bike access is not cost effective, just look at what was recently spent in Factoria for bikes and how little it is used. Cost per bike trip?	
1471616	Incorporating parks into pedestrian streets is very important, making sure people can easily walk to nature/places to hang out or enjoy their life without having to get into a car to drive somewhere. It's really great for kids!		You should not listen to regular 'people', the people lack expertise in planning, they don't have a long term vision, they have selfish interests to keep their own property values high, etc.
1471622	Any moves to streamline, reduce redundancy, and better leverage resources should be commended. In Bel-Red, I think a focus on trail/sidewalk connectivity should be commended. Re-examine opportunities to route these trail systems through stream buffers to better leverage that area already being conserved.	Revisit the requirement for multifamily play areas, when this scale of public investment in neighborhood open spaces is running in parallel. Why have these play areas siloed on private properties when those resources could be better leveraged into a larger offsite public investment everyone can use? The siloing of these private spaces sounds like the opposite of "equitable".	The Bel Red Arts District seems a little "forced", as it is focused on an area that will be redeveloped from the ground up. Most successful models in other cities started in well-established or even historic neighborhoods, where the vibe is already eclectic, and provide subsidies to artists in older properties. It will be difficult to replicate that in completely new ground-up development. Is this District really, honestly, in the best possible location for success? Who is going to subsidize this? A LID? The developers? City tax dollars?
1471633	support Goff Creek and Kelsey		
1471672	Incorporate parks with pedestrian streets. A	Possible walking overpass over NE 20th to Bel Red	It's critical to have speeds monitored with and kept at 30mph and make a green space set back prior to sidewalks. Don't make sidewalks against streets.
1471690	Drop all social babble terms such as 'equity'. It is meaningless political dialog.	Reduce setbacks to swamps and streams. Allow for simple restoration plans and only allow commercial use for jobs- zero housing.	Businesses are noisy and need their space too. Not everyone touches plastic a million times a day for a living. Allow for housing to move with the urban growth line which must be moved out.

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1471734			<p>With regard to the second policy move, "Updates to ensure equitable and convenient access to nature, parks, trails, and open space." Equitable as a word has taken on a lot of new meanings and implications over the past few years. If this policy is designed to be racist in any form (i.e., provide improvements targeted at any specific race at the detriment of other races), then it should be struck from the policy. We want a city that equally welcomes all people who live in Bellevue and parks that meet everyone's needs.</p>
1471747	<p>These all sound like great moves to defend open spaces and integrate them into the built environment</p>		<p>Along the lines of "ensure equitable and convenient access," building a protected pedestrian walking and cycling network to access these spaces will be vitally important as population density rises and car access becomes less feasible since it isn't scalable with the growth this area will see. Additionally, a connected pedestrian network like that will be a more enjoyable way to access parks in a busy city</p>

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1471764	<p>Updates to streamline policies and clarify objectives to provide for a diverse and functional collection of parks and open space throughout BelRed. -I like that there's a focus on parks and open spaces. This can make living in a city fun and gives it some life</p> <p>Updates to emphasize opportunities along the West Tributary of Kelsey Creek, Goff Creek and NE Spring Boulevard for parks, trails, and open space development. -I would love for there to be more trails in Bellevue. I think it's something we're definitely missing.</p> <p>Updates to highlight opportunities for supporting the performing arts and community events within park facilities in the heart of the BelRed Arts District. -I really like performing arts so I like that this is a focus</p> <p>Updates to emphasize natural resource benefits to riparian corridors and upland areas in the acquisition of park and open space lands. -I like parks a lot and think they're great to have more of</p> <p>New policy to incorporate parks, recreation, and natural amenities into pedestrian streets. -This is a really cool idea and can help us make the most of the limited space there is + encourage people to get out and walk more</p>		<p>We need to make the most of our space, but that shouldn't mean we build housing in every nook and cranny. We want to have a beautiful city and we should keep the "city in a park" mantra alive</p>

