AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY SURVEY

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY!

Please leave the completed survey with staff or drop it in the mail.

If mailing the survey, please fold on the dashed line and seal with tape.

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Bellevue City Council has a priority for developing an Affordable Housing Strategy in 2016. The purpose of the strategy is to provide the City Council with a set of actions that will increase the availability of housing in Bellevue that is affordable to a range of incomes and needs, including:

- Low and moderate income families who work in Bellevue and/or who live here and want to keep their children in Bellevue schools
- Seniors who want to remain in their homes or in their familiar neighborhoods as long as possible
- Recent graduates entering the job market and students working on their degrees
- First-time home buyers and newcomers wanting to make Bellevue their home.

More specific actions will be evaluated and presented for community discussion and feedback in fall 2016. To help determine which types of actions should be evaluated, the community is being asked to provide their initial reactions to the potential types and examples of a range of actions initially being considered. Please review the information, complete the questionnaire and provide additional comments to elaborate on your answers and concerns.

Please circle your answers to the following questions to tell us a little about yourself and your interests in affordable housing. All responses are anonymous.

Vhat is your age?			
NDER 18	18-34	35-49	50-65

what is your approximate, annual nousehold income:					
UNDER \$30,000	\$30,000-\$45,000	\$45,001-\$70,000	\$70,001-\$100,000	OVER \$100,000	

OVER 65

OVER \$1,700

Including yourself, how many people live in your household? _____

Approximately how much do you currently pay in mortgage/rent each month?

UNDER \$600 \$600-\$1,000 \$1,001-\$1,700

Do you live or work in Bellevue? (circle all that apply)

LIVE IN BELLEVUE WORK IN BELLEVUE OWN RENTAL HOUSING BUSINESS OWNER

Which of the following best describes your current residence?

OWN SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE OWN CONDO TENT OR OTHER SHELTER RECREATIONAL VEHICLE
RENT SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE RENT APARTMENT RENT ROOM OTHER VEHICLE

How long have you lived and/or worked in Bellevue? (choose whichever is longest)

UNDER 5 YEARS 5 - 10 YEARS 10 - 20 YEARS OVER 20 YEARS

Have you, or anyone you know, had difficulty finding an affordable place to live in Bellevue during the past five years?

YES NO

POTENTIAL REGULATORY APPROACHES

One of the ways the City could increase the amount of affordable housing is through changes to regulations for new housing. For example, Bellevue currently provides incentives such as tax breaks and density bonuses to encourage developers of multi-family housing in Downtown and BelRed to make some of the new apartments affordable to people with "moderate incomes" (e.g. a family of 4 earning less than \$70,000 per year).

Please circle your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements that offer some representative ways Bellevue might consider using city regulations to increase the amount of affordable housing.

Require developers to include affordable units with certain multi-family development.

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Grant developers ad development.	ditional development in e	exchange for pro	oviding affordable units witl	n certain multi-family
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Allow greater flexibilit	ty in requirements for priva	te development (e.g. permit fees, building cod	es, parking standards,
density transfers) in e	exchange for providing affo	ordable units.		
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	es of smaller-scale housin if approved as part of a ne		duplexes, and accessory dv n.	velling units in single
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Please use the space comments:	below to <u>describe what yo</u>	ou consider to be	<u>e "affordable housing"</u> and/or	to provide additiona

POTENTIAL FUNDING APPROACHES

Another category of tools available to the City is to provide financial support for new housing built by non-profit developers, or to subsidize rents for people with low and very low incomes. Bellevue currently dedicates about \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 annually to projects and programs like these that help house low and very low income residents.

Please circle your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements that offer some representative ways Bellevue might consider using city resources to increase the amount of affordable housing.

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Use surplus public land	(e.g. city, county, state) to	build affordable h	ousing.	
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Invest in city infrastru	cture (e.g. parks, streets,	utility upgrades)	that reduces costs fo	r affordable housing
developments.				
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Increase city funding to	acquire and preserve exist	ing affordable hou	ısing.	
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Develop housing option	ns and services that enable	seniors to stay in t	their homes or neighborl	noods.
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Increase city funding to	other agencies that provid	le affordable housi	ing.	
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Increase local rental/op	erating subsidies that help	people with low in	comes to stay in their ho	omes.
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Pursue changes in state	e law that will give cities mo	ore tools to suppor	t affordable housing.	
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comments:				