



2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update

Phase I Engagement Summary

February 2025



Introduction

The Sustainable Bellevue Plan, adopted by City Council in December 2020, is Bellevue's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change. The plan sets goals and targets for 2030 and 2050 with strategies and actions in five sustainability focus areas: Climate Change, Energy, Mobility & Land Use, Waste & Materials, and Natural Systems. To help the City stay on track for these long-term goals, the Sustainable Bellevue Plan is set to be updated every five years.

This report summarizes engagement activities and input received during Phase I of the 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update. Phase I engagement was conducted from September 2024 through February 2025. During this time, the Environmental Stewardship team made over 1,000 connections with community members over a variety of outreach activities, including pop-up tabling, surveys, community events, classroom visits, and partnerships with Community-Based Organizations.

Major takeaways from input received during Phase I Engagement include:

- Strong community support for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan goals and sustainability and climate action in Bellevue.
- General support for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan's existing goals, which still reflect community sustainability priorities
- Desire for more climate resilience action, including support for incorporating a climate resilience goal in the updated Sustainable Bellevue Plan.



Project Scope and Timeline

City Council initiated the 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan update in October 2024. The goal for this update is to build upon the existing Sustainable Bellevue Plan to refine Bellevue's goals, targets, strategies, and actions in the five sustainability focus areas.

The update is broken down into four phases, with many opportunities for community members to provide input, and multiple touchpoints with stakeholders and boards and commissions.

This engagement summary covers outreach activities and input collected during Phase I of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan update. The Environmental Stewardship team will provide an additional report on Phase II outreach, as well as a final engagement summary report when the project concludes.

Project Timeline



Key Phase I Engagement Topics

The first Sustainable Bellevue Plan was developed with extensive input from community members, stakeholders, and city staff. To build upon past engagement for this update, staff identified key engagement topics to bring to the community to guide updates to the goals and strategies in Phase I.

Sustainability Priorities

What are the sustainability priorities of the Bellevue community? How well does the current Sustainable Bellevue plan reflect these priorities?

Sustainable Bellevue Goals

Do the current goals of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan align with the plan’s vision? Do the current goals reflect the sustainability ambitions of the Bellevue community? What priorities are missing from or not reflected by the current plan’s goals?

Climate Impacts and Resilience

How has climate change impacted the Bellevue community? What help may residents need to withstand climate impacts and recover quickly afterward? How much should the city prioritize climate resilience?



Overview of Phase I Outreach

Phase I engagement began in December 2024 and concluded in February 2025. Activities included a mix of in-person events, presentations, and online opportunities for participation.

Phase I Outreach Goals

- Reintroduce the Sustainable Bellevue Plan to the community.
- Inform the community of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update.
- Bring in new community members not previously involved in the first Sustainable Bellevue plan development or implementation work, particularly underrepresented community members.
- Assess and understand community sustainability priorities.
- Assess effectiveness of current Sustainable Bellevue Plan goals at reflecting community vision for sustainability in Bellevue in 2030 and beyond.

Outreach activities included:

- 8 visits to classrooms
- 2 youth ambassadors meetings (co-hosted with Little Master's Club)
- 3 Recycle and Re-create workshops (co-hosted with Little Master's Club)
- 1 community convening workshop (co-hosted with Eastside for all)
- 3 pop-up tabling opportunities at community events
- 1 Sustainable Bellevue Townhall and plan launch event
- 1 community survey

During Phase I Outreach the Team Connected with:

- 250+ Bellevue students
- 110+ participants at in-person workshops or townhalls
- 50+ community members at pop-up tabling events
- 470 survey respondents (including 2 in Spanish and 46 in Simplified Chinese)
- 1,000+ visitors to our online engagement hub

Supporting Diverse Participation

Bellevue is a diverse community of multilingual residents. The Environmental Stewardship team is committed to prioritizing diverse participation from across Bellevue's community, and, in particular, supporting participation from historically underrepresented community members. To help with this effort, the Environmental Stewardship team partnered with two Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) serving underrepresented communities in Bellevue to co-design engagement opportunities for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update. Details on the CBO partnerships and related engagement activities can be found later in this section of the report.

Additionally, the Environmental Stewardship team worked with Bellevue's Cultural Outreach team to conduct outreach in Spanish, Mandarin, and Korean. The Cultural Outreach team provided critical support in promoting the in-language community surveys and tabling at community events.

The Environmental Stewardship team was also particularly interested in supporting youth participation in engagement, as the Sustainable Bellevue Plan has long-term 2030 and 2050 goals that may be of particular interest to younger generations in Bellevue. The team connected with teachers in classrooms across Bellevue and gave in-person presentations on the plan update to 8 classrooms at three different middle and high schools during Phase I engagement.

Reporting on demographic information of participants in engagement can be challenging. The format for in-person or pop-up activities does not allow for easy data collection. Additionally, participants are never required to provide demographic information, either for in-person or online activities, and some participants decline to share personal details.

Survey Demographics

The online community survey provided the most structured opportunity for collecting demographic data, which allows staff to understand how participation in that activity compares to citywide demographics.

In general, participation in the Phase I community survey improved upon surveys conducted during engagement for the 2021-2025 plan in terms of engaging community members more representative of the Bellevue community as a whole. 56% of survey respondents were people of color, compared to 59% of Bellevue as a whole. 41% of respondents reported speaking a language other than English at home.

However, significant gaps in participation remained. Only 14% of survey respondents were renters, compared to 47% of Bellevue as a whole. Though the team received 48 surveys in languages other than English, no responses were received in Korean, Traditional Chinese, or Russian.

Race and Ethnicity

Bellevue as a whole:

59% PEOPLE OF COLOR

Survey respondents:

56% PEOPLE OF COLOR

Homeownership Status

Bellevue as a whole:

47% RENTERS

Survey respondents:

14% RENTERS

Community-Based Organization Partnerships

The Environmental Stewardship team widely distributed a public request for proposals from Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) that serve underrepresented community members in Bellevue. CBOs were invited to submit proposals for partnering with the Environmental Stewardship team to co-design, facilitate, and coordinate engagement opportunities for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update. The team received and selected two proposals, from Eastside for All and Little Master's Club. The selected CBO partners and the Environmental Stewardship team collaborated to co-design final scopes of work. Details of the CBO partner co-designed engagement models can be found below, and each CBO partner will provide a full report of engagement results for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update following the conclusion of their work.

Eastside for All Community Convening Workshops

Eastside for All was founded in 2019 to advance racial equity and social justice in East King County. The organization supports people of color and immigrants who are most impacted by racial disparities and inequities. Eastside for All proposed an event-based engagement model with one Phase I event focused on under-represented communities. Eastside for All emphasized the importance of community engagement processes that bring community members back from initial feedback collection to review drafts and see how input is being used to shape decisions. Eastside for All and the Environmental Stewardship team will co-host a second event in Phase II centered around how feedback from the initial event was used to develop draft strategies for the plan. This second event will also allow community members to provide further input on the draft strategies to be incorporated in the Phase III draft plan.

Eastside for All invited six other CBO partners to participate and bring community members to learn about the Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update and provide feedback. These organizations were Africans on the Eastside, Indian American Community Services, United Hub, Chinese Information and Service Center, and Global Social Business Partners.

The Phase I event was held in English with community members and representatives from Indian American Community Services, United Hub, and Global Social Business Partners on February 24 at Crossroads Community Center. An additional event in Mandarin and Cantonese with representatives and community members from United Hub and Chinese Information and Service Center will be held in March 2025.

Little Master's Club Recycle and Re-create Workshops

Little Master's Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide an encouraging environment and open platform for young people, helping to build leadership skills and encouraging them to flourish in a multicultural society. They primarily serve the Chinese community in the Greater Seattle area, but have regular programming targeted toward many underrepresented groups, including children with special needs, low-income families, new immigrants, and seniors.

Little Master's Club proposed a multiple touchpoint engagement model leveraging their extensive network of Eastside families, centered around a community interest in waste. Little Master's Club hired a local artist, Ying Chen, to facilitate multigenerational workshops in which participants would transform garbage and discarded plastic into vases. In addition to educating participants on waste reduction and material re-use, Environmental Stewardship team members or trained Little Master's Club Ambassadors presented on the Sustainable Bellevue Plan update in each workshop, facilitated short discussion on sustainability priorities, and collected input on the plan via encouraging participants to take the Phase I Community Survey or leave written feedback on the plan vision and priorities via informational boards in English and Simplified Chinese.

The Recycle and Re-create workshops will culminate in a Market Fair Event on April 26, hosted at City Hall, where participants from all workshops will attend to exhibit the artwork, learn how their feedback has been incorporated to date, and provide further input on draft strategies.

Little Master's Club has also organized 26 Youth Ambassadors to help collect responses to the Phases I and II Community Surveys. Youth Ambassadors are 7th-12th grade students in or around Bellevue who attend monthly meetings with Environmental Stewardship team members to learn about sustainability and climate action work at the city of Bellevue. Youth Ambassadors are also trained on the Sustainable Bellevue Plan and update process, and, along with Environmental Stewardship staff, attend workshops to present on the Plan Update. Each Ambassador was also given 10 paper copies of the Phase I Community Survey to be completed by members of their community. Surveys were distributed in English and Simplified Chinese, and could be completed in either language. The Ambassadors were responsible for entering responses into the online database.

Summary of Input

Through the various Phase I outreach activities, the Environmental Stewardship team received nuanced and varied feedback from many members of the Bellevue community with unique perspectives. The Engagement Report Appendices provide more detail on input collected via the Phase I Community Survey and townhall event. However, input received can still be grouped into major themes, many of which appeared repeatedly across engagement activities. These themes are summarized in this section of the report.



Desire for Continued Strong Action on Sustainability

Community members expressed support for reaching the Sustainable Bellevue Plan’s targets, including **80%** of survey respondents who supported bold climate action in Bellevue. **83%** of survey respondents reported that climate change was an important issue to them personally. **65%** of respondents said that the City should prioritize environmental initiatives even if they require significant investment. Community members expressed a desire to see the City find new sources of funding that would allow further investment in sustainability work.

“We need the city to place sustainability on a very high priority and create and fund action plans to 2050 that actually reduce GHG emissions.”

“Secure funding for actions that meaningfully drive down greenhouse gas emissions. This might mean raising more money, reprioritizing current funds, or otherwise.”

—Phase I Community Survey Free Responses

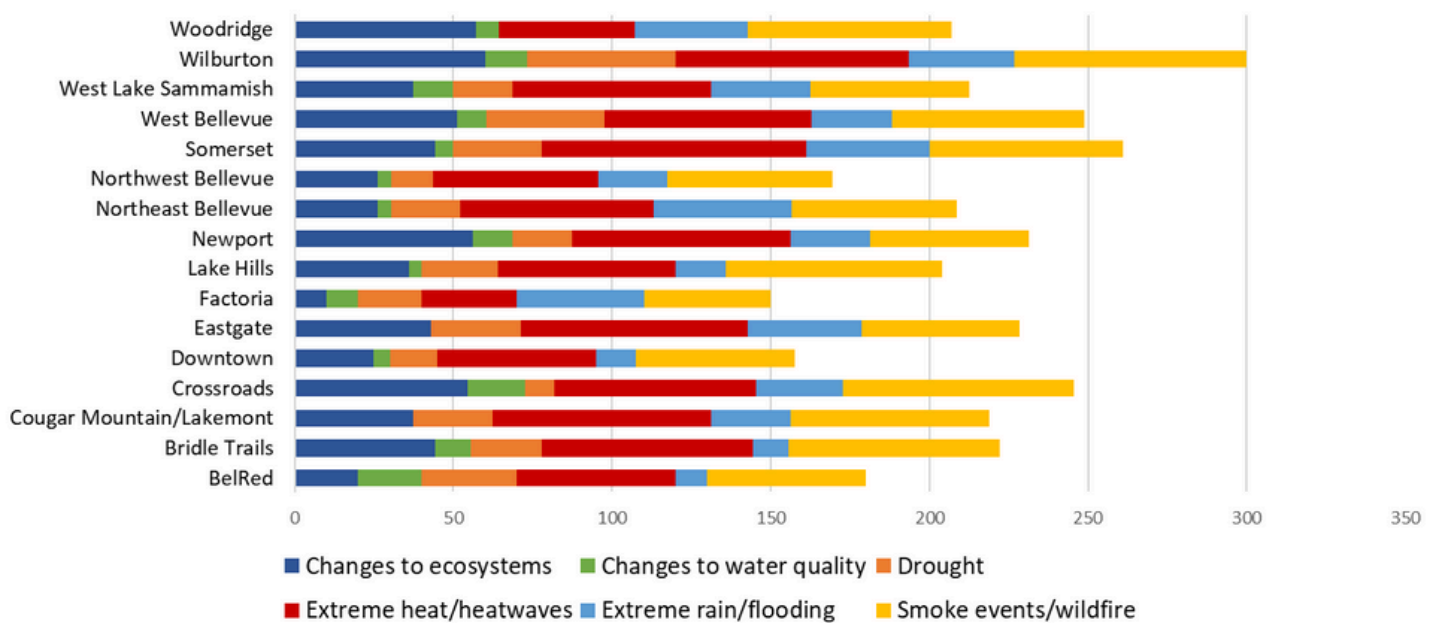
Sustainability Goals

Community members expressed a desire for more accessible presentation of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan goals. Many community members expressed a preference for the Plan to lead with what it is hoping to accomplish in qualitative terms, rather than leading with technical metrics. Community members also expressed a desire to see the city track changes toward the outcome we want to see (e.g. sustainable commutes), rather than the behavior or metric we are trying to reduce (e.g. drive alone commutes). In general, community members expressed support for the Plan’s existing goals, and did not suggest major changes to the goals were necessary to reflect community priorities.

Support for Community Resilience

74% of survey respondents reported having already experienced the impacts of climate change in Bellevue. Extreme heat/heatwaves were impact respondents reported experiencing most, followed smoke events/wildfire (*Figure 1*). Community members expressed support for more resilience initiatives from the City, including incorporating an overall climate resilience goal into the updated Sustainable Bellevue Plan. Community members also expressed concerns about grid reliability and capacity, particularly in the aftermath of the destructive bomb cyclone windstorm in November 2024.

Figure 1: Reported Climate Impacts by Neighborhood



"I was without power for four days after this year's bomb cyclone wind event, which tells me that our city is vulnerable to extreme weather events such as wind storms."