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1471844	<p>The area of your focus currently holds a vast amount of new, nearly empty office buildings and new small apartments that are largely vacant. Real estate professionals share how owners in Bellevue are keeping large amounts of office space and apartments off the market so they can keep prices higher on the areas they do rent. (Go read the business journal and other analysis.) The planned development/density seems way off reality now and likely in the next couple of decades.</p> <p>I find your talk about access to parks, riparian and natural amenities nothing more than lip services when less than a half-mile away you plan to allow for 40-story towers that will block the beautiful vistas from the Botanical Gardens and cast shadows detrimental to that wonderful space.</p>	<p>You need to touch the items of reality -- we have hundreds of cars that travel N-S through those areas daily, and N-S on Bell-Red and Bell-Red (NE 20th). How are you going to keep that viable? How are you going to keep the Coca Cola plant? The bus barns? The businesses in the area now that are so vital?</p>	<p>This first stage seems like you are setting off on another bubble plan and ignoring reality.</p>
1471850	All	No	Thank you!
1471882	<p>Supporting arts and events sound really great. This city needs more activities and events for families to enjoy. The only places to go is the Bellevue square mall which isn't that nice. Not enough walkable areas in the city.</p>	<p>If you ever visit historical European city town centers and other very walkable cities in Asia, it's vibrant and full of buzz in the city. There is nothing like that here in Bellevue... everything is spread out, just big box stores and not enough pockets of walkable neighborhoods with small businesses.</p>	
1471929	<p>All above are good New Policy gets to the heart of my previous text.</p> <p>Good street and safe walking access for all is important. Car free zone accessible to all should be encouraged.</p>	<p>It would be wonderful to have a play area accessible to all. I am very impressed by the changing facilities at Newcastle Beach Park it would be great to review this facilities for COB Parks and Recreation Planning.</p>	<p>Their could to be a free arborist service available to HOA's to support education and develop Riparian corridors. Linking in to schools and youth groups.</p>

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1472008	Updates to emphasize natural resource benefits to riparian corridors is a good policy move. What makes me say that is our riparian corridors are NOT in good shape (creeks and streams) and Bellevue often leans into calling something green space when instead they mean sport fields and playgrounds.	Emphasizing benefits to riparian corridors for the benefit of the environment and if justification is needed to include unpaved walking trails and not high use baseball/soccer fields or parks that are from one end to another end groomed playgrounds.	
1472134	All sound reasonable.	No.	
1472645	The policy to incorporate parks, recreation, and natural amenities into pedestrian streets sounds great, the rest of them sound too vague		
1473352	All appropriate. Equitable access, pedestrian streets stand out to me.	The North side of BelRed needs more parks and natural open spaces that are publically accessible.	Your duty is to the people of Bellevue, not to the businesses that happen to be here now. Make it an extraordinary place to live and the businesses will follow.
1473475	Updates to streamline policies and clarify objectives to provide for a diverse and functional collection of parks and open space throughout BelRed. Really resonate with the idea of park/open spaces for more diverse functions/groups of people. Different age/demographic/even ethnic groups have different needs of park/open spaces, so we should differentiate across these spaces rather than having 90% similar parks, just of different sizes/locations. The facilities we install in each space can be a good way to highlight the differentiation. This differentiation can bring people with similar needs to gather in similar parks, helping them to make acquaintances/build relationships as well		

