

# **Submitted to Bellevue Planning Commission by Vernon Schrag**

**SEVEN MINUTES ALLOWED FOR GUN SAFETY IN BELLEVUE MAY 22, 2019 - DS**

**Lives Matter. People Matter. Children Matter. Honesty & Caring Matters.**

Wouldn't it be great if all of you decided, "Let's make VISION ZERO work for the Good of our Community? ... Save some lives? Be proactive to fix this Crisis?"

**I HOPE & PRAY YOU CAN GO HOME TONITE KNOWING YOU ACTUALLY DID THE RIGHT THING, .... REMEMBERING THE LIVES YOU SAVED!**

**U.S. GUN VIOLENCE DEATHS WILL BE OVER 40,000 KILLED THIS YEAR. HOW MANY OF THOSE WILL HAPPEN IN BELLEVUE? THINK ABOUT IT!**

Think Long & Hard about the Bellevue murder of a teenager a few weeks ago. He was shot to death in one of our City Parks. It's near our Son's place of business, ... just across the street. My wife Mary goes to his offices to have lunch on Thursdays. Imagine how we IN OUR FAMILY feel about Public Safety in Bellevue. **SUCKS!!**

**HONOR BELLEVUE'S OFFICIAL TOP PRIORITY .... PUBLIC SAFETY. WHICH OF YOU WILL AVOID TAKING A STAND, OR WILL SAY IT'S TOO HARD TO SAVE LIVES." ASK - WHY ARE YOU BEING URGED TO PUT VISION ZERO ASIDE FOR 3 MORE YEARS? HOW SMART IS THAT?**

**DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE? KING COUNTY LEADERS TOOK RESPONSIBILITY & ALREADY AGREED TO HELP BELLEVUE GO FORWARD FOR GUN SAFETY. KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL OFFERED TO WORK WITH US. DID LAND USE POLICIES GET IN THEIR WAY? NO. THEY ACTED. ... BUT OUR BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL SITS ON IT!**

**TONIGHT YOU CAN SIGN YOUR NAME TO VOTE FOR GUN SAFETY. "MAKE IT PRIORITY THIS YEAR! STAND UP FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS."**

**DON'T ACT LIKE "JUDGE & JURY" FOR THOSE WHO DIE FROM GUNSHOTS IN THE NEXT 3 YEARS? WHAT WILL PEOPLE THINK?**

**WHAT WILL SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS BELIEVE IF YOU SAY THEY DON'T REALLY MATTER?**

**THEY'LL SAY "RIDICULOUS. UNCARING. IRRESPONSIBLE. .... BECAUSE LIVES MATTER!" ... ECHO THOSE FEELINGS TONIGHT.**

**TAKE TIME TO STUDY THE CITY'S OFFICAL ANALYSIS YOU GOT. IT'S NOT COMPLETE. TOO MANY FATAL FLAWS, ... SO DON'T FOOLISHLY "RUBBER-STAMP" THEIR SHAKY POSITIONS.**

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IT'S EASY TO PLAY "PATTY-CAKE" W/ DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, ... BUT **DIG INTO THEIR REASONING.** GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT. VOTE TONIGHT TO **OVERRIDE FATALLY FLAWED** "RECOMMENDATIONS", THAT DON'T HOLD UP. **WHERE ARE FACTS AND DATA SAYING GUN SAFETY HAS NO CITY PRIORITY IN 2019?? LET'S GET REAL.**

**LOOK AT PAGE 2 AMENDMENT WORDING:** EXERCISE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT. PASS IT TO CITY COUNCIL & TELL THEM TO GET PUBLIC TOWN HALLS UNDERWAY. ADVISE THEY DECIDE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. **PLANNING COMMISSIONERS CAN MARK UP & IMPROVE OR ADAPT VISION ZERO'S GUN SAFETY PROPOSAL TO GET STARTED IN 2019! CIRCLE ANY WORDS YOU DON'T LIKE. ASK CITY COUNCIL'S ACTION SO THEY DECIDE IN FULL PUBLIC VIEW & TRANSPARENCY, ... FOR THE RECORD!**

**LOOK AT PAGE 3: 2019 VISION PRIORITIES.** NOT A SINGLE WORD ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. **IS THIS WEIRD OR NOT?**

**SEE PAGE 4: "SAFE HAVEN FROM VIOLENCE". "WELCOMING, SAFE & JUST".** ASK IF "*HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSIONERS WERE BRIEFED REGARDING PRIORITIES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. ... OR VISION ZERO GUN SAFETY.*" **WHY NOT? THEY NEED TO WEIGH IN!**

**LOOK AT PAGES 5 & 6:** CITY COUNCIL'S HIGHEST PRIORITY IS PUBLIC SAFETY, LISTING "LIFE" AS HIGHEST PRIORITY. BELLEVUE'S MAYOR STATED HIS **"UNACCEPTABILITY OF HATE CRIMES".** **WHY SAY IT IF YOU DON'T ACT TO FIX IT? ... DOING NOTHING IS WORSE**

**KILLINGS, SHOOTINGS, SUICIDES, MURDERS** HAVE CONSEQUENCES. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR BELLEVUE? **LET'S GET REAL WITH EACH OTHER! DO YOUR JOBS TONIGHT.**