"The city should do a better job with public outreach in the event of a storm to help people find warming centers and charging centers. For example, the charging center at city hall was wonderful....during the storm and was well-used, but there were places like Bellevue Square that were overcrowded. A "charging center map" or "warming center map" that the city can activate and share...would help those stuck without power to charge and find places to stay warm. We should also have more of these warming centers open up. I don't think many people knew that they could go to city hall and community centers."

—Phase I Community Survey Free Responses

Sustainability Priorities

Community members identified several key priorities for the 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan, including:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Preserving tree canopy
- Reducing waste
- Improving water quality
- Improving building performance
- Energy efficiency/electrification

Community members also identified significant **gaps in equity and access to sustainability programs and benefits**. In particular, community members requested more **pathways for residents in multifamily buildings to experience the benefits of electrification and energy-efficiency programs**, which have primarily focused on homeowners in Bellevue. Community members expressed a need for **barrier reduction for low-income and non-English speaking residents to participate in sustainable modes of transit and sustainability programs**, such as **improving language access in transit planning apps** and last-mile solutions that **connect neighborhoods to transit**. Community members also expressed a need for collaborative governance and decision-making processes that promote community participation in sustainability efforts.

“It is vital to recognize that climate action and sustainability are not just the government's responsibility but require active community participation. Promoting a sense of community and collaboration can be key to addressing these challenges. Moreover, transparency in environmental policies and decisions can foster trust and support among citizens.”

—Phase I Community Survey Free Response (translated from original Spanish)

Next Steps

The Environmental Stewardship team will continue to hold community events and conduct outreach for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan update throughout 2025. Upcoming events include the second annual EarthFest celebration on April 19 at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

The team will continue to review and incorporate input collected during Phase I while developing draft strategies.

The team expects to return to the community with draft strategies in spring 2025, and expects to release a draft plan for public comment in late summer or fall of 2025.

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Respondent	What do you think are the biggest environmental challenges facing Bellevue?	What actions would you like to see the city take to improve environmental sustainability?	Is there anything else you would like us to know about climate action and sustainability in Bellevue?
1			Nothing Bellevue can do to control the climate. Don't ever try to mandate things like buying EVs or getting rid of natural gas for heating homes or cooking.
2		1) Reduce waste - ban use of single-use disposable plastics. 2) Promote reuse with food service containers. 3) E-bike share program. 4) More connected & protected bike lanes. 5) Increase city sponsorship of litter cleanups.	
3	Human density	Stand up to developers who want to employ scorched earth tactics on maturely landscaped neighborhoods.	No

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4	Excessive efforts that sub-optimize investment decisions. Decisions to spend on the easy to understand vs where funds and effort would have greatest benefit.	Focus on basics. Limit growth in staff and spending on purely "climate" action; invest in our quality of life [safety, crime, emergency services, parks, transportation.	Any decisions should be supported by clear costing and measurable benefits. If you don't track, don't do it.
5	Loss of natural areas: Ongoing development threatens open spaces, water quality, and tree cover. Stormwater management: Increased impervious surfaces from urban development contribute to non-point source pollution in lakes, streams, and wetlands. Habitat fragmentation: Urban expansion disrupts wildlife habitats.	Green Spaces and Urban Planning Policy and Governance • Implement and enforce environmental regulations • Provide incentives for sustainable practices and green technologies	
6	Population in Bellevue is growing fast. I see more and more cars on the road that have worsened traffic congestion and worsened air pollution and commuting time. I have to restrain going out by car after 4pm to anywhere on roads in Bellevue.	How to improve ? To make public transit more convenient to take, so people can happily give up driving. Consequently, it would help reduce air pollution, road congestion and commuting time. We need to develop a more efficient system of an interconnected transportation network. I would suggest to run multiple bus lines at all light rail stations. And these bus routes can take people to downtown Bellevue, P&R and/or residential areas..... I went to Taipei in March this year and was so impressed by their public transit	To set up stricter plastic recycling policy by 1). educating the public to realize the crisis of plastic waste impact to our environment. 2). providing very clear instructions how to recycle/reuse different plastic materials. 3). creating programs to recycle plastic.

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		network system. Every bus stop has a bus route map displayed and a digital board constantly showing when the bus is coming and going. Taipei Metro Rapid Transit system is like an artery of the whole metroplitan and a delight to ride.	
7	Unwillingness of the city council to make the decisions that will reduce the unsustainable car-dependence of this city. Lake Hills is very walkable for most purposes, but safely and efficiently getting to the area's major employers without using a car is almost impossible unless living a reasonable walking distance from one of the new light rail stops. (or using one of Microsoft's private shuttles, for the MSFT employees)	REALLOCATE CAR LANES for bike/E-bike use. The original Bike Bellevue plan was a good start, until the city council caved to a few noisemakers who rabidly oppose all non-automotive transit. The current direction of keeping all car lanes will not scale and is unsafe.	
8	Heatwaves and other weather related disasters. Energy use.	Energy efficient infrastructure. Make low energy options a real contender. Land is scarce. Approve higher density. Replace inefficient uses of land. Land tax?	

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9	<p>Not understanding the science around the issues and putting forward band aid solutions thinking we can solve world wide problems instead of focusing on what we can do to improve our city.</p>	<p>Improving our streams and lakes water quality and habitats to create better environments for native plants and animals. This is a doable action.</p>	<p>Don't just listen to the loudest complainers. That ends up with niche focus that isn't always the best. (Like the current, just changed tree policy for homeowners.)</p>
10	<p>Bellevue already does well on investments in parks, and in existing tree canopy. Less well is its zoning which is a legacy of vehicle-dependent suburbia. The challenge will be to unwind this dependency and make it denser without causing additional environmental impacts.</p>	<p>Focus on ways to make Bellevue less vehicle-dependent, by encouraging more investment in transit and improved walkability, or at least reducing vehicle emissions.</p>	<p>Whatever we do, it will take additional investment. The challenge will be to how to achieve goals without crossing the line of economic infeasibility. Focus on what you can do now for the least cost first. Housing affordability will still be a challenge, and draconian environmental mandates could very well aggravate the cost of housing - it's a very serious question of competing priorities.</p>
11	<p>Bellevue was planned as a commuter exurb in the mid-twentieth century, the peak of automobile-centered city planning, and it's very hard to rearchitect the city to reduce that; and even harder to do while preserving what people love about Bellevue.</p>	<p>Restore Kelsey Creek, Sturtevant Creek, and Lake Bellevue, and make adjacent property owners pay if they're responsible for their current poor state. Bury electric cables so the power doesn't go out with every winter storm, as most affluent countries do. Encourage more local neighborhood retail: if I could walk to a coffee shop or corner store then I'd make fewer short car trips, more sidewalks are great but in many neighborhoods there's nowhere to walk to other than parks. Relax fire truck and garbage truck regulations for dense new development: you will never get the type</p>	<p>When a program has multiple diffuse goals then they can conflict. If the north star for sustainability is reduction of carbon emissions to reverse or reduce the impact of climate change, then every initiative should support this above all else. In particular I'm wary of prioritizing climate justice, at heart a (worthy though potentially overbroad) social program guided by a different north star. A program guided by two north stars will likely fail to reach either of them.</p>

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		of dense-yet-personal European cityscape shown in dreamy urban planning presentations if everywhere requires 60ft RoW for truck access. If Barcelona makes it work, why can't Bellevue try it?	
12	GHG emissions caused by current building stock along with plans for future development not going far enough to reduce ghg emissions.	Better fund Eastside Smart Energy, assist building owners to convert to heat pumps	It is a vital responsibility of the city just like clean water.
13	I think that the most significant environmental challenge is the lack of climate action and flooding. Flooding is significant because it has caused many car accidents in the past, and it's important to spread awareness or reduce the risk of this. Climate action is important to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and to spread awareness as a model to other places.	I think that if the city continues to support climate action and create new initiatives for significant climate action, environmental sustainability will be stable. Spreading awareness of the issue is important too, as citizens can know exactly how to most effectively cut down on emissions by knowing the top emitters.	Awareness of climate action and sustainability is key to future actions and ideas. I would love to know more about statistics about the top greenhouse gas emitters so that people (including myself) can take action and reduce our top emitters for the climate.

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14	Kemper Freeman as an unelected veto on anything transit oriented	Better integrate walking, transit, biking, and housing downtown. Amsterdam, not Dallas.	
15	Awareness and motivation for residents to take action as they think all solutions are expensive.	Give rebates/recognition to people who are making environment friendly choices.	
16	costs of developing lower Wilburton (bounded by 124th NE, Bel-Red and Main St) to be energy sustainable and yet friendly environment with good access to all	Be aware that those who are/will commute by bicycle are an exceedingly small percentage of the commuting/general traffic. Currently the proposals for bike routes are not well thought out regarding major roads (NE 20th and BelRed). Also, the city should temporarily pull back on future Spring District plans until they figure out a way to add bicycle lanes and setbacks to new development and doing so with consideration to adding bicycle lanes. A good example is BelRed Road, with Condo/High density housing development: it's great to have Condos/high density housing, but why didn't the city consider bicycle lanes when approving these projects? If the city wants to have higher density living	Sidewalks/bicycle lanes that lead to Sound Transit stations. Example: Between NE 8th & BelRed and the Sound Transit Station on Spring Road/132nd Ave NE, there are no sidewalks on 132nd Ave NE or 136th Ave NE, both of which have increased foot/bicycle traffic for those wanting to ride Sound Transit Train. This is a major oversight for ease of access and safety for walkers/bicyclers

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		and bicycle lanes, they they should have had a plan created long ago. Now it's a mish mash mess, and the corridors of BelRed and NE 20th are not (and should not) be considered for any lane closures to make bicycle lanes. The city needs to look at the new streets being developed running west to east in the Spring District from 112th NE to Redmond boundary. If bicycle lanes need to wait for a few more years to be created in this area, then so be it. Do it right the first time.	
17	Climate challenges have not been taken seriously for far too long - we can't keep kicking the can down the road.	Working with local schools to educate kids on what we can all do to live more sustainable lives.	WE need to do a much better job in this area. I'd like to see BOLD climate actions now!
18	It's hard to make life changes when a person is used to living a certain way.		

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20	the gases	use less gases	nope!
21	Too much traffic congestion because of all the new tall buildings in downtown. More people means more traffic	Maintain more parks or create more greenery. Downtown is becoming too concrete with not enough greenery and vegetation to produce more oxygen	What does the city of Bellevue have planned to deal with these climate changes in the future?
22	the biggest environmental challenges would be water quality, climate change, air quality, waste management, biodiversity, energy use and sustainability.	green infrastructure, increase in urban green spaces and habitat preservation, improve air quality, carbon emissions reduction, solar energy, and further just address these environmental issues to have more people know and help.	not at the moment
23	Lack of urgency, importance and priority. Lack of honesty about what we need to do and at what scale. Management and Council not fully educated on the subject and unduly influenced by developers, PSE and businesses who want to maintain the status quo or don't want to act fast enough. Lack of reliable and	Address all the above. This needs to be as urgent as affordable housing, not a "nice to do." Hitting GHG targets has to be added to the Council's Vision and Priorities this January. We have to get real about the projects and investments that are needed. We have to find reliable and dedicated funds for 25 year. We need this to happen by the 2025 mid bi. Not wait until the next budget or 2027 to start to scale this.	How are we going to make this happen? Seems like we are operating on HOPE today. We need to move to a PLAN to succeed in 2025.

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	sufficient funds. We have to invest a lot and for 25 years.		
24	Due to the increasing number of people residing in people, I think the biggest issue is the amount of energy each person uses.	Try to limit energy use per person.	No.
26	I think some of the biggest challenges are the greenhouse gases from the huge amount of cars. Especially since now buses aren't free anymore and some people can't afford getting orca cards.	Protecting streams and not cutting down anymore trees/adding more green place. I'm tired of not being able to swim because of bacteria in the water.	As students/young kids, people don't take us seriously, yet are making negative decisions about the future world that WE have to live in. The people who are making horrible decisions won't see all the effects, but leave their children and grandchildren with the burden instead. Climate change prevention needs to start now.
27	Stopping the Developers from tearing down our natural landscaping if they slide by and get caught a bit of their profits makes it All Right	Leave the airfield in its natural state instead of cementing it down with concrete	N/a

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28	Same as those facing our region: drought, worsening storms, loss of species (flora and fauna)	Educating residents about what they can do to help face environmental challenges and what their own impacts are so they can make different choices	The climate change movement faces apathy when people don't understand their role in things or how they can help.
29	waste	making walking and biking more safe for younger children to reduce emmissions	
31	there is a lot of single use plastic that is a waste	reduce single use plastic, maybe single use paper or reuseable things	no
32	Lots of waste!!	More rules on what plastics are used	

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33	Extreme heat in summer, maintaining tree canopy to reduce heat impacts, more walkable communities	regulations on tree cutting/removal. incentives to keep trees and/or add trees, encourage green spaces	
34	Carbon emissions, especially regarding transportation. Also, mass consumption of goods that lead to lots of waste.	Electric transportation - especially for busses. Increasing upcycling opportunities. Ex: partnering with companies to collect reusable items.	We appreciate everyone working in sustainability at Bellevue!
35	Burning natural gas (for furnaces, water heating, and cooking), and burning gasoline for car/truck transportation. Bellevue was designed around the car, and I think it's an enormous challenge to break away from that legacy and embrace sustainable transportation. But it's also a great opportunity to improve the livability, air pollution, safety, and affordability of our community.	I would like to see the city ban natural gas lines in all new buildings, work to replace natural gas in existing buildings, ban new gas stations, eliminate minimum parking requirements, eliminate free street parking, and dramatically expand the network of protected bike lanes. But most of all, I want to see more investment in light rail and transit-oriented development.	Studies show that the climate investment with the most emission reductions per dollar is building protected bike lanes.