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1480420	You're not mentioning specifics, but the general concept of continuing to enhance parks and recreation within the city is important as green space decreases.		
1486178	<p>Updates to emphasize natural resource benefits to riparian corridors and upland areas in the acquisition of park and open space lands. ---Natural resources are key to any healthy environment so cannot ignore.</p> <p>New policy to incorporate parks, recreation, and natural amenities into pedestrian streets. ---This has also become mandatory due to the loss and destruction of our tree canopy. Get some of them back as quickly as possible. There is a reason that people come and stay most of their lives.</p>	<p>Involve the schools more in helping with the care of some of the parks. Students may want to participate in weekends gatherings to plant or clean or tour the parks. The notices that go out on occasion may not be getting to the kids directly. They use them for some activities but need to "own" them too.</p>	<p>Not that I think they care, but many older people and affluent who can work from another state are leaving Bellevue due to the growing taxes. It isn't being addressed well, hence my comments about the developers getting away with dumping it on the city and residents.</p>
1490892	Yes to all of the above.	<p>Our level of income disparity is pretty great. During the pandemic I was able to enjoy nature as a calming and life-enhancing feature. That should be more available across all income levels including in small ways. I am happy to see it included.</p>	<p>Yes, I believe in clarity and streamlining of policy to get rid of the bureaucracy that makes it wasteful, time-consuming, sometimes at odds with itself. Also to make a version that is understandable to the lay reader.</p>
1532811	<p>The draft amendments as presented are extremely hard to parse. I spent about 2 minutes trying and lost patience and I will be surprised if anyone else gets through the document. It's hard not to assume that this was deliberate. You're legally obligated to seek public comment, but you clearly don't care what we have to say.</p>	<p>I have been extremely disappointed with the city's insistence for the past 15 years on severing Overlake and Northup from the rest of the neighborhood. The Spring District replaced industry. This, here, is a fully blown opportunity. We could and should have rezoned everything from the 140th Ave. golf course to Bel-Red & 130th. You could have had a Central Park of your very own. Instead you're putting a few little pockets of trees in between another 5,000 housing</p>	<p>You have betrayed everyone who hoped to live out their lives in the neighborhoods in which they were raised.</p>

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1471620		<p>I believe that 'enforcing' affordability requirements simply makes housing less affordable. The most important thing in housing is simply supply. Inclusionary zoning or requiring companies to have 'under market' rates, in turn makes things less affordable and disincentivizes houses from being built.</p> <p>Rather it should be simply, build build build.</p>	<p>You shouldn't listen to 'the peoples' feedback seriously. We do not have expertise, we are not urban planners, we don't have a long term vision, and most if not all of us have selfish interests to keep property prices high. People who show up to 'planning' meetings are not a representative sample of the population either. Think about who has time to go to those things, it's ridiculously skewed towards certain demographics.</p>
1471643	<p>Owner/renter affordability is important to meet the needs of our diverse community.</p>		<p>We need to create far more affordable housing opportunities in Bellevue overall.</p>
1471711	<p>A broad range of housing types to meet the needs of a diverse population of varied income levels. This should be the goal of all municipalities.</p>	<p>What is the definition of lowrise/midrise/highrise for this statement: Updates to include new terminology for different types of buildings such as lowrise, midrise, and highrise structures.</p>	<p>Typically we tax what we want to discourage (tobacco/alcohol/soda (Seattle))...don't create a tax dis-incentive for new housing.</p>
1471732		<p>I don't know what "affordability" means, but it's very important that middle-housing is considered. I think affordable housing, depending on the definition, totally leaves the middle class out of the picture. I think this should be given a much higher priority</p> <p>I think midrise and high rise should be given much more of a priority over lowrise</p>	<p>Not to overlook the middle class when it comes to housing. There are a ton of luxury condos going up, which are nice to look at, but the middle class should be looked out after as well. Further, even if someone can afford a luxury condo, they may stretch themselves too thin and not be able to take advantage or put money into the local art scene</p>

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1471748			If you want affordable housing, then reduce the impact of city government on those interested in building additional housing. These new policies will only exacerbate housing costs - government regulations and constraints do not help solve housing issues. Focus policies on reducing the impact of regulations and requirements on costs and speed of building. Not these, "Updates to policy calling for owner and renter affordability within every BelRed neighborhood district. Updates to align policies on affordability with the citywide approach."
1471782			Allowing for the maximum density possible (high rise apartment/condo complexes) along all arterial roads and near transit routes/stops will help the long term scalability/sustainability of the bel red area
1471851	All sounds good		
1471893	All of the the above, we need more housing, we need lots of types of housing, and we need affordable housing.		
1472826	Updates to align policies on affordability with the citywide approach. To be consistent		Connect Bel-Red to the rest of the city