**SEE PAGE 7:** \$100 BILLION COSTS WE TAXPAYERS CARRY EVERY YEAR. THAT'S ENOUGH TAX DOLLARS TO FIX OUR ENTIRE **SCHOOL NATIONAL BUDGET \$\$ SHORTFALLS FOR EVERY STATE.**

DO WE ALLOW A FEW PEOPLE SITTING IN THIS ROOM TO **DECIDE FOR OUR SAFETY?** IS IT THE PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S JOB TO TAKE ON THIS RISK? **PUBLICALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST DO THAT.**

**YOU WILL BE ON THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR DECISIONS TONIGHT. MAKE YOUR VOTES COUNT FOR ALL OF US. THAT'S YOUR JOB!**

**LOOK AT PAGES 8 & 9:** IF WE DON'T START GATHERING FACTS AND FIX OUR PUBLIC POLICY FLAWS NOW, WHO DOES THAT BENEFIT? KING COUNTY & KIRKLAND ARE WAY AHEAD OF US ALREADY. **WAKE UP BELLEVUE!** THIS GUN VIOLENCE IS A DISASTER ALREADY! **PUT THIS IN OUR 2019 PRIORITIES. TAKE A STAND FOR YOUR COMMUNITY. SEND VISION ZERO ON FOR AN OFFICIAL VOTE SO THEY HEAR FROM VOTERS, STUDENTS, POLICE & BUSINESSES.**

**YOUR SIMPLE SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE** TONITE PERMITS APPROVAL FOR VISION ZERO OR ANY OTHER ALL-CITY AMENDMENT. THIS IS ALLOWED BY CURRENT LUC COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING POLICY. CITY COUNCIL HAD NO NEED TO WAIT UNTIL NOW. NOR EVEN BACK **IN 2015 WHEN PUBLIC SAFETY REACHED "TOP PRIORITY STATUS"!**

ASK COUNCIL TO TAKE A MAJORITY VOTE IN JUNE. **LET THEM STAND UP IN FRONT OF VOTERS. LET COUNCIL MEMBERS DECIDE FOR YOU.** IF THEY'RE AFRAID TO ACT THEN **BELLEVUE VOTERS & STUDENTS & PARENTS WILL KNOW "WHO HAS THE SAFETY-BALL".**

**SEE PAGES 10 & 11** – THIS IS WHY EASTSIDE CITIES MUST COLLABORATE, COOPERATE AND WORK TOGETHER. **THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING CONTROVERSIAL ABOUT GUN SAFETY.**

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**WRAPPING UP NOW:** THIS FLAWED PLANNING-RECOMMENDATION SETS DANGEROUS PRECEDENTS FOR BELLEVUE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING POLICIES. ESPECIALLY FOR SCHOOL SAFETY, PUBLIC SAFETY AND CITY CODES & WASTING MILLIONS OF OUR VOTER TAXES \$\$ **EVERY ONE OF US ARE IN HARMS WAY!**

**ROOT-CAUSE IS ESCALATING HATE CRIMES, SHOOTINGS, GANG VIOLENCE, TEENAGER KILLINGS OR SUICIDES PLUS OTHER VIOLENCE RELATED TO GUNS IN BELLEVUE.**

**SOMETIMES TRUTH IS HARD TO HEAR.** BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION DURING MY SEVEN MINUTES. LISTEN CAREFULLY TO OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ALSO HAVE CONCERNS, HEART-FELT PERSPECTIVES & GUIDANCE FOR COMMISSIONERS.

**GO TO PAGE 12** FOR OUR COLLECTIVE MOMENT-OF-SILENCE TO HONOR OUR DEAD CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN. WE HAVE BRAVE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE FAR, FAR MORE COMMITTED & DEDICATED THAN MOST OF US WILL EVER BE. HONOR & RESPECT THEIR COURAGE & BOLDNESS. ... **BECAUSE THEIR LIVES MATTER!**

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR THE RECORD**

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"LAST TIME I CHECKED, ... CASES OF ARMOR-PIERCING  
ROUNDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN BELLEVUE GUN STORES.  
WHO NEEDS THIS TYPE OF AMMO??" **GOOD GRIEF!**

**STATEMENT:** Development Services Recommendations defy  
logic in a faulty decision-making process, RE:

**" ??? ... do not include in the 2019 annual work program" ??**

1. Failed to include this proposal in immediate action for implementation
2. Failed to incorporate the entire range of policy standards for decision-making
3. Failed to recognize official priorities in place since 2015
4. Failed to assess ongoing/urgent risk factors in Bellevue (murder, suicide, random shootings, gang violence, hate crimes, assaults)
5. Failed to recognize and consider Foundational Final review decision criteria of LUC 20.301.150 re: proposed amendment demonstrates a public benefit and enhances the public health, safety and welfare of the City. (Ord. 5650, 1-3-06)
6. Bellevue City Resolution Vision Statement (2015): "WHEREAS, the life, safety and health of residents, employees and visitors to Bellevue is the City Council's Highest Priority, ... (Resolution No. 9035).

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**VISION ZERO FOR GUN SAFETY**