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36	The emission is high because people relied too much on their cars to get to places. The public transportation system is inefficient and serves very limited area.	I would like to see the city provide public ride share services and collaborate with transformation companies to increase bus routes and stops.	No.
37	Getting a funded plan in place that truly addresses greenhouse gas emissions over the next 25 years.	Get a funded plan in place that truly addresses greenhouse gas emissions over the next 25 years and secure dedicated funding sources that will ensure the plan gets implemented.	
38	The lack of good public transportation that is extensive, frequent, and accessible makes low ridership for public transportation. Driving everywhere for majority of the residents is a big challenge Bellevue faces.	Encouraging more biking and public transportation by creating more frequent bus routes, less transferring, safe and better ways to get to rail/bus stops via dedicated bike lanes.	Light rail is a great step, and I'm excited to see its completion.
39	I think the biggest environmental challenges are water waste.	Water waste	No

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40		<p>We need the city to place sustainability on a very high priority and create and fund action plans to 2050 that actually reduce GHG emissions.</p>	<p>The city and ESI needs to develop a public educations program that educates our citizens on climate science, the city's commitment to reduce emissions by 2030 and 2050, the significant sources of Bellevue emissions, how these emissions contribute to loss of life do to heatstroke, wildfires, flooding, mass migration, and health issues; how citizens contribute to emissions, what HVAC, appliances , vehicles, and air travel are the primary sources of emissions, and what they can do to reduce their actual emissions. In short, our greatest sustainability asset is an informed citizenry who understand our situation and are willing to make the necessary personal changes required to meet the climate challenge.</p>
41		<p>Stop cutting down trees. Great new Tree Code! Congratulations to Bellevue for this effort. Public lands, plant and CARE FOR TREES SO THEY SURVIVE. Encourage private property owners to stop cutting down trees, plant and care facilities trees. Partner with Bellevue School District to teach our kids about what they can do and why. Get real about the bad situation we are in way climate change. Teach the children and their parents. Create a culture of refusing/ reducing/ reusing and</p>	<p>We need to have a cultural change of attitudes by everyone. Make it cool to not spend money. Live simply.</p>

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		recycling. Keep the goals front and center to City Manager, all decisions should be subject to all these RE goals. Purchase more park lands/ open spaces see Bellevue can plant trees and keep it open. We need to commit to radical sustainability goals. We are playing catch up!	
43	I think the biggest environmental challenges facing Bellevue are: Increased emissions due to the extreme unwalkability of the city.	Make the city more walkable and instead of focusing on building up the downtown so much focus on some better basic public transport infrastructure and make the city less reliant on cars.	No
44	Getting people out of cars and personal vehicles.	More public transit options that run frequently and reliably. Sidewalks, pedestrian walkways and separate bike lanes to more locations.	Not at this time.
45	Constant construction of high-rise buildings and condos surely contributes to carbon emissions. Building materials like steel and concrete are greenhouse gas-intensive. This never-ending construction in Bellevue must also be negatively impacting our air quality in a variety of ways. It	Stop allowing condo construction. If the City persists in allowing never-ending building, at least ensure the builders are using green building methods and energy efficiency technology, etc. etc.	

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	has created a major increase in traffic which also affects air quality. Energy, waste, water are said to be negatively impacted by constant construction in citie.		
46	Transportation related. This city should be more walkable and more easily accessible to alternative transportation (bikes, ebikes, scooters, bus).	Spending significantly on greenhouse gas emissions in Bellevue is a waste of money since it is already far ahead of the world average in greenhouse gas emissions per person. The dollars would be far more effectively spent purchasing some forest land somewhere else. Please contextualize your thinking on this issue and focus on building a more livable city for the residents and not just a more expensive one that continues to raise prices on housing.	
48	Educating the public on the necessity of changing behavior and creating environment for all to benefit.	More bike paths, not shoulder of road, for alternative transportation and make the city more walk-able by having necessities closer to suburban areas and light-rail linking neighborhoods. Would bike more often, but Newport Way is much too dangerous to use a small shoulder along stretch of road heading into Issaquah. Would walk/bike to shopping, but 164 street does not have a safe shoulder or sidewalk to get to Lakemont shopping center. I am sure	How exactly is Bellevue going to maintain a high tree canopy when the city has to increase its housing footprint? Lots now can have four units per acre. I see a great deal of trees going down and very few going up which is increasing the heat index in our neighborhood, and increasing icy roads conditions in winter. What plans does the city have to incentify the planting of trees after new home construction

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		there are many areas where Bellevue needs to put in sidewalks and bike lanes in order to make it safe for people to use alternative transportation.	has removed the old trees from the lot?
49	Getting a funded plan in place that effectively addresses greenhouse gas emissions reduction!	My answer is the same as 13 because such actions are the only way we have to effect the change we are targeting. This target will take many years to achieve and we need secure funding sources to guarantee the work continues.	Thank you for all you can do to help the citizenry understand the community impact and our shared responsibility.
50	1. Sustainable and enforceable agreements with developers and builders re electrification of new structures. 2. Reducing CO2 emissions from older buildings. 3. Electrification of city owned and contracted vehicles. 4. Elected leadership's willingness to move the Goal posts rather than investing what it needs to meet the environmental goals that the City previously agreed to.	Our Elects should enact a strategy aimed at meeting the 2030 climate goals perviously agreed. Demonstrating it's commitment to action would be best done through a public dash board with specific deliverables and alternatives.	I, as are so many of my friends and colleagues, happy that this topic is being openly discussed. But similarly, the lack of substantive and timely action over the past decade leaves me skeptical. To make meaningful progress, City leadership must invest significantly more in real dollars and personnel and ultimately in making good policy. Sometimes the latter that takes real courage. Right now, we need courageous leaders.
51	the biggest environmental challenges facing Bellevue currently is increasing temperatures during the Summer.	I would like to see the city tackling on increased bus numbers and routes so that people do not have to drive as much.	Not that I can think of.

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52	Bellevue needs to spend money to support reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Currently, far too little funds are being allocated to this. Individuals can have a minor impact compared to what the city can do. Such funding needs to be set and in place all the way till 2050, not floundering around year by year. Bellevue committed to these goals and funding them is required.	Beyond steady, predictable full funding, Bellevue should establish codes and permitting to REQUIRE: 1) EV readiness in 100% of parking for multi-family housing and all new homes, 2) ALL new buildings to use efficient heating (electric, not fossil fuel based), and 3) phase out replacement of gas furnaces to electric only within five years or less. Without making these rules and requirements, it means we are allowing new construction that's done badly from the start. Do you want to have an Energy Smart Eastside program for all the houses and commercial buildings you're building now? Why not make them right in the first place?	Although it's nice to be asked about my thoughts on sustainability and the environment, responses provided by the general public - by definition - means Bellevue is receiving responses from unqualified people who may know little about climate science. Bellevue should put together a team of people who are experts in mitigating climate change and ask these experts these questions. Such expertise should be weighted far more heavily since they are educated on what is the most effective and quick way to reduce greenhouse gases. Thanks for listening. :)
53	I think it's greenhouse gas emissions, this would impact climate change and leading to some climate impacts such as floods and heatwaves.	There's some actions such as online fundraising, promotion in schools, media, and neighborhoods. Which these can help a lot for more people to improve environmental sustainability.	None
54	Climate change	Reducing water use and improving public transportation	

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55	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions. See priorities ranking in previous questions.	Ramp up funding to support programs to cut GHG emissions relating to my top five priorities on the previous page. Because GHG cutting spending appears to be uncoordinated and not prioritized for the best use of city funds across the departments of Finance, Transportation, Utilities, Parks and Community Development (which includes ESI), the City should specifically take oversight of budgeting and spending for GHG emissions reduction to the City Manager level. Spending should focus on cost effective reduction of community-wide GHG emissions across all departments.	It takes an enormous dedication of time and significant research and study to become knowledgeable about the drivers and cost effective solutions to climate change. The vast majority of residents haven't made such a time investment and, consequently, they are not well informed about the drivers and cost effective solutions to climate change. Therefore, broad surveys of the public like this one are of little value in determining a city's best course of actions to cut greenhouse gas emissions and reach the 2030 and 2050 GHG commitments.
56	Getting people and businesses on board with the reality of climate change and the changes we have to make in our habits.	Prioritizing more space on streets and roads for walkers and rollers, preferably with separate lanes for walkers so they don't get run down.	Maintaining Bellevue's green spaces, trees and parks is not only a great tradition but also truly a significant contributor to cleaner air and water.
57	Putting our money where our mouth is. Fund actions that meaningfully drive down greenhouse gas emissions, and stop wasting money and time on actions that don't actually put a dent in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	Secure funding for actions that meaningfully drive down greenhouse gas emissions. This might mean raising more money, reprioritizing current funds, or otherwise.	Please take this seriously and take bold action. Climate action is as important as housing and other public services.

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58	Waste steam reduction. Food waste	Water quality runoff. Lake Washington, lake Sammamish, stream health. Energy efficiency, reduction in fossil fuels	
59	Bellevue government is focusing more on Politics rather than truth. Bellevue government and law makers are fake utopian. For example, why ban gas and switch gas to electricity? Cheating people to believe electricity is cleaner than gas. Cheaters and greedy utopian are dangerous.	Government and lawmakers do something themselves rather than cheating. Government and lawmakers themselves should stop use motor vehicles. Themselves should stop use any air travel. Stop staying in any hotels. Stop using gas. The power outages are very often in Bellevue. The lawmakers should stay at home in dark without gas range. With Nothing to protect the environment. Stop asking people to live in cold and dark helplessly, while themselves are enjoying all the convenience. Themselves shouldn't take bath every day. Bath time should be limited to 3 minutes.	A government planning should be based on truth not politics and utopia.
60	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stop cutting down trees for development, widening roads to accommodate bike lanes, digging up the Airfield Park landfill to put in the aquatic center and park a big danger and resulting mess is going to cost too much, wasteful style of living with consumption, heat islands/	Make and decide on bold big decisions to lead and in accommodating to goals you have developed so far, City of Bellevue change land use codes to achieve our sustainable goals because if developers don't have the do conservation then they won't. Carrots and sticks, we need more sticks and educate our citizens. Keep planting and watering trees.	Research what other societies are doing, in Europe, etc, look for the best ideas and do them here. Be visionary in planning goals, action plans, sell these ideas to our citizens. Build up into the sky not out onto the land. We need the land for open spaces and trees

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	<p>neighborhoods we desperately need to plant and maintain more trees everywhere in Bellevue, educate children and adults of their roles in reducing waste</p>		
<p>61</p>	<p>I was without power for four days after this year's bomb cyclone wind event, which tells me that our city is vulnerable to extreme weather events such as wind storms.</p>	<p>The city should do a better job with public outreach in the event of a storm to help people find warming centers and charging centers. For example, the charging center at city hall was wonderful (thank you Bellevue!) during the storm and was well-used, but there were places like Bellevue Square that were overcrowded. A "charging center map" or "warming center map" that the city can activate and share our on X, Facebook, Reddit, TikTok would help those stuck without power to charge and find places to stay warm. We should also have more of these warming centers open up. I don't think many people knew that they could go to city hall and community centers, and instead were cooped up in high rises, Starbucks, crossroads and Bellevue Square.</p>	<p>With our summers getting hotter, I think the city could benefit from having more play spaces with shade, and also more splash pads so that our kids can get outside. We have a splash pad at Inspiration playground, but maybe one of our new parks like the one in Eastgate, Ashwood Park, or the aquatic center can also have a splash pad for the summer, and parasols that provide shade.</p>

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62	it is non issue	dont take any action and dont add tax please	please just ignore any of those nonsense
63	Need to fully fund plan that will truly meet goals of decreasing GHG emission over 25 yrs.	Make sure there is dedicated funding yearly to meet plan targets.	Bellevue has awoken to need to plan for environmental sustainability but needs to ramp up the budget dedicated to that. Current efforts are not enough.
64	Climate change/ greenhouse gas emissions	Promote renewable energy/ Implement waste reduction programs/Promote local and sustainable food systems	N/A
65	Extreme weather events and smoke and pollutants from wildfires in forests. Heat waves and intense storms will wreak havoc in the area.	Building codes that require energy efficiency and reduction of heat islands	You will need to take a stand against the pressure of builders and developers who want to keep status quo. And stop caving to demands from developers in the name of "affordable housing".

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66	Reducing emissions from cars and public transportation in downtown Bellevue for residential and commercial tenants. Limit the number of commercial buildings and provide cooperative or subsidized housing for single parents.	Require commercial businesses to use compostable food containers and LEED certified	Provide residents with energy efficient bulbs through PSE and low energy light therapy bulbs to reduce SAAD. Provide residents with educational certification and rebates on climate action, recycling, composting and energy efficiency initiatives.
67	Traffic and cars on the road are primary concerns in Bellevue.	It would be great if more roads could become pedestrian only, like Main Street in Bellevue.	
68	Car-centric city planning and lack of access to reliable public transport. Lack of access to resources like air conditioning during heat waves.	Improving public transport, future city planning prioritizing walkability	
69	The biggest environmental challenges facing Bellevue are all the high rises being built. The increasing carbon footprint due to large material usage and increased heat negatively impact our community. Additionally, there is limited access to housing for Bellevue School District parents/guardians.	Providing E-transportation would allow those who don't have access to personal transportation to access resources in Bellevue. Furthermore, the high rises should all be LEED certified to ensure the materials and building meets all sustainability requirements.	Bellevue is in neighborhood with ample resources. What can we do as Bellevue residents to mitigate and address environmental racism in underserved communities?