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1473376	All good. Affordability within every neighborhood will increase diversity in all neighborhoods, which I think is necessary.	A way for low-income people to build equity. Maybe government mortgages, with profits from any future sale to be split between resident and government.	Make this a place your grandchildren will be proud to call home.
1473471	Updates to include new terminology for different types of buildings such as lowrise, midrise, and highrise structures. We need to provide more UNITS of living for people to actually come live here, not just for work or shopping		
1473637	No, it sounds like you are extending the downtown which has almost no viable businesses any more.	Please keep it open as a business district with adequate parking. I seldom even go downtown any more, there's just not much there any more.	Keep your policies, that are only vaguely defined, and leave east Bellevue alone. Obviously you don't live here.
1477896			It is too vague. I know it is supposed to be somewhat vague but politicians can go anywhere with this language. I would much rather it say something like "BelRed should have 30% of new units be affordable to 60% AMI or lower". This is still vague enough
1485365		I think the area isn't zoned for enough housing.	To achieve affordability, please just build way more housing than you are planning to. It does not work to set aside just a few units for affordable housing -- prices will only drop enough if developers are able to build enough housing supply to meet the demand.

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1507922	<p>Updates to policy calling for owner and renter affordability within every BelRed neighborhood district.</p> <p>Updates to align policies on affordability with the citywide approach.</p> <p>The Bel-Red area needs affordable housing and retail space for artists. They do not make much money and will not be able to afford market rent.</p>	<p>Many of the businesses such as body shops, car repair, detail shops, will not be able to stay in this market. They will be forced out on use and on price unless some provisions are made to protect them.</p>	<p>There has to be some way to provide affordable housing and commercial space for artists in the Bel-Red Arts District.</p>

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1471618	Eliminating and making it easier to build and connect things is very important.	Get rid of parking requirements	You shouldn't listen to 'the peoples' feedback seriously. We do not have expertise, we are not urban planners, we don't have a long term vision, and most if not all of us have selfish interests to keep property prices high.
1471720	<p>Moved policy regarding promoting the development of “green streets” with an abundance of trees and areas for landscaping.</p> <p>I don't know what "moved" means in this case, but I hope it means that it's staying as a policy. Having green streets, or more of them, would be awesome!</p>	Just keeping in mind that public transport should be something we keep in mind. I honestly don't have much of a reason to go to Bel-Red currently so I have no idea if this is good or not.	Think long term. Short-to-medium term pain is fine if in the end we ultimately get where we want to go.
1471741	The first three sound fine. I have no idea the impact of moving the green street initiative to another location.		Moving people quickly and efficiently should be the top priority. Lower priorities can include electric cars and bicycles, but they should not negatively impact major transportation arteries.
1473363	<p>I am SO nervous about the moved policy. Those areas are vital to improving Bellevue. What does this move mean??</p> <p>Other than that, these policies are appropriate to moving forward with changes.</p>	Having a policy that will update all streets to be complete streets with protected cycling and walking infrastructure. Several roads currently lack sidewalks and crosswalks and nearly all road lack any cycling infrastructure and none have cycling infrastructure that is separate/protected from cars.	Building a fully connected and protected pedestrian walking and cycling network to access bel red will be vitally important as population and population density increases over the coming years. Car based transportation isn't feasible long term since it isn't scalable with the growth this area will see. Additionally, a connected pedestrian network like this will make the city more equitable and affordable when people don't have to be car reliant.

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1473363		DO NOT remove traffic lanes on major streets to create bicycle lanes! Benefit to a small group would create major problems for a much larger group. Imagine driving down Northup going West, behind a bus which has to make many stops to let passengers on/off.	Make this a city your grandchildren would be proud to call home.

