

Community & Stakeholder Engagement Overview

Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship Plan serves as the roadmap for achieving the city's environmental sustainability goals. The plan covers five focus areas – climate, energy, waste, mobility & land use, and natural systems. For each focus area there are high level goals, numerical targets, and strategies for achieving those goals and targets.

Bellevue has a long tradition of engaging residents and stakeholders in planning for the future and public engagement is a key part of this process as well. Community engagement for the Environmental Stewardship Plan is spread over three phases.

- **Phase One: Refine Goals and Targets (fall 2019):** Understand key concerns & priorities and share progress under the last Environmental Stewardship Plan.
- **Phase Two: Develop strategies and actions (winter 2020):** Work with the community to explore key strategies and talk about the actions needed for the plan's success.
- **Phase Three: Review draft plan (spring-summer 2020):** Share the draft with residents and other stakeholders for comment.

Phase One kicked off in September 2019 with multiple opportunities for residents and stakeholders to engage – an online survey, 4 pop-up events, 3 presentations at local high schools, a Sustainability Leaders workshop, and a community workshop. Through these combined efforts we heard from over 400 people who shared their vision for environmental stewardship in Bellevue.

Overview of Outreach Findings

Both the public and key stakeholders view environmental stewardship as an important issue for the city to address. Major employers, small business, regional partners, and individual residents are all taking action and setting goals around sustainability. Key themes that were heard across all outreach activities include:

- **A desire for ambitious action.** Both the public and key stakeholders expressed strong support for Bellevue being a leader in sustainability and environmental stewardship.
- **Commitment to community.** Both the public and key stakeholders expressed that environmental stewardship is a cornerstone of healthy communities.
- **Leading by example.** The public identified the City as a leader in environmental sustainability and want to see the City pursue bolder action. Key stakeholders expressed a desire to collaborate and help the City achieve its goals.

Survey Findings

385 people took the survey both online and in-person at our pop-up events. Residents clearly care deeply about environmental stewardship and are looking for the city to lead by example.

- **92%** agree that Bellevue should be a leader in sustainability and environmental action.
- **87%** agree or strongly agree that environmental stewardship is good for the health and livability of their community.
- **88%** agree or strongly agree that climate change is an important issue to them personally.

More than half and up to two-thirds of respondents identified the following as high sustainability priorities:

- **Water quality** in streams and lakes
- **Recycling** and **composting**
- Access to **parks** and **green space**

Some respondents (about one-third) provided additional ideas about sustainability priorities. The key themes and takeaways from those ideas are below:

- Look at how tree canopy goals might conflict with infrastructure improvements and urban sprawl.
- Consider code improvements to improve energy efficiency and reduce heat loss from buildings.
- Ensure goals are impactful and achievable; implement new technology where possible.



Individual Action

Residents are incorporating environmental stewardship into their daily lives. Nearly all survey respondents do multiple things to promote sustainability. The top three actions include:

- Recycling or composting
- Using reusable containers, including reusable shopping bags
- Using energy-efficient lightbulbs or appliances, or participating in a Green Power program

City Action

Survey respondents are strongly in favor of seeing Bellevue set ambitious goals around environmental stewardship. More than 75% of respondents support a **Bold** or **Leading-Edge** level of commitment and approach:

- **48%** of respondents support a **Leading-Edge** approach.
- **31%** of respondents support a **Bold** approach.

Setting a vision and creating a plan

The survey included two open ended questions that invited people to share their vision for environmental stewardship and ideas to consider including in the plan. Key themes and ideas that emerged include:

- Engage youth and set long-term goals to plan for the future.
- Support sustainable urban growth and development that protects and supports natural systems.
- Take a balanced cost-benefit approach that prioritizes long-term benefits.
- Encourage businesses to take bolder action for sustainability to help Bellevue achieve its goals.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through updates to building codes and across sectors including industry, transportation, and more.
- Create more infrastructure and incentives for electric vehicles.
- Plan for the future of Bellevue.
- Help people make more sustainable choices through more education and engagement.
- Preserve trees and find ways to incorporate tree canopy into planning.

My vision for environmental stewardship in Bellevue is...

- *A livable city with clean air and green spaces.*
- *Bellevue excels in combining sustainable solutions with growth and a high quality of life.*

Survey respondents

Community Workshop

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019 the city held a community workshop. Thirty-eight community members gathered to learn more about the Environmental Stewardship Plan and progress to date; discuss values and priorities around environmental sustainability; and provide input on how ambitious the city should be in setting goals.