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70	I think the biggest environmental changes in Bellevue are weather related. I've experienced very hot summers, and super cold winters.	I think that maintaining good quality water is very important because it is what we are known for. I think it is also important to have good air quality and finding ways to reduce carbon emissions. Bellevue is a small city and we can find ways for public transportation and e-bikes and scooters.	
71	There are lots of lakes and wetlands in Bellevue, so it is important to maintain good water quality. Stormwater runoff can pollute these bodies of water and cause damage to ecosystems in the water and reduce the quality of water that is available for the community.	Have more permeable surfaces so there is less runoff, and it will also help filter out the pollutants in the runoff.	What is Bellevue currently doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
72	I think it's mostly air pollution as there is often a lot of traffic in Bellevue during rush hours	maybe create an incentive for carpooling	I also believe in renewable energy bc that helps with pollution too
73	Rapid development so needing to expand the city causing forest to be torn down in order to build new homes.	Bellevue should focus on preserving green spaces and expanding public transit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	None

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75	the biggest impact is with greenhouse gasses being released into the city of bellevue.	i think a good way to change this is by talking to companies and figure out how to fix problems currently going on.	n/a
76	getting cars off the road, increasing ridership of buses and sound transit smoke, extreme heat events megamansions for small families -- heating/cooling houses with huge footprints	promoting biking, public transportation, walking decreasing waste	
77	Influx of business is great, but the demand for electricity will be very taxing. Sustainable electrical grid in the face of rising demand is essential	Addition of renewable energy sources (solar? wind?)	
78	Bellevue faces several environmental challenges as it grows. Urban sprawl and deforestation lead to habitat loss and decreased biodiversity. The city's heavy reliance on cars contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. Water management is also a concern, with the need to manage stormwater runoff,	To improve environmental sustainability, Bellevue could promote public transportation to reduce car dependency and emissions. Encouraging sustainable practices in new constructions and retrofitting older buildings for energy efficiency can make a significant impact. Preserving and creating urban green spaces would help maintain biodiversity and provide natural habitats. Increasing the use of renewable energy in city	Community engagement is vital for fostering an environmentally conscious community. Public campaigns on environmental issues can raise awareness and encourage sustainable practices. Collaborating with local businesses, non-profits, and educational institutions can lead to innovative solutions for environmental challenges. Additionally, enhancing

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	prevent pollution in local water bodies, and ensure sustainable water use. Additionally, increasing waste generation, especially non-recyclable waste, poses a challenge to landfill capacity and overall environmental health.	operations and among residents and businesses could lower carbon footprints. Strengthening recycling, composting, and reducing single-use plastics would also improve waste management.	infrastructure and emergency response systems can improve the city's resilience to climate impacts like extreme weather events.
79	Cars, extremely long lights which idle cars forcing them to run even more gas and even more pollution	Better traffic light access, limit the idleness of cars as best as possible	i have a nonprofit that strictly focuses on the proper ways of recycling, helping clean up beaches in the seattle/bellevue/mercer island area. Also we go into Elementary school classrooms and teach the younger generation on how to properly recycle, mainly specifying on how to recycle battery items properly. (The Green Collective)
80	I think the biggest environmental challenges Bellevue is facing is since Bellevue has a growing population that means there is more people driving on the road increasing emission's released into the atmosphere.	I would like to see more ebikes/scooters available so that there are less people driving a car and less traffic.	We should incorporate more solar and hydro power into our energy inputs.
81	carbon footprint from commuter cars	more renewable energy	no

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82	Continued over growth of building office towers, DT buildings of cement. Cement is toxic and does not align with environmental stewardship. Continued disregard for retaining large evergreen trees, and established treed areas in favor of bulding more cement structures is counter intuitive to healthy air.	Curtail the continued building all over Bellevue. Planners do not prioritize liveability in the Bellevue; city planners are on a growth trajectory regardless of the negative effects of air pollution, more vehicles, less green spaces, less established trees, all in the name of growth! Need to reevaluate what is best for residents; not just business.	Example of over-use of cement in the name of growth/useability : the new addition to the Bell park i.e. Meydenbauer expansion. The huge evergreens that used to frame the Bay were wiped out in favor of building a "cement park". Now the planners think it even better to pour more cement and cover more porous ground to make another architectural statement. Not necessary.
83	Increasing renewable energy sources and infrastructure, limiting the expansion of paving over green spaces, maintaining viable services during and after extreme weather events	Increased renewable energy offerings, expanded electrical vehicle charging, deeper investment/development in utility service repair crews, and building/running an emergency, stand alone power grid that could provide power to homes/services in Bellevue during power outages	
85	pollution	electirc	no

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86	poop	poop	poop
87	a lot of cars, not enough walkability and most people dont use the public transport	i want more railways so people can commute by train easier, reducing carbon emissions and traffic	no
88	Cars, gas emissions	people change to electric cars	no
89	It's very cold.	Reduce greenhouse gases to help with climate change.	

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90	too many new constructions and the density is too high with new constructions		
91	Gas powered cars traveling our roads and producing emissions	Provide support for purchasing and serving electric vehicles	Bellevue is doing a good job to reduce pollution . Hope you can continue to improve our environment.
92	i think we suffer from too much carbon emission which may increase temperatures	maybe do a renewable energy initiative to promote clean energy	n/a
93	warming weather, theres lack of snow in the skiing season	help reduce carbon emission by using renewable energy	less waste perhaps

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94	none	none	no
95	In general, decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, which is why I ranked it first. That objective encompasses many of the other priorities on the prior page. For context, I've always been an environmentalist but for years I have concluded that global warming will never be anywhere near addressed to the extinction crisis I believe it to be. By nature I am not a fatalist, but I am definitely a fatalist about turning around global warning.	Perhaps more education of residents that WA does not have an endless supply of water. Warming climate causes more rain and less snow, causing less snowpack, impacting reservoir reserves, all exacerbated by actually having droughts. This is why I selected Use less water as my second priority.	can't think of anything
96	Air quality	Reduce gas emissions by ensuring cars drive at or below speed limit and consider congestion pricing to address idling traffic / cut through traffic	The number of trees removed is astonishing and leads to soil erosion, impermeable surfaces that increase runoff, etc

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97	Blackberry invasion, empty busses, terrible pruning practices, invasive English ivy, increase gas tax negatively impacting the m9st car dependent among us, burdensome policies that are not audited, Growth Management Act lack of revision, increase in Bellevue employees that receive benefits and retirement at the expense of tax payers.	Fire the newly hired employees that invent policies to harm housing builders and occupants hire a contractor that has experience and a track record that already accomplished this,	We did great with emissions testing on cars, apparently it worked so well it is no longer needed. Give tree credit to property owners. Fix the crummy sidewalks. Focus on the existing bike infrastructure, and ask actual bikers not fra8dy cat maybe riders. Expand Circuit. Get real. Acknowledge the carbon footprint and ineffectiveness of wind turbine and solar panels and the efficiency of fossil fuels. Don't make middle class pay for trying to live their best life.
98	Over development,	Fewer bike lanes to decrease fuel usage	If only we could separate from king county
100	Asking for huge amounts of money with no results (like Seattle).		Add more charging stations but make sure they are protected from copper thieves.

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101	Too many people	Stop allowing huge houses to be built that take up 90% of the land and remove all the trees.	My other large concern is that we are dramatically taking down ole strip malls and building 4-8 atory apartments above. This is bring in so many people at such an accelerated rate that we don't have the infrastructure to support such rapid growth. I'm all for growth but we need to slow it down so our roads and public transit can keep up. We've lived here 50 years and our thinking if leaving as we can't even drive from crossroads to bellevue college without a 30 minute drive in stop and go traffic!
102	Preparing for and preventing wildfires	Discourage building multiple dwellings on properties zoned single family and not rerezoning those properties to allow such building	Do not build additional light rail
103	Too many people.	Stop promoting development. Bellevue seeks out growth- and then makes us pay for it. While the City gets the tax revenue & fees from the development. Cut it out!!	Stop sewage overflow & "accidents" into Meydenbauer Bay. We had at least 3 big spillages in 2024. Outrageous.

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<p>104</p>	<p>The problem solving and delivering on complex calculus of planning & managing all these in tandem: increasing density that is climate resilient and efficient , increasing tree canopy, improving water quality/stormwater management, improving walkability, providing abundant, easily accessible green spaces for the growing population. It's doable but it will require an end to 'silo thinking' and a repeated commitment to integration of all these factors as part of ongoing creation & implementation in the areas of zoning/planning/transportation/parks. Godspeed!</p>	<p>1)Integration of stormwater management, street trees, and traffic calming &/or street parking (see Issaquah near Confluence Park) 2) require EV charging (level 2) capability equal to 1/3 of all parking in large multi family buildings 3) work on outreach /education, with a particular focus on new residents (not just preaching to the choir)</p>	<p>I selected Reduce Greenhouse Emissions as the top priority with the assumption that it would entail a focus on many of the other options such as improving energy efficiency, supporting EV ownership/ charging, etc, etc. Please do NOT read that as support for shorting those investments and simply spending on Carbon Credits. CC's should be a very last resort.</p>
<p>105</p>	<p>i think it is heating up in bellevue, ive noticed a lot less snow over the years</p>	<p>do more clean energy initiatives and minimize co2 emmisions</p>	<p>n/a</p>

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106	some of the heat waves that has been happening	build on renewable energy	not applicable
107	Wood frame homes 10 feet apart will burn like LA All new buildings should be brick concrete metal or other non flammable material	Bring sewer to the area around 16143 SE 42nd St as neighbors are patching failing septic systems and many have zero backup drainfield areas left	Power and all other cables must be buried
108	lots of pollution coming from cars	the city can make the lightrail more accessible	n/a
109	Cleaning up waste in public places	Making sure people are taking apart in their role to be environmentally sustainable	No

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110	Allocating funds efficiently to do the most good.	Creating a dashboard showing the carbon-reducing measures planned or in-work along with a computation of the cost of reduction per ton of CO2 equivalent for each project. Without clear metrics like this, it's hard to know if the steps taken by the city are smart and data-driven.	
111	Too much green house gas emissions.	Invest in expanding and improving public transit options to reduce the reliance on personal vehicles. This would help cut down on greenhouse gas emissions and traffic congestion.	The city regularly tracks and reports on greenhouse gas emissions from both city operations and the entire community. This helps in identifying areas for improvement and measuring progress.
112	Reducing traffic congestion	If we spent less time in city traffic jams, there would be less pollution from cars. With a family on both ends of the age spectrum, I need a car to get grandchildren and my elderly parents to medical appointments, grocery shop, etc. I cannot walk, bike ride or take a bus for these daily events.	I am concerned that those in charge of climate action in our city will use it to ruin the livability of residents who have built Bellevue into a wonderful place to live, I live in a mid-century modern home and have already seen charts by city staff listing my neighborhood's single family homes as racist, just because they were built after WW2 for returning military veterans, who mostly happened to be white.

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113	Bellevue's biggest environmental challenge is minimizing greenhouse gas emissions and shifting to green energy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">'- Manage and enhance carbon sinks. Conserve and restore soils, forests, grasslands, wetlands, and coastal areas that store carbon.- Maintain and increase the capacity of these areas to provide vital ecosystem services, including clean air and water, wildlife habitat, flood prevention, recreation, and carbon storage. As the population grows, we need these carbon sinks more than ever. Bellevue is losing critical areas, and wetlands are shrinking or disappearing on private and city-owned property. Protect these few remaining areas.- Work with housing developers and utility companies to raise awareness and deter construction in critical land areas by providing alternative incentives.- Promote and raise public awareness regarding the importance of these critical areas and their care.- Establish a goal to expand critical areas by working with landowners to acquire the necessary land and purchasing land for recreational purposes.- Incorporate sustainable landscaping in parks and City-owned properties by limiting or banning gas-powered lawn equipment and leaf blowers.-Explore alternatives to harmful pesticides, such as insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, and herbicides. Pesticides do not belong in city parks; they can be harmful to humans,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">'-Buildings and houses in Washington account for 25% of the state's greenhouse gas emissions, predominantly from fossil fuels such as natural gas.-Encourage businesses and communities to join the EPA Green Power Partnership.
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		<p>extremely toxic to fish and aquatic organisms, detrimental to wildlife, and can contaminate soil and water. -Find alternatives to synthetic fertilizers that pollute water through contaminated runoff.</p>	
114	picking up trash	make our city more clean	
115	garbage and the freezing temperatures	probably like less trash	nope

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116	<p>Rush to build structures that may not be efficient enough to benefit future occupants in a climate-aware future. Window reflectivity that causes heat gain in apartments facing the new buildings. Loss of trees in the ROW that reduces pedestrian comfort, prospect of more street parking that reduces pedestrian safety. Vulnerability to fire for structures that are close together and have a high combustible load, but look like business as usual, non-hardened building techniques were used. Large number of non-native plantings, which we should switch over gradually to help the biosphere.</p>	<p>Hold new development to a high efficiency and fire readiness standard. Ensure there are incentives for protecting trees, and a plan to plant new trees as rapidly as possible. Allow natural incentives for concentrating growth near transit and walkable destinations by reducing the amount of free community space given for private car storage.</p>	<p>I said I'd be willing to make "some" changes because I already have - I've traveled by air once in the last three years, I rarely eat meat, and I'm a very low mileage driver. Once you do the easy things, it gets more complicated. I also think Bellevue and myself should work on innovation to help people keep a good standard of living while spending less on fuels. I think spending is a reasonable proxy for resource consumption, so if you're telling me I should spend more money to be ecologically friendly, I will be skeptical unless I can anticipate reduced energy costs in the future by investing now. We can also help people figure out the exchange rates between water, time, recyclable materials, fuel, etc. I don't necessarily trust my gut on the small decisions about whether to get a recyclable clean or buy things in the first place. The biggest part of our carbon footprint is building construction, followed close behind by the building energy consumption that design locks in. it would be nice to have construction-related footprints broken out separately, which I expect to fluctuate based on interest rates rather than anything we can control.</p>
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117	<p>Lack of large trees in the historically wooded area will leave our communities exposed to increased runoff and unstable soils from the heavy rains of the ecosystem. By not having enough tall trees throughout our communities to protect against the frequent rainfalls as it slowly lets the rain fall through the trees body into the soil, helps to create soils that are able to take in the rains efficiently, securing better water quality for our environments and communities. Protecting water is number one.</p>	<p>I would like it to see promote the addition of native food forests or native decor spaces through our suburban communities. By helping our communities integrate further with the local plant life that is adapted to the changing qualities of our local climate, it is bound to create more resilient communities while also providing many foods and medicines that can be used by people. Creating a path to new business opportunities that are unique to Bellevue's environment.</p>	<p>Is there a way to create accessible meeting space or public spot where eco-friendly businesses could gather? I feel most other activists and ecological practitioners in the area focus their work with groups in Seattle or with some of the farms further out. With the heavy influence to our city's shopping center and modern buildings - our natural spaces are sometime looked down upon.</p> <p>But without a place for people to gather in Bellevue easily on this theme, it can be difficult to build community.</p>
118	heat waves, bad air quality	take on clean energy initiatives	n/a
119	<p>Bellevue is barely doing anything to change how people move around the city. Reducing car traffic should be number one priority (that would also be important for safety in the city). Not enough is done to remove dependency on natural gas either.</p>	<p>Make it possible for everyone to not drive, and do it with safely and comfortably.</p>	<p>It is admirable that the city government itself tries to reduce its carbon footprint, but leading by example is not enough, you still need requirements for everyone else and physical changes in the city. For example, new Wilburton code could ban use of natural gas and require better energy efficiency for buildings.</p>

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120	Climate change is caused mostly by burning hydrocarbons, so reasonable scientific approach to fight this is to burn less hydrocarbons. People in Bellevue drive huge cars, mostly alone and extensively use gas for heating. It will not be easy to change this, as recent decisions of city's own Transportation commission show.	Bellevue's own study on main sources of greenhouse emissions shows that cars and inefficient buildings are the top two. I think it would be reasonable if city could focus majority of efforts on those two sources.	Please, don't include "access to car charging infrastructure" into list of environmental projects. Average price of EVs is north of \$56K in US. People who can afford those don't have issues with installing charger at home or finding a station at work. Spending money on convenience for wealthy EV owners should be way down the priority list vs allowing people with more modest income to reduce their carbon footprint AND save money by using alternative modes of transportation or more efficient modern heating tech. Public transit, alternative mobility options, walkability, incentives for upgrading heating & insulation will provide much more effect.
121	heat waves	not sure	no

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122	Saving energy and reducing waste	more eco-friendly vehicles	start with the easy changes, like reducing waste
123	Environmental/property damage due to increased intensity of storms fueled by climate change	Preservation of undeveloped land, increased public transit & walkability support	I love the goals in the current stewardship plan! I really hope we reach them :)
124	Reducing waste and energy consumption.	Provide more incentive to introduce clean energy practices into households and businesses.	Thank you for caring so much about sustainability!
125	Reducing Pollen	I would like to see the city reduce the amount of pollen, whatever that means	How bad is Bellevue's climate compared to other parts of the United States.