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1471525	<p>Arts sound wonderful. I know there is (was) a ballet school there and my son used to take drum lessons there, at Don Bennett drum studio. These are important things for our community.</p>	<p>I just wish we had some skating rinks. The roller rink closed a few years ago and I understand there was an ice rink, many moons ago; my neighbor grew up here and used to go to the ice rink. It was near 164th and NE 8th. But, it was torn down and now we just have 'holiday ice rink'. Ice skating is a wholesome activity for all ages, all year round. At this time, I go to the ice rinks in Renton or Kirkland. Sad to say, none in Bellevue year round.</p>	<p>Please let them know that Bellevue is a beautiful place to live. Important things like electricity and water, sewage and drainage are done well.</p>
1471618	<p>New policy to develop a dedicated indoor central meeting space for events, classes, programs, and other arts uses.</p> <p>Def need more places for people to hang out and vibe, especially if it's walkable.</p>		<p>You shouldn't listen to 'the peoples' feedback seriously. We do not have expertise, we are not urban planners, we don't have a long term vision, and most if not all of us have selfish interests to keep property prices high.</p>

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1471720	<p>New policy to provide support and resources to organizations that can help grow, fund, and manage the Arts District. Updates to enhance policies calling for funding, integration, and investment in a wide range of art works, projects, and events that enhance visibility of the Arts District. -Because Bellevue's art scene is very, very basic. I would love to see a dedicated space where Arts is a major focus</p> <p>New policies to secure long-term affordable arts and cultural space, as well as affordable artist housing. -I think providing a space and making spaces affordable to artists is a fantastic idea. I hadn't thought about this before, but I think it could be a good focus</p> <p>New policy to incorporate artistic components and amenities into city facilities. -I think this will make the city more beautiful and give it some flavor</p>	<p>I would like to see public artworks, different types of museums and building out and fostering a community where performances or live music is played. Live music could be its own thing or part of a restaurant or something. Thinking about a jazz club or something</p>	<p>The the art space can really take Bellevue to the next level in terms of quality of life, creating an interesting space and it encourages different types of people to live here. The biggest knock that Bellevue has against it is that it's oftentimes seen as a sterile city or the suburbs. With a thriving arts scene, we can take this city to the next level and make it even better!</p>

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1471741			<p>I don't know what this means, "BelRed is a unique destination providing a one-of-a-kind cultural experience on the Eastside, featuring a thriving arts and creative community in the BelRed Arts District." What is a one-of-a-kind cultural experience. I can get that in Hong Kong, London or Africa, or even Sedona, AZ - with Bellevue being a true melting pot, what exactly are you proposing?</p> <p>I fear that you will adopt policies that will drive the cost to live in Bellevue out of my reach. My property taxes rose 23% between 2021 and 2022. I've lived in my home for over 22 years and I can't take another huge increase in property taxes.</p>
1471763	Policies for funding art and securing affordable housing and artistic spaces are particularly important so the artists & communities currently there don't get driven out by rising costs, and instead become integral in the growth and evolution of the community		Investing in public art give neighborhoods character and make the, unique, desirable places to live, visit, and patron. I love imagining a future bel red neighborhood that is walkable, bikable, and full of public art and open green space
1471950	Affordable housing and affordable studio space.	Accessibility and parking.	
1473363	All good. Arts and cultural space stands out to me because work/exhibit space and housing are key to developing an arts community.	Not unique to BelRed, but Bellevue has a tremendous cultural diversity (in the sense of ethnicity). I think encouraging development of ethnic oriented events and art (e.g. Ganesh festival) would be an excellent addition.	Make this a place your grandchildren will want to call home.

Response ID	Which of these policy moves sound good to you, and what makes you say that?	Are there any ideas or considerations unique to BelRed you think are missing?	What do you want the Planning Commissioner and other boards and commissions to know as they discuss these policy moves and make their recommendations?
1473474	<p>New policies to secure long-term affordable arts and cultural space, as well as affordable artist housing.</p> <p>We don't really have any presentable art spaces to host big performances in any form (like dance, musical, opera...) in Bellevue. Yet, I think a good % of BRK residents can afford and want to participate in such performing arts activities to enrich our lives (and our children's). It will be good to get dedicated funding for 1-2 such venues so we don't always have to go to Seattle downtown to enjoy these type of activities</p>		