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126	Loss of land due to construction	better roads, so there is less traffic.	no
127	More people coming in, more cars and emissions.	Create more accessible and quality public transport.	'
128	It is a car-centric and individual-centric city.	Increase density in city-centers and connect city centers with fast, reliable public transit.	
129	pollution	less trash	no

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130	sprawling single family home zoning means a large area of bellevue is not walkable, and it is not cost effective to introduce frequent transit because of the extremely low density of those areas. this often forces people in those areas to drive	upzone everywhere. forbid single family exclusionary zoning. increase housing density, which will increase tax revenue per unit area. it will also mean we don't have to cut down more trees and pave more of nature to put up more sprawling development when building more housing, as required by the city and state's housing goals. introduce more transit and walk ability and bike ability via improved non car transport infrastructure like bike lanes, sidewalks, traffic calming, bus lanes, etc. allow as many people in as many areas of bellevue access their daily needs with as little driving as possible.	
131	Being a small city that is incredibly walkable, that still lots of gas is being used when we can walk or carpool.	More electrical transportation for cheap	
132	Climate change and sometimes the seasonal things	To save and reuse the energy that's free have solar panels and have more sustainable energy towards the city of course sun might not be enough electricity for all but it I'll be a nice implementation for everyone to make less fuel energy and waste	no

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133	Very hot and dry periods from climate change.	I think we do a great job already to be honest maybe more transportation opportunity's like that free Bellevue uber service thing.	no
134	Pollution	less pollution	no
136	Greenhouse gas levels	Sustainable power	
137	Bellevue must set up and fully fund a plan that truly reduces all greenhouse gas emissions over the next 25 years. Without attention and focus on this issue, little will get done. ESI seems to think about "sustainability", we need to first makes sure we have something to sustain.	Bellevue must have a FULLY FUNDED plan that truly reduces all greenhouse gas emissions over the next 25 years. Emissions mainly come from existing buildings and transportation, so those are the two areas to focus on. The funding needs to be secure and from dedicated sources that will ensure the plan is viable year after year. Bellevue needs to stop permitting buildings to be heated by fossil fuels. It is crazy that	Bellevue needs to realize that you can't kick the can down the road any more. If we don't take action IMMEDIATELY, we will have a world that's no longer sustainable. Focus on replacing fossil fuel heat sources in existing buildings with heat pumps. For heaven's sake stop, permitting new buildings to be heated with fossil fuel. Read City Limits by Megan Kimble - we've

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		brand new buildings are being heated using fossil fuels. It's like you are trying to put out a fire and paying to put out that fire while simultaneously adding fuel to the fire. It's easy to sign a piece of paper to phase out heating with fossil fuels, it is far more expensive to replace the fossil fuel burning heat source with a heat pump down the road; it's also far more expensive for the environment.	known since the 1960s that adding new roads means more cars on the road, not less. The goal should be to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in transportation. The only way to do that is to improve mass transit.
138	The biggest environmental challenges Bellevue is facing is it is rapidly growing and developing meaning there is more pollution from cars and from construction machinery.	I think there should be more options to reduce traffic and pollution as well as more solar panels to take in energy, also maybe make more programs to raise awareness about climate change and how to make a difference.	Maybe get in contact with the magazines and things that most people get delivered to their homes like Bellevue Living, or some type of magazine to promote ways that people could help prevent contributing to climate change.
139	rain	more shelters and help homeless	
140	The heat waves and droughts we have had recently.	Lower the burning of fossil fuels	no

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142	I think the biggest environmental challenges for Bellevue is food waste and plastic pollution. The plastic pollution could end many sea lives and can even affect children when they are born.	Actions that could improve is not throwing away plastic in the ocean to prevent deaths of sea lives and defects of infants. Another action is keeping unfinished food so it can be reuseable.	That climate change is getting worse because of greenhouse gases always being released in the sky, but it makes life easier.
143	Our car-oriented infrastructure makes it difficult for people to choose non-car-based ways of getting around.		We can make Bellevue a more wonderful place to live while addressing climate and sustainability.
144	Water usage and rain	Reducing waste and water with having solutions	N/A
145	climate change	maybe less co2 emissions	no

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146	Not enough reusable stuff	More street cleaners	Nope
147	Cars	Electric cars	No
148	Cars / driving. Increasing population density. Waste / trash creation. Excess food waste.	Much better light rail, where cars are optional. Eliminate plastics and aluminum, go back to paper and glass. Drastically reduce wasteful packaging.	No
149	The rapid expansion of the urban/downtown area. Population is rapidly growing as the city expands, I think this could lead to overconsumption of resources and worsen pollution as Bellevue transforms into a large city getting more and more similar to Seattle.	Try to transfer to as much renewable energy as possible and limit the consumption of fossil fuels as much as possible.	Shouldn't try to transfer to all electric vehicles because gas cars are cool. Maybe heavily emphasize the switch to EVs but hopefully don't outlaw gas cars in the future.

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150		Punish companies for negative environmental impacts and stop allowing them to lobby the opposite.	
151	Car-centric and no great alternatives (for those of us in the suburbs who don't want to add 45 mins to our commute). Property taxes are going up too quickly so people don't want to invest in climate change infrastructure in fear of getting priced out.	More frequent, reliable and robust bus systems in suburbs that connect to large transit centers. Support renewable energies by having resources for implementation (for example, easy to purchase solar panels, not easy to find someone to install them). Tax the companies that are impacting our environment and use those resources to implement costly improvements.	Climate change isn't going away, only going to get worse. Depending on your survey results, it may be worth funding campaigns focused on behavior change. Good luck!
152	Weather - Heat waves killing people and plants, storms downing trees, all of which reducing canopy, making it even hotter	Attack at the source - emissions. Renewable energy like solar and urban wind turbines (which are also pretty btw). Better bike, walking, and transit infrastructure to reduce car emissions without destroying our pavement (evs are heavy)	Every year we're slower this gets worse. We can't beat this with just mitigation, although it is still important. Expect fundamental changes to our environment
154	The unelected bureaucrats that are pushing this on uninformed elected officials	What does that mean, what is environmental sustainability? If you conserve natural resources, then they are no longer available to use now. The city of Bellevue has no idea what future generations will need, in the way of natural resources. The city of Bellevue has no control over	Just stop! The resources you are wasting, could be spent on actual infrastructure for the city. Designated bike lanes being one of the biggest boondoggles to date. They are not safer, and you will not get to your phantom Net Zero when it is car versus bike.

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		world climate so efforts that address anything, but local pollution is a waste of resources	
156	Bellevue has experienced significant growth, leading to increased impervious surfaces (e.g., roads, buildings) that reduce natural water absorption and can contribute to flooding and water quality issues.	Encourage or mandate energy-efficient building codes, use of renewable energy, and green infrastructure in new developments.	It would be valuable for Bellevue to engage its residents in climate action efforts by promoting education and awareness around sustainable practices
157	reducing waste	zero waste by 2050!	nah
158	I am very concerned that Bellevue's emissions targets are not on track and may not be realistically achievable without more support from PSE.	City needs to work closely with PSE to reduce emissions from energy we use. The plans are not currently aligned.	I really appreciate the city's efforts, but I want to be confident that we will succeed.

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159	With Bellevue's growing population and urban development, traffic congestion and its impact on air quality are significant concerns	To reduce car dependency, Bellevue should invest in expanding public transit options, making them more frequent, accessible, and reliable.	Bellevue is well-positioned to lead the way in sustainability in the Puget Sound region. Its forward-thinking approach to development and access to technology and innovation could help drive significant progress
160	i would say the air quality.	conserve energy as good as possible	no
161	too much carbon emissions from buildings and non electric vehicles	more electrification of buildings, more access to public transportation	n/a
162	Building	More clearly	No

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164	Reducing waste and prevention against flooding	Reduce waste	None
165	Sustainable development of suburbs	Protect coal creek?	Nope, well done!
166	heat and pollution	more walkability - less pollution	
167	I think one of the biggest environmental challenges that Bellevue faces is excessive water use.	Find more efficient way to use water, encourage citizens to use less water	

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168	The lack of space and causing much infrastructure to be destroyed and relocated.	Increase even more public transportation and address infrastructure space.	Make the mandatory restriction on EV vehicles not be enacted.
170	declines in citywide tree canopy and increases in impervious surfaces and traffic congestion.	Access to public resources. Sustainable cities help residents achieve sustainability in everyday life by providing access to public resources	want for access to change your home's source of energy
171	I think there is a lot of greenhouse gas emissions due to the use of cars	More ev chargers with the growth of electric vehicles	I think youth involvement is very important and can be used
172	The amount of single use plastic used every day	bring back paper straws and encourage people to eat in instead of taking it to go	maybe that plastic is a big part of everyday life

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173	temperature	better infrastructure, some waste regulation, reduced greenhouse, and reduced water usage(modifying how showers are used since we don't need all that much water per second).	ok
174	<p>I believe the single most notable challenge facing Bellevue is our continued car-centrism. Even electric vehicles still hold a large environmental footprint due to their batteries and assembly, not to mention how our EV cars draw for the wider public grid, where nonrenewable energy is still present.</p> <p>Also notable, the increased weight of EVs increases tire wear, releasing microplastics into our environment, killing salmon in our streams, and making up roughly 30% of all environmental microplastics.</p>	<p>Accelerate programs to improve walkability through road safety and transport accessibility improvements, public and microtransit, through things like Bellhop</p> <p>I think Lime Bikes and other micromobility companies present in Seattle and Redmond should return, as they greatly increase affordable mobility options as well as last-mile options for those who cannot or would rather not drive.</p>	
175	I think that the biggest environmental challenge that is facing Bellevue currently is maintaining clean surface water because as urbanization occurs the water isn't as clean. I also believe that we can have more EV chargers to encourage people to drive electric vehicles.	I would like to see more EV chargers so that we can encourage people to drive electric cars instead of other types that could more easily ruin the environment. I would also like to see our parks get cleaned up for the environment.	N/A

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	We can also make modes of transportation simpler and more common.		
176	I think that Bellevue does not have a lot of environmental education.	I would like to see the city improve and expand sustainable transportation options.	No.
177	more trees more water	more apartments	no
178	less apartments more land and food places	more animals	no

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190	Clean water	Leave people alone	Stop this nonsense
191	gas emissions	promoting carpool through more bus systems	no
192	greenhouse gas emissions	clean up the parks	no
193	pollution from cars and electricity usage	more walkability	no

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194	habitat loss	more transportation for public use	nope
195	pollution	recycling	no
196	factories	less pollution	no
197	heat	greenness	no

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198	Too many vehicles, car emissions, pollution	Increase investment in public transportation so that more residents can travel in a green way!	No
199	i think the biggest environmental challenges are the sheer amount of greenhouse emissions	reduce greenhouse gas emissions by employing stricter restrictions on companies	no
200	hot summers	more walkability	no
201	waste production	more intentional recycling and car pooling	no

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202	i think the biggest environmental challenges are the sheer amount of greenhouse emissions	reduce greenhouse gas emissions by employing stricter restrictions on companies	nope
203	OVERDEVELOPMENT WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC ACCESS AND NEED FOR ALL. Developers that think they can do whatever they want including making SO many poor environmental choices if they just throw enough money at it. UGH!!	Some way to incentivize use of public transit, and support for public transit. BETTER LAWS TO LIMIT WHAT BUILDINGS CAN BE BUILT, WHERE. MORE LAWS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE TREES, ESPECIALLY OLDER ONES.	Walkability and public transit is the future.
204	too many new big houses with hardly any yard or space for trees and gardens.		
205	Litter and waste reduction	Partner with neighboring communities on coordinated initiatives	Why is litter not addressed in the plan?

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206	<p>Growth. Loss of tree canopy. Plastic pollution and increased litter. Drought.</p>	<p>I would like to see the city improve walkability and make the city safe for pedestrians (not just DT). Build a complete network of sidewalks that lead to public transportation, increase crosswalks on major thoroughfares. Traffic calming measures. Increase protected bike lanes. Increasing tree canopy starts by not letting healthy trees to be cut down to build XL homes occupied by one family.</p>	<p>Bellevue has an increasing litter problem that needs to be addressed now. Anti-littering campaign is necessary. City has stop letting builders clear lots to build just one house occupied by one family. Where is the logic?</p>
207	<p>Use of Pesticides and Herbicides polluting our water. Light Pollution impacting humans and the ecosystem - easily solvable. Gas powered lawn equipment polluting air and creating damaging noise.</p>	<p>Easiest one - lighting policy that follows International Dark Sky responsible lighting practices. Read "Artificial Light at Night (ALAN): State of the Science 2024" Ban gas powered lawn equipment - not only reduces pollution - but the noise is also very damaging. Eliminate use of pesticides and herbicides in areas close of a creek or lake.</p>	<p>Environmental Sustainability is more than climate change. Needs to include water pollution, light pollution, noise pollution and air pollution from everyday activities that each of us can impact no matter how small.</p>
208	Affordability	Nothing	Don't waste my tax dollars on this nonsense

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210	Infrastructure is unprepared.	Increase green space within the city.	
211	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Higher summer temperatures 2) Air quality concerns from regional wildfires 3) Pressure on infrastructure from population growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Expand public transit connectivity + frequency 2) Improve stormwater management systems 3) Increase urban tree canopy 	
212	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - greenhouse gas emissions - water quality - significant waste 	find ways to reduce waste. Encourage and incentivize citizens to reduce waste aggressively and adopt best practices from other cities in WA or outside WA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How are we learning from what has worked in other cities and states? 2. How are we measuring success and monitoring progress?
213	Sometimes it's really cold and Sometimes it's readily hot	Not litter, be more clean	No

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214	Pollution	More public transporting	No
215	We have gotten more windstorm lately. And it's gotten a lot more warmer	We should plant more trees or plants in general. there are a few places i think should be planted, like in anywide open green areas	i know scientists and other people are working hard to solve this on going issue.
216	climate change and pollution	better transportation	no
217	i dont know, i dont live in bellevue	n/a	n/a

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218	pollution	improve efficiency and encourage less waste	no
219	not enough transit to support high density living areas	build more walkable cities to support less driving needs	theres no information available for someone who goes to work and comes home after. how can people learn more?
220	inconvinient public transportation to reduce indivisual driving	i hope the city can make a long term plan to incorporate enviornmental sustainability into city planning at early stage	encourage schools to include this topic towards students
221	pollution	save water	no

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222	none	none	none
223	The growing population is putting a strain on the resources	protect green space, plant more trees, more publicity	none
224	Litter	Highway Cleanups	no
225	Worsening heatwaves, smokier skies, more unpredictable weather	more parks	no

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226	poor management and preparation for changes	Being more prepared for sudden affects of climate in Bellevue and the Bellevue area	no
227	I think the amount of traffic that goes through Bellevue daily is producing lots of carbon emissions.	I would like to see less skyscrapers and random complexes being built in nice areas which is just attracting more people and cars. I want Bellevue to be smaller.	Lets get less skyscrapers.
228	High vehicle usage contributes to air pollution and green house gas emissions	expanding green spaces and tree-planting initiatives increasing community education and awareness campaigns about sustainability practices	Bellevue has good investments in sustainable urban planning, clean energy and conservation projects to remain an environmental ecosystem and livable city.
229	air pollution		

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230	King county is far behind where we need to be with respect to public transportation	more trains/public transportation	
232	sdf	sdf	sdf
233	Inadequate management of water, food and waste.	Use renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, etc. Limit usage of water and other natural resources (minerals).	
234	Pollution	Enforcing people to not litter and get sustainable energy.	

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235	'- transportation - renewable energy	'- ev transportation - stream health - salmon habitats - public transit	
236	littering/trash disposal	raise awareness	
237	waste	increase recycling/decrease waste	
238	Environmental challenges aren't on a lot of people's minds. Even if they say that the environment is important, it's hard to control people's priorities.	Highlight the severity of climate change, in a way that's memorable and urgent. Shows statistics - this is what has happened and will continue to happen if we dont stop it. With a projection diagram for the future.	

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239	Carbon emissions from cars.	Make more renewable energy sources.	
240	Climate change	Holding meetings to spread awareness	
241	Transportation / greenhouse gases - cars	Make buses more accessible, carpool	
242	Pollution, weather	More green	

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243	climate change	stopping climate change	
244	Air quality	More green spaces	
245	a lot of greenhouse gas emissions	Improving laws to enforce environmentally friendly practices	No
246	Extreme weather and forest fires	Better community transportation: i.e. buses, etc.	

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247	People drive a lot alone, access to public transport	Make the light rail better cause I use it and it's pretty sad how few other people do	no
248	Currently, during the summer, we are going through extreme heat and nothing much in terms of big environmental challenges.	Easier access to EV charging places. More usage of solar and wind energy.	Nope
249	Pollution and waste leading to global warming	Increase incentives for proper waste management	No
250	Wildfire smoke, not conserving energy/water	Water/air services to improve cleanliness and sanitation	Stray trash in nature and streets is prominent

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251	Probably waste or energy related concerns. I am not very familiar with Bellevue's specific environmental challenges, but there is a lot of greenery/trees so that is not my concern.	Make public transport more accessible and the city more walkable.	No
253		Improve public transit	
254	carbon emissions from vehicles, overconsumption	more walkability	
255	excessive use of energy, air pollution from vehicles, global warming	more sustainable/renewable energy sources, more greenery, and more public transport.	

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256	walkability, there's nothing to walk to	Bike-only throughways	the light rail is great
257	lack of walkability	making Bellevue a more walkable city	
258	flooding, lack of preservation of nature	Find ways to decrease flooding because it rains a lot here. Find ways to be able to go green and preserve trees and plants necessary to our environment.	
259	not know to me	doesn't matter to me	none

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260	there is less public transportation	shared electric cars can be increased	I think its already very good
261	heat waves.		no.
262	none	decrease in air pollution	none
263	rain/air quality/affordable EV's	sustainable forms of electricity	how can I help?

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264	Lots of driving and emissions even for nearby places	Promoted public transport/walking	no
265	Lots of water and energy waste	Pushing out awareness about sustainability	
266	Littering, especially in outside areas and car emissions	Talk to young people about why sustainability is actually important (a lot of people in school know it but don't really care)	
267	Stormwater management: some water that are caused be storms are infused with many different pollutants, this water will then so to local waterways. This leads to water pollution which affects local lakes, rivers. For example, Puget Sound.	they should move in green infrastructure to improve water quality to reduce runoffs.	

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268	sustainability of the energy use and the impact of the pollution	share the ideas to the community how to save energy and create a sustainable environment	not really. I do think 50% is an aggressive goal.
269	bad weather lots of waste being used not enough parks	reuce number of buildings built and build more parks	
271	to many buildings and too many gas cars	conrtol the number of new buildings and preserve greens	
272	Infrastructure is not good when it rains; Drivers don't know how to drive when weather changes	Reducing waste, help keep climate change under control to minimize fires, flooding, etc	

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273	heavy snow.its hard to get somewhere	take care of trees and other vegetation	no
275	bad traffic causing pollution unstable weather	better transportation optios reduce waste and better sortment of waste	nope
276	Heatwaves, more extreme weather in general	Prioritizing reducing and reusing over coming up with new energy and new infrastructure.	
277	Climate Change	More natural recreation resources	

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278	Urban heat islands and heatwaves	More tree canopy/greenery	
279	wildfire, overheat, extreme weather and very windy (bomb cyclone)	more public transportation reduce exhaust emmission ' protect green land	more city residents education school promotion
280	Weather (not extreme) but cyclone was influenced.	Support and fund research for renewable energy.	As long as we keep emitting any amount of greenhouse gasses, temps will increase. COVID killed many ppl worldwide and stopped so many activities, which didn't even significantly chip a corner of the world's emissions. The only way to zero emissions is to find an alternative energy source. Decreasing methods are only delaying the ineventible.
281	air pollution due to high car traffic	limit car flows, increase public transportation, promote EV incentives	would be good to receive newsletters about plans, progress, and individual duties (best practice)

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282	Bellevue specifically: heat waves and too many people driving alone too much	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More accessible public transportation -More incentive to take public transport - More parks 	
284	too many cars and traffic waste management	better public transportation forexample if there is a direct light rail from bellvue to sea tac airport itwillreduce trafic and air pollution	
285	Excess car usage, some residential are pretty far from commercial centers.	Sustainable transportation	
286	hot weather smoke and wildfire extreme wind	improving garbage management more knowlege ship on garbarge organization enhance wast sort and recycling	n/a

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287	wild fire, smoky weather, more buildings / cars	More friendly bike path	None
288	dealing with extreme weather and power outage	better infrastructure	
289	<p>Transportation. Bellevue is still very car-centric in both access and in culture. Having an extremely accessible city for riding the light rail, bus, or choosing to walk or bike would be huge as cutting down the amount of cars on the road as much as possible does wonders for both the environment and people living here. Right now, I am slightly afraid to ride my bike in Bellevue due to the dangerous drivers and lack of protected bike lanes - I believe issues like this contribute to people's choice to drive instead.</p>	<p>Improve walkability city-wide, prioritize implementing protected bike lanes (and ensuring connectivity is strong - no random ends that dump you right into the road), and improve composting access for apartment and condo complexes are a few big ones for me!</p>	<p>Highly supportive of making Bellevue a leader in climate action and sustainability!! Let's do it! :)</p>

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290	The city government itself.	Clone yourselves as Kirkland	The wealthier you are, the more you should pay. Mandatory, like in car tabs versus HOV toll lanes choices. People make decisions based on how much it costs. Find the squeeze point and use Bellevue's wealth for good!
291	Too many wide roads. Shrink them down to single lane and improve/encourage downtown walkability	fewer 2 and 4 lane roads.	95% of all pollution is coming from SE asia/India. The city of bellevue, even if it was wiped off the map, does not contribute enough for anything to register as a difference. This is a profound waste of money with good (but misdirected) intentions.
292	Community Support	Preserving and managing urban forests and open spaces for healthy ecosystem benefits and passive recreation/trails	
293	After experiencing the Cyclone Bomb, Bellevue should consider natural gas as a life-sustaining source of clean energy - especially during dramatic losses of electricity. A lot of folks survived the storm via their gas-powered water-heaters, gas-powered fire places, and gas-powered cooktops. Ignoring this	Add more parks. Green spaces. Trees. Reduce the size of massive developments - developments directly impacting neighborhoods, e.g., Pinnacle Project. Require Pinnacle to add new parks, and reduce the number of stories. Pinnacle should not be allowed to block daylight and privacy of existing neighborhoods. Pinnacle should not be so large as to dramatically add heat to existing neighborhoods. It will cause	Have you considered the impact of waste in schools and hospitals? There is a tremendous amount of waste in both. School lunches should be served on reusable trays using reusable utensils, plates, and cups. Hospitals should use reusable gowns, etc.

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	fact is not wise, and reveals a serious weakness in leadership.	massive congestion that will seriously injure local family's ability to get their children to school, emergency services, etc. All these issues will cause anxiety and stress.	
294	The biggest challenge is stopping the Bellevue, King County and Washington state government from wasting tax dollars on these worthless initiatives	cut them all to zero	its all fake
296	The fact that our storm drains "overflow" into the general flow of water which dumps into streams/rivers, and the fact that people remove healthy, large trees on their own property because they are inconvenient (don't want to rake leaves, spit sap, etc)		
297	Changing weather patterns.	Keep making progress.	

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298	summer heat and wildfire smoke	incentivize electrical use over gas/gasoline use	
299	Air quality during forest fires	Increase number of ev chargers	No
300		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhanced street tree and urban tree planting program in housing and commercial development and other additional measures to counter greenhouse emissions 2. Illegal to use gas blower or similar equipment contributes to pollution. 3. Acquire and preserve more green space, open space for natural habitat and clean stream 4. Reduce night pollution by smart lighting energy measures and policies. 5. Nix the current dedicated bike lane in downtown; it is a safety hazard for pedestrians, bikers and auto drivers. They simply are not well thought out and don't work. 5. Financial incentive for recycling and more community recycling events. Once 	<p>Are there upcoming open houses ? Also is it public knowledge on the city annual budget allocation to all different programs and services. Are we prioritizing social services over public safety and environmental stewardships!</p>

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		<p>a year is not sufficient.</p> <p>6. Rethink the homeless and social programs that the city created which invited homeless tents and people on public streets, neighborhoods, which are both safety and health hazards and harming to environment. Low income housing or additional homeless shelters should be backed up with additional funding for other services like street cleaning, graffiti prevention, and safety patrol. Current policy is attracting the type of demographics that in general lower the quality of living in Bellevue plus trashing the environment. Some of the folks do not have ties to the community and simply don't care about the livability, cleanliness and quality of living in Bellevue.</p>	
301	More cars!	<p>Education on what is available. Ways to get around without cars - Circuit is an example. What about bike sharing?</p>	
302	<p>Building too many condo's and apartment buildings. We need to keep the small 3 bedroom one bath homes and not let the developers tear them down and put up multi million dollar homes!</p>	<p>More water water reservoirs if you are going to over populate the city.</p>	<p>I would like the city council to read books on climate written by scientist not politicians.</p>

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304	<p>Allowing too many trees to be cut down for developers! The new Tree Codes are too weak!!! The City is allowing developers to over-build lots, reducing green/open spaces, and not requiring more permeable areas on lots.</p>	<p>Require more trees to be retained, slow down density development to a REASONABLE level, so that sustainable transportation methods can be catch up.</p>	<p>Do NOT go 100% EV. Shooting for 100% hybrid vehicles is so much more attainable, or at the least 50/50. The Bomb Cyclone taught us that 100% electric is not realistic. When the grid was down for days, it was 100% UNUSABLE, but a hybrid will give people options. I will not go 100% electric car no matter how much the incentives are, UNLESS incentives include on-demand generators, using natural gas, so I can charge the car when the grid goes down. My local gas stations had generators, so were open, and I could at least get gas, when I had no way of charging anything in my house.</p>
306	<p>Apathy and beliefs about quality of life and cars. We have to get kids on busses, and to school safely, without cars. We have to get more people on their last mile to work via biking or walking. People want change without changing. We have to strengthen our resolve as a community.</p>	<p>Work with schools and employers and neighborhood committees to enable and normalize more people walking and cycling.</p>	<p>We support you!</p>
307	<p>Wild fire smoke</p>	<p>More outdoor walk path</p>	

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308	Carbon exhaust from vehicle use.	Don't allow developers to remove large evergreen trees in order to build and lay more cement.	
309	Walkability for pedestrians.	Improve walkability and increase greenery around the city.	Humans are the most important creature to take care of and it is important that we are mindful of the impact on our citizens with any changes or measures.
310	Climate change factors such as extreme heat, drought, and wildfire smoke proliferation.	Increased involvement in statewide, regional and national issues to preserve and protect our environment.	
311		Get serious about achieving 2030 and 2050 ghg emissions targets. Programs that decarbonize ALL existing buildings at a scale that will actually make the targets. Programs to electrify all transportation at a scale that actually make the targets. Sustainable funding to fund these programs. Public education on what each person needs to do. Timely measures on how we're doing that all citizens can relate to.	The Sustainability group and leadership needs to be a lot more aggressive and pushy about getting this done. The Council needs more off line education. We cannot cave every time a developer or PSE raises objections. We have to call BS on their smokescreen of "this will cost us too much." Bellevue will never succeed if this continues.

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312	too many people. stop recruiting businesses into bellevue.	stop encouraging development-commercial & residential.	stop construction companies from breaking sewer lines and allowing tons of sewage into the lake.
313	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Air quality due to smoke from fires around the state. 2. Heat due to occasional heat domes in summer. 3. Drought when snowpack is minimal. 	Encourage water conservation. Decrease concrete and increase tree canopy and green spaces.	
314	Keeping sidewalks clear of encroachments.	Make it easier to remove trees that interfere with solar, especially on neighboring property.	Clear the sidewalks and bill the homeowners.
316	Destruction of natural environment (established trees/wetlands/streams by development, road/train construction, or utility construction.	Regulation to maintain established trees. City planning to insure green space. We sit at the base of the Cascades & Puget Sound, but the city is becoming all concrete/glass/asphalt. We have lost our green character & look like the hideous wall of condos that is now Vancouver 's skyline. .	<p>This survey confounds environmental stewardship and climate action its questions. These are not the same thing necessarily. Sustainability is an ambiguous bucket of concepts.</p> <p>We need to build to create community through building that lead to interactions and relationship development. There is much</p>

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			research to draw on to make community through planning. With Bellevue’s growth and diverse population the Council needs to focus on relationships/neighborhoods/community. E.g., allowing huge complexes with long indoor hallways, no balconies, allows people to live an isolated life. This is not good for us collectively or for individuals.
317	Water management and be clear as to names of areas that are manmade and natural.Many problems are of Bellevue's own making.	Clean drains and over head branches on roadways and above walkways and sidewalks.	Reuse, renew, and recycle with oversight. Give credit where it is due
319	Too much money is being thrown at environmentalism.	None	Worship the creator not the created.
320	The continued car-centric focus of the council and especially the Transportation Commission	Put a non-car-owner on the Transportation Commission so there's a voice for for other modes of transportation besides just cars.	Stop putting any focus on EVs. They were a way to save the car industry, not save the planet. They should be phased out just like combustion cars should be phased out, towards more transit, walking, and biking.

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321	Mindset of residents.	Collaboration between the city, land owners, developers AND residents.	
322	Construction. Wood-based construction. Nobody is addressing it.	I have a proven plan to change the CO2 footprint. Occupation certificate and meets all the codes.	yes
323	Not enough housing	Rezoning for multi family residence should be ok	
324	Extreme heat and resource use		

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325	Big box mega houses are destroying the size of yards in neighborhoods, thus adding to the unliveability of our area.	Make the permitting process harder (charge more for largest homes) for those tearing down smaller homes (destroying yards) to. make it more feasible to build smaller homes.	Neighbors (Lake Hills) are cutting down trees, taking away from the canopy and making neighborhoods hotter.
326	Bellevue prioritizes cars over all other modes of transport, making using them an unideal experience	Improve bicycle infrastructure, making it protected so that riders of any skill feel comfortable	Supporting EVs is not in line with reducing the impact and cause of climate change. EVs are just as harmful as ICE vehicles, if not more.
328	Traffic congestion and buildings	Not really any in my area	Fix the infrastructure problems first, power grid, water quality, reduce waste....
329	Emissions, waste and green house gas production due to older buildings designs and lack of a targeted partnership with builders and developers.	Retrofit older buildings, new building codes that restrict greenhouse gas production including natural gas use, public transportation, preservation and protection of older tree canopy throughout the city - include public private partnerships and perhaps incentives to builders and homeowners for preserving large trees.	Make public that climate is a Council priority. Demonstrate both leadership and political will by setting deliverables for targets, dedicating adequate resources to achieve those deliverables and provide the public with a transparent dashboard for tracking. Finally, listen to the experts. I'm not one of them btw. But you have some well versed and experienced citizens

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			and regional folk who could provide some of your most cooperative, helpful and cost effective input. Even if at times, they are impatient and apolitical, they are well meaning and just want to work with you, not against you.
330	Crossrads Bellevue	Downtown Bellevue	Metro Bus & link light rail
331	heavily car-based community. i think we should invest more in public transport and we should definitely keep the buses even when the lightrail connect to seattle. at the absolute bare minimum, we should have buses that go throughout neighborhoods/downtown that take people to the light rails. currently, the light rails are simply too far away to walk to and not everyone wants to bike, especially if going to places like the airport or down to seattle for the day	invest more in ev charging and public transport	

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332	Creating future environmental challenges by pushing current "environmental solutions" that are not reasonable or sustainable or financially achievable.	Every large residential (includes single family homes) or commercial development must pay into a trust fund dedicated to green space and open space.	Recycling has not worked out as planned. Shipping it to 3rd world countries is just giving the problem to someone else. How funny that every place you eat will have specific designated areas for "napkins, plastic, food scrapes, etc." when in reality there is most times just one large garbage container outside. Where are all the old electric car batteries or sun panels going to end up and when are all the rebates going to become financially unsustainable? The City needs to be more practical and should start slowly. Maybe you ought to first fix the dog pop, littering and pulling people out of poverty by not just building low income housing. They need a better education and that includes adult education programs that "show them how to live properly."
333	Cutting down all the trees and squeezing buildings into every squarer foot of land	allow more space between buildings, encourage single family homes with trees and plant around them (not built to the property line.	

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334	Improving transportation infrastructure	More minor bus lines. Protect and expand tree canopy. Increase recreational green space (e.g. parks)	
335	Having to raise taxes. I have no reason to believe government can adequately solve climate change.	Encourage innovation in the private sector. Find small solutions rather than spend money on big solutions that are not measurable or successful.	Do not follow the State's playbook when addressing climate action. Rather than fear, use innovation and encouragement for people, industries and etc. to change. Provide incentives where possible. Creating more departments and increasing government will only waste money with very little progress.
336		Consequences for cutting down trees that aren't diseased or pose a risk to people and property. Following good science regarding privately held companies when it comes to building in neighborhoods that don't have the infrastructure for it or in not using newer technology to be more energy efficient.	
338	Fire. I observe that our forests and properties adjacent to forests are drying out due to increased heat and drought. This is a 2-fold threat with health impacts from smoke and fire spreading through in these drying forests. This threatens	See above.	What plans have been implemented in the past year given the existing threat?

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	<p>our safety living surrounded by drying forests and tinder.</p> <p>I question that the fire departments and fire hydrants are equipped to aggressive respond to a green-belt fire.</p> <p>Additionally, neighborhoods are not being educating and required to follow guidelines to reduce fire spreading from their landscaping to other homes. We are only as safe as fires can be prevented and homeowners, as well as businesses, prepare now.</p>		
341	<p>Saying we are going to do it but not carrying through. For example, Bellevue has a rule regarding how large trees cannot be taken down without permission. My neighbor moved in a few months ago and got permission to take down a non-diseased fir tree with over a 48 diameter that did not pose a safety risk. I called up to find out why and the fellow who took my call said it should not have been cut down and he would check with the department that had responsibility and get back to me. I never received a call and other neighbors want to know why. Way to go, City of</p>	<p>How about doing the job you're supposed to do? Walk the talk and not just spout, "Oh, we're really serious," but not doing anything other than set up a program which isn't managed well and doesn't live up to the goals.</p>	<p>Like I said, get serious about it and not just blow hot air.</p>

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	Bellevue...another city staff failure. Let us know when you get serious. It wasn't in the latter part of 2024.		
342	Overbuilding	Keep more trees and reduce permits. Bellevue is overbuilt.	Most of the cars don't really have emissions problems as we have seen auto emissions facility being removed and requirements for autoignition I've been eliminated in getting our auto renewed
343	Automobile traffic	Change the street structure from wide auto traffic centric to pedestrian and bike centric.	Stop building so many skyscrapers.
344	Air pollution	Increase investment in renewable energy	

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345	THE COST! QUIT WASTING TAX PAYERS MONEY!	STOP GROWTH OF POPULATION TO BELLEVUE!	WE DON'T HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE TO HANDLE ANY MORE PEOPLE! MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE POWER TO PROVIDE TO THOSE THAT LIVE HERE NOW! LOWER WATER PRICES! THEY ARE THE HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY!
347	Changing ecology, more extreme conditions our buildings are not designed for, energy consumption	Reduce energy consumptions from buildings and transportation by incentivizing sustainable retrofits and denser housing, and providing more sustainable means of travel (bike, walk, lightrail, bus), maintain parks and tree canopy	
348	Climate change	Electrify transportation and homes	
349	Get rid of all the bureaucracy. You have too many people in the city of Bellevue that they have no clue what the person next to them is doing. Cross train through department, so everybody knows how to do the basics of everybody else's job.	Reduce your budget.	Spend less money. Make departments accountable for all of their spending. Self audits every four months. Something to curb the ridiculous spending.

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350	Allowing developers to overbuild lots, eliminating trees and grass areas, and not properly retaining the rainwater and snow. All this in the name of "affordable housing,"	Clean all the urban forests and parks of deadwood, fallen branches, bushes, etc., before we see fires bigger than LA's. Maintain after that. Demand that PSE put the electrical system underground and subsidize it if needed. One wildfire will "burn" the 2026-2030 Sustainable Plan to ashes. I would rather see the City spending money for prevention than recovery.	
352	Traffic, loss of green space, loss of open space, inability to get to many places without a car.	Identify LONG corridors of bike and walker-friendly streets that cross the freeways. Designate continuous cross streets with NO auto access - just bus and bike and ped. Buy up existing low density developed properties (e.g., horse pasture near Northup and 173rd Ave NE) as they become available for green space and a network of trails.	I'm very concerned about conversion of modest sized single family homes with trees and yards to 4,000 or 5,000 SF single family homes with no trees. We need to hard-scape against fire, but also preserve open space and tree canopy by pushing zoning or incentives to build quality (so you can't hear your neighbor), reasonable-sized (1,000 to 2,000 SF) multi-plexes with open space for trees on the same lot.
353	growth. Residential single home vs. apartment	more bike lanes	can you do your best?

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354	inconsistent weather and also neccessibility to trees and other nature	improving access to nature and support panting trees	no
355	sustainable energy	nuclear > wind & solar	no
356	Overcrowding and not maintaining open spaces for the community.	renewable energy sources	In the 20 years I've lived in Bellevue there has been a definite increase in hot temperatures during the summer as well as the smoke from fires. We need to protect our trees which help in producing O2 and decreasing carbon. Make it harder to take down all trees.
357	public transport	improve public transportation	no

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359	too much waste and green house gasses	more plantation	no
360	CARS IDLEING DUE TO NOT ENOUGH TRAFFIC LANES	STOP BUILDING DOWNTOWN	TRAFFIC CAMERA TICKETS AND STOPPING CRUISING BY CHARGES PEOPLE ON CAMERA USING SAME ROAD MULTIPLE TIMES IN 1 NIGHT/RACING
361	Reducing greenhouse gases. Providing public transportation to reduce the use of automobiles. Making new construction more energy efficient .	Advocate for more bus access in neighborhoods to connect with light rail and express buses. This should include all hours of the week not just traditional commute hours five days a week.	What are you planning to do with to help facilitate items 13 and 14 above?
362	Should to increase more public transport	To decrease cutting of the threes. Too many private houses were built without backyard. The city allowed the threes to be removed and the lands to be covered with new constructions.	Why city of Bellevue gave permission the big houses to be built without backyard out keeping the green land?

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363	De-forestation and noise (traffic)	Audio triggered Cameras to catch loud speeding cars on arterial streets (Bellevue Way & 112th Ave SE). Street tree code for developers. Almost every tree in my neighborhood is getting town down and replaced with mega mansions that aren't affordable.	The enhanced tree protection program is a joke. Nothing prevents developers from cutting down whatever trees they want to (it just costs them more). How about protecting all significant trees within the required setback buffer areas along streets and near slopes. How about providing property tax rebates/discounts for people who preserve significant trees on their property? Bellevue keeps talking about preserving trees but developers keep chopping them down.
364	Drought, flooding/landslide risk, pollution	Support residential clean energy projects, encourage greener landscaping and rainwise gardening with grants/rebates and education. Look at Kirkland and Seattle Rainwise programs, would that work here?	I cherish life in my "City in a Park" and I pledge to do my part through conservation, energy smart upgrades, climate-friendly gardening, and reduced emissions.
365	Inadequate roads resulting in congestion. Need more lane miles	Build more lane miles for cars and busses	Anything Bellevue can do will be a drop in the bucket compared with the pollution produced in China and the third world.

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366	Dependence on fossil fuels	Reduce dependence on fossil fuels	No
367	Continued development of single family homes with no regard for environmental damage caused by McMansions, denuding of property. Difficulty caused by lack of sustainable transportation for commuters.	Protect existing trees in single family residential areas. Fund affordable "last mile" transportation which is more than just the little electric car service in CBD.	As a resident since 1964, it's been so disappointing to see the tree canopy in old neighborhoods disappear. When I bought my first and only house in 1983, I had quail, frogs, and other animals living in my yard. Those are all gone now. I would love to see our infrastructure support a healthier ecosystem.
368	Too many drivers	Eliminate single family housing zones	
369	Climate change in general since the federal government has completely given up	Vastly increase non-petro modes of public transportation	Make this city a good example

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370	Money wasted on green initiatives that could be better spent on improving traffic flow	Nothing. Maintain the roads and try to reduce expenses where possible, allowing individuals to prioritize their own spending. Stop taking my money (at the point of a gun if I refuse to pay) to fund your priorities.	
372	Losing trees	Stop cutting down trees to build buildings.	
373	Overbuilding residential properties at the expense of urban canopy; and consumer consumption.	Reduce energy waste in commercial buildings; introduce night sky darkness and bird protection from collisions with glass facades on buildings.	Educating and recruiting student volunteers to actively involve participants of all ages in environmental protection and rehabilitation measures is crucial to our future.
374	Political vs scientific	Use common sense Improve the way these questions are formatted so responses would be more useful	How many new buildings are required to have LEED certification?

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378	Climate change, extreme weather	Preserve green spaces and old growth trees	
379	Intensification together with climate change and invasive weeds leading to deforestation, air pollution, traffic, water pollution, worsening inequity.	Constrain development to a sustainable rate and style compatible with maintaining a healthy environment for existing citizens	Ivy is threatening the health of our shade trees and green spaces everywhere.
380	pollution, water quality, housing	Increase urban village density/taller buildings. Improve riparian habitat & stream quality. Develop a drinking water plan for when snowpack goes away.	Don't shortchange long-term good design for easy short-term solutions. Choices have consequences. Hard to take future planning seriously when limiting building heights for the next 20 years with capped height environmental impact statements.
381	Building giant, ugly powerlines through our skies	Stop wasting all this money on climate change	The spending is a scam. We should not be spending this money. Lower taxes.

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382	Dense population	More transportation options other than driving	
383	Water, non-point water pollution, heat island effect, drought,	water conservation and protection, green roof, every large flat roof or south/southwest roof should have solar	if not now than when? Appropriate technologies, promote raingardens, recharge aquifers, good luck
384		Increase Bellevue citizen education, input and notifications about environmental sustainability- from pre-schools up through Senior citizens. Create neighborhood awareness events.	Anything you offer:)
385	Population density. Many know there are too many humans for Earth to support. We have outbred our ability to have a quality of life without destroying the planet.	Stop permitting building. Especially in wetlands like on the Kelsey Creek watershed where the one on 148th ave NE is being built. There is an endangered species of salmon that spawns there. Plus many other wildlife creatures.	Not at this time.

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386	As our city develops even further, I have noticed a lot of green or canopy spaces being removed. With more people producing more emissions, it is very important that we improve the city's ability to store GhG.	I would love to see "reforestation" efforts and to see the city prioritize *keeping* our existing homes, instead of allowing so many tear-down projects and removal of forested area for new builds (commercial or residential).	I believe that Bellevue can serve as a leader for neighboring cities through the initiatives already started, along with further work!
388	Greenhouse gases	Reduce water wastage	nope
389	greenhouse gases, waste elimination,	making less plastic encourage people not to use plastic	no
390	trash on roads especially downtown	frequent cleanups	no

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391	a lot of waste	reduce plastic use	no
392	Lack of dedicated bike lanes forces people to stick to polluting modes of transport.	Protected bike lanes and more shade within downtown Bellevue. Begin planning more seriously for future water scarcity from lack of icemelt too	
394		cleaner parks	no
396	energy	less lights	no

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397	water quality is most specific to this area- many resevoirs are in poor condition	financial incentive to encourage support households to transition to renewable energy sources	no
398	Immigration from harder hit areas like California.	Upgrade the grid to prepare for future issues. Electric cars put a huge strain on the grid and pushing the costs on to developers increases the cost of housing.	We need an area where we can plant trees offsite. Trying to work through the tree code to "save" a renewable resource is a huge pain and costs sellers money since a developer would rather move on than deal with it. In these cases the highest and best use of the property is new development but if no one will buy it the sellers (often older citizens) are left trying to sell their property to a flipper or end user who can rehab it. Either way they will get less for their property due to the restrictions in the tree code. Often this is a difference of hundreds of thousands of dollars.
399	Development, as we increase the housing available there is less tree canopy and protected areas for native species.	Increase walkability, take back inefficient streets and turn them into bike and pedestrian access routes. Ensure new development maintains curb appeal by including shade and natural relief between cars and pedestrian traffic.	Heat and drought are a new normal, we should be prepared and implement nature to overcome this hurdle.

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400	<p>Too many full time employees in the Environmental Sustainability department imposing unattainable policies that negatively impact housing and the most vulnerable among us. Overgrown sidewalks Poorly maintained roads and paths Lack of support for Police officers</p>	<p>Fix roads and sidewalks Complete the EXISTING bike infrastructure Repeal bike Bellevue Improve 405 so all the people coming to and departing from Bellevue can do so safely and efficiently Acknowledge that most people who work in Bellevue won't live here and will be forced to arrive in individual vehicles - aka cars Do not outlaw natural gas Listen to developers and APPLY their input</p>	<p>Audit every single policy and process so we all can see whether or not they actually accomplish what they intend. Fire all the fees and hire a proven non partisan consultant to do work that has already been proven. Bellevue does not need to always reinvent the wheel. Give people in Bellevue credit for what they already do as far as recycling etc goes Stop with the finger wagging.</p>
401	<p>Reducing and mitigating GHG emissions in older residential and commercial buildings.</p>	<p>Eliminate gas fired furnaces and replaced with electric heat pumps.</p>	<p>Making the bus system more convenient and increasing pedestrian and bike pathways.</p>
402	<p>Increasing tree canopy</p>	<p>Better horticultural practices and public education. For instance, leave the leaves and plant litter in planting beds. They add nutrients to the soil, help retain moisture, reduce weeds, increase biodiversity reduces the use of blowers that companies use to clear them. Read Cisco Morris books, look at Bellevue Botanicals landscape for examples. Plant more trees. Encourage rain gardens and use of gray water.</p>	<p>Use more plants and ground cover. Do more to help wildlife like keeping cats indoors, encourage bird and bat houses and plant animal friendly landscapes. Reduce chemicals like casoron weed killers and insect sprays. How can the environment survive when you are killing it. The public needs an attitude change that is more horticultural correct in its outlook.</p>

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<p>403</p>	<p>Everyone drives everywhere and Bellevue is not serious about changing that. Vehicle emissions are over 1/3 of our air pollution and tire dust is polluting the few streams that aren't buried under parking lots. Yet we cancel our big bicycle improvement project because of some false accusations against the city staff member who was running the program. Bellevue is a horrible place to walk/bike with superblocks and long pedestrian light cycles. The only way to get from one area to another (Crossroads to Downtown) is to take dangerous arterials. Bellevue is a horrible place for people unless they are in cars.</p>	<p>I'd love to see some representation on the Transportation Commission of the 9.2% of Bellevue households who don't have a vehicle. (https://www.census.gov/acs/www/about/why-we-ask-each-question/vehicles/) Bellevue was built for cars, and had "the car guy" on the Transportation Commission for years. But we've never had anyone who was not primarily a car driver.</p> <p>Bellevue city commissions should represent the people of Bellevue, not the whims and interests of the current council liaison and their corporate funders.</p>	<p>Don't judge your success by metrics you create. It doesn't ultimately matter that "Choose your Way Bellevue" presents to 100 elementary schools if every school has half-mile long dropoff lines of parents idling in SUVs. Take a step back and ask what people think of Bellevue: Sterile and boring because no one walks anywhere. Dangerous to bike through. Filled with SUV drivers. You won't be remembered for your Powerpoint presentations or council speeches. You'll be remembered for missing our opportunity to create a great city. You'll be remembered for your utter lack of vision.</p>
<p>404</p>	<p>Current building stock needs to reduce ghg emissions.</p>	<p>Impose higher energy efficiency and alternate renewable energy sources for all new construction; put in more bike lanes.</p>	<p>Bring in more options such as Ridwell for recycling.</p>

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405	Too many people living in too big of houses. The light rail not going anywhere useful like schools, parks, grocery stores, or libraries.	Stop letting builders tear down houses, all that waste goes to landfills. Better bus stops that are covered to protect from rain and heat. Proper walking paths to these bus stops. Better transportation from local neighborhoods to the light rail and stop catering to the rich.	Downtown has too many towering condos and apartments. The city is too crowded and soulless. There is no culture in Bellevue.
406			Your new tree management policy is a disaster. It's unaffordable and you can't enforce it. It may be fine for zero lot line neighborhoods, but completely insane for older established neighborhoods where trees have been a high priority for (literally) generations. In my neighborhood, six-inch trees grow like weeds and shouldn't require a \$325 permit to remove. In neighborhoods with views, the entire canopy must be removed every year to adhere to established easements. Neighborhoods most successful in preserving canopy now carry a disproportionate cost for city overreach. When you cut the ivy off the trees on your own property, you'll have some credibility with those of us who treasure our trees and control invasives.

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407	The same challenges that are present all over the planet. Climate issues are not local issues.	Better education to the public. Install efficient EV chargers that could be used by all EV models. Refusal to issue building permits to projects that would result in excessive carbon emissions. Provide public transport around the city to encourage people not to drive short distances. Tax credits to people with solar panels or other climate related solutions.	
408	Convincing citizenry and government that climate change is real and we need to fund efforts to combat it.	not sure at this time	not sure at this time
411	Loss of tree canopy in single family neighborhoods. Don't be like Seattle, where housing development is destroying their tree canopy and creating heat islands.	Use sound science and economic sustainability as guiding principles in whatever actions Bellevue takes.	Reducing congestion by building adequate transportation capacity will have significant environmental and economic benefits. Be honest, objective and realistic about how people do, and will, travel. Stop the well-intentioned but unrealistic social engineering in transportation planning and spending. It's failed us since the 1960's and led to self inflicted and unnecessary pollution.

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412	tree canopy removal	eliminate gas powered landscape equipment more aggressive building codes and development restrictions limit tree removal	there are simple things you could do but you neglect them fine those who are advertising on city streets with paper signage eliminate gas powered lawn equipment develop better building code and zoning ordinances
413	Controlling growth. And failing to properly maintain the existing infrastructure - roads, sidewalks, water system. Keeping the streets and sidewalks clean of debris. Keep the community clean and safe - that is biggest challenge facing Bellevue - both environmentally and as a community. Recently, I had to call the police about a homeless person going to the bathroom in/on the pink camellia outside of the Nordstrom entrance at Bellevue Square. Stop that - clean up the filth littering the streets. That is the biggest environmental problem that should be addressed.	Reverse the ill considered actions infringing upon property owner rights and long-standing HOA CCRs - such as the tree canopy etc. Stop approving oversized, unattractive, multi story developments. And...see above.	No. This is a misplaced effort and the marketplace should be making climate investment decisions - not COB government with taxpayer \$.

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416	reducing emissions and increasing the amount of green space in the City	better mass transit; reduce overall energy use	
	Washington State is not doing enough to put out small forest fires east of the Cascades and stop them from growing to out of control large fires.	Bellevue should spend LESS money on environmental sustainability since CHINA and INDIA are the main drivers of green house gas emissions. Bellevue would be WASTING tax payer money trying to offset CHINA AND INDIA pollution level which is INCREASING!	STOP wasting tax payer money!
417	Overcrowding which translates to excessive use of resources (water, energy, traffic congestion)	Reduce traffic congestion in the city. "Times Square example in Manhattan, where they took back the streets and turned the streets into people gathering areas. High toll time of day for cars.	Make the city power supply more resilient and redundant. We don't want people to buy standby generators. We want the grid system to be reliable, especially during extreme weather events.
418	Pollution, both in the air and on the ground.	Overflow from rain runoff and central pipe burst have filled Meydenbauer Bay with runoff that the depth has diminished and increased Milfoil growth has occurred. Can we dredge this?	Reward for EV usage and more chargers recommended.

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419	Air pollution	Reduce to water	no.
420	<p>1. Cambio Climático: Aumento de temperaturas y eventos climáticos extremos que pueden afectar la infraestructura y los ecosistemas locales.</p> <p>2. Contaminación del Aire: Emisiones de vehículos y actividades industriales que pueden comprometer la calidad del aire.</p> <p>3. Gestión del Agua: Problemas de escasez de agua y gestión de recursos hídricos, especialmente durante períodos de sequía.</p> <p>4. Desarrollo Urbano: Expansión urbana que puede llevar a la pérdida de espacios verdes y hábitats naturales.</p> <p>5. Residuos Sólidos: Aumento en la producción de desechos y desafíos en la gestión de residuos reciclables.</p>	<p>1. Fomento del Transporte Sostenible: Invertir en infraestructura para bicicletas y transporte público, y promover el uso de vehículos eléctricos.</p> <p>2. Conservación de Espacios Verdes: Implementar programas para proteger y expandir parques y áreas naturales, así como fomentar la reforestación.</p> <p>3. Eficiencia Energética: Incentivar a los edificios y hogares a adoptar prácticas de eficiencia energética y el uso de energías renovables.</p> <p>4. Educación Ambiental: Desarrollar campañas de concienciación y educación sobre sostenibilidad para la comunidad.</p> <p>5. Gestión de Residuos: Mejorar los programas de reciclaje y compostaje, y promover la reducción de desechos.</p>	<p>Es importante reconocer que la acción climática y la sostenibilidad no son solo responsabilidad del gobierno, sino que requieren la participación activa de la comunidad. Fomentar un sentido de comunidad y colaboración puede ser clave para abordar estos desafíos. También, la transparencia en las políticas y decisiones ambientales puede generar confianza y apoyo entre los ciudadanos.</p>

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421	交通拥堵带来的尾气污染和噪音污染	改善交通 提高EV使用	继续保护自然环境·现有的自然保护区附近减少人类活动
422	可持续能源的资源少	给予更多电车/新能源的配备设施	
423	植被的保护	大力推进	人人都有环保责任
424			希望多些步行道和单车出行道

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425	水质污染	降低成本, 降低水费	号召大家一起来参与气候行动
429	群众对环境问题有共识, 并愿意从自己开始行动	首先是对企业进行政策上的要求, 比如塑料制品的行业, 要对自己产生的塑料垃圾进行回收	政府应该和消费者一起对大型的工业企业的环保政策进行监督, 控制生产企业愿意为环保而进行技术升级
430	资源和资金合理合法恰到好处地使用	减少浪费, 加强监督审计财务收支, 严防腐败	人人规范自己的行为, 节能环保, 各族裔友好相处, 不互相歧视 (从心里) 彼此尊重。
431	Public school is facing significant financial shortage. They layoff teachers, close schools, cut down programs. Nothing comes before good education!! Kids are our future!!!	Prioritize public school education. Much more budget for public schools!!!	

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432	能源浪费	允许居民在室外晒衣服	
433	Balancing the development and tree loss		
435	气候变化	经费	加油
437	温室气体排放	搞好环境卫生	没有

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438	空间减少	控制住房	❤️
440	Housing	More affordable housing	Na
441	上下班拥挤	公共交通	新能源汽车
442	居住安全	居住安全	保护绿色树植

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443	冷	公园	没有
448	气候变热，环境变差了	多种树，宣传可持续发展	希望可以加强宣讲
449	有效利用土地，人太多	更好规划城市公园，绿地，能让人更能走路和骑车	
450	开发加速		

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452	安全	多建公园	无
457	人口众多，过度拥挤。	积极宣传，政策上对减少浪费、鼓励绿色资源等方面提供优惠或照顾。	无
458	堵车 co2排放	住房 堵车	
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460	汽车尾气排放问题	保证基础道路设施·采取措施·促进更多人骑车或拼车上班;鼓励电动汽车的使用	进一步提高环境绿化覆盖率
461		collaborate with other cities in great seattle area	
462	极端天气	增加环保宣传	
464	Climate change and energy efficiency	providing more EV charger stations to encourage more usage of electric cars;	you should raise awareness of importance and urgency of Bellevue Sustainable program

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465	天气	减少温室气体排放	没有
466	基础设施有待提高。电线应该放入地下。	电线应该放入地下。	