- Top **personal values** that guide people's actions include duty to care for the earth, obligation to the future, and effectiveness/impact.
- Top **civic values** that attendees think should guide the city include effectiveness/impact, social justice/equity, and duty to care for the earth.
- Attendees want the city to pursue **leading edge strategies** when it comes to addressing climate change
- Attendees felt that the city's ability to successfully implement leading edge strategies would be helped by opportunities to collaborate with regional partners, emerging knowledge about best practices, and the residents' trust in the city to be a good manager of taxpayer resources.

Pop-Up Events & Presentations

To reach residents who may not otherwise know about opportunities to participate the city did pop-up events at the Downtown Library, Mini City Hall, and the Bellevue Farmer's Market. At these events we shared information about the plan, had paper versions of the survey available, and invited residents to take selfies.

The city also did intentional outreach to youth via presentations to the Youthlink Board and to Interlake High School's Green Team.



Nearly 1/3 of the total survey responses came from these in-person events.

Sustainability Leaders Workshop

To better understand how key stakeholder groups are addressing environmental stewardship the city invited representatives from the developer, business, and non-profit environmental communities; major employers; and regional partners. Thirty individuals gathered in Tuesday, September 17, 2019 to hear about the Environmental Stewardship Plan and provide input on targets for the plan, explore opportunities for collaboration. Thirty individuals g

Organization Alignment

Across industries and sectors there was broad alignment about the need to urgently address environmental sustainability. Key themes that emerged in discussion were:

- Almost all organizations have sustainability goals, particularly related to greenhouse gas emissions reductions and energy.
 - **Bellevue College** aims to be carbon neutral by 2050 and is incorporating sustainable development goals in their sustainability efforts.
- Two organizations have energy goals with accelerated timelines:
 - **T-Mobile**: 100% renewable energy by 2021
 - **Unico**: 100% renewable energy by 2030.

Electrification is not going to get us 100% to where we need to be. It's just a piece of what we need to do for the environmental and economic goals we need to achieve.

Sustainability Leader

- Organizations like **Vulcan** and **Unico** are focused on implementing greener, more energy-efficient buildings.
 - Existing buildings: 50% renewable energy by 2030.
 - New construction: 100% renewable energy by 2030.
- **Almost 10 organizations** have goals for Mobility & Land Use focused on commute trip reduction and/or increasing transit ridership for employees.
 - **King County Housing Authority** is buying property near transit hubs to help connect more people to more transit options as well as offering more telecommute options.
 - **Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Master Builders, and Built Green** are also focused on improving affordable housing with connections to transit hubs and/or that are closer to job centers.
 - **Bellevue Downtown Association** has policy positions that support commute trip reduction through multi-modal investments. Through TransManage, they encourage travel by bus, foot, bike, and carpool.
- With respect to Natural Systems:
 - **Vulcan** and **GLY** are Salmon Safe certified.
 - **King County Housing Authority** has goals to reduce stormwater and potable water use 50% by 2030.
 - **Bellevue School District** has a horticulture program to help education students about local agriculture and urban gardening.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- Amazon*
- Arch
- Bellevue Brewing+
- Bellevue Chamber of Commerce
- Bellevue College
- Bellevue Downtown Association
- Bellevue School District
- City of Bellevue
- Climate Solutions*
- ERIC+
- Ethnic Business Coalition*
- Forterra+
- Forth Mobility
- GLY
- Hopelink+
- King County Housing Authority
- King County Metro
- Master Builders/Built Green
- Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center*
- Microsoft+
- Puget Sound Energy
- REI*
- Sound Transit+
- Su Development
- T-Mobile
- The Nature Conservancy+
- Unico Properties
- Urban Sustainability Directors Network*
- Vulcan

*Accepted invitation but unable to attend
+Interested but declined invitation.

Motivators & Future Vision

Sustainability leaders shared what motivates their organization to be sustainable and their vision toward a more sustainable future. Their motivations and vision generally aligned with one (or more) of six themes:

- Community
- Climate change
- Economy
- Sustainable buildings
- Transportation
- Natural systems

Key organizational **motivators** included:

- sense of urgency
- ethic and sense of responsibility for environmental protection
- leading by example
- equity
- cost savings
- resilience
- behavior change

Attendees expressed desire to **work toward a future** with the following characteristics:

- low-carbon or carbon-neutral
- resource-efficient and zero-waste
- thriving economy
- healthy communities
- equitable

Perceptions of Environmental Stewardship and the City's Role

Attendees responded to four online polling questions:

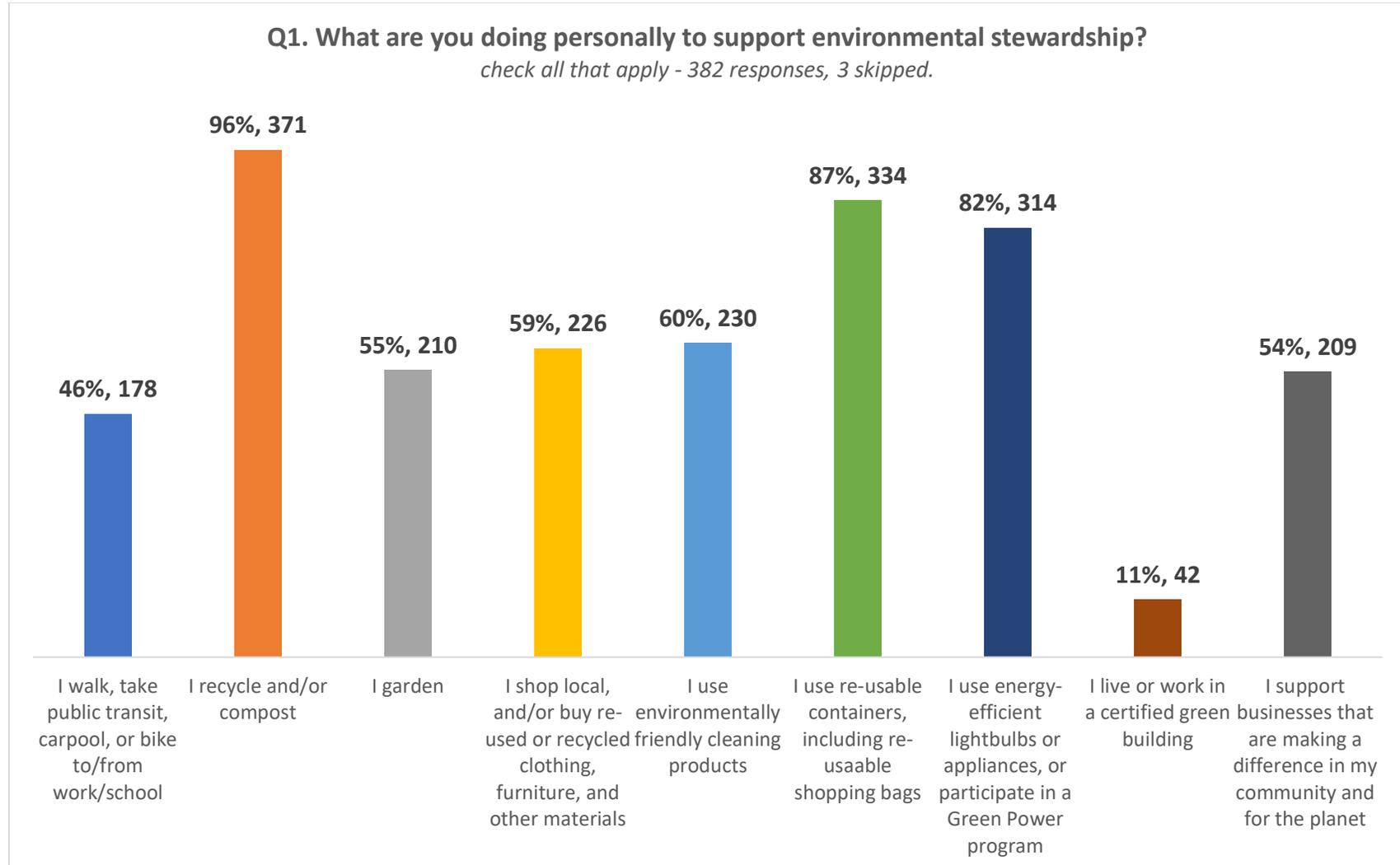
- All attendees strongly agreed that environmental stewardship is good for the **health and livability of their community**.
- The majority (71%) of attendees strongly agreed that environmental stewardship is **good for business in Bellevue**.
- The majority (68%) of attendees strongly agreed that **Bellevue should be a leader** in sustainability and environmental action.
- Attendees selected **four sustainability issues** the City of Bellevue should prioritize in the environmental stewardship plan: resiliency to climate change impacts, energy-efficient buildings, alternative transportation modes, and greenhouse gas emissions.

What's Next

The input gathered through these efforts will be used to help inform the goals and targets for the next Environmental Stewardship. The plan's goals will also incorporate research and analysis into best practices, feedback from other city departments, and careful consideration of existing resources and capabilities. And residents and stakeholders will continue to be involved in the development of the Environmental Stewardship.

Appendix: Survey Results

The following section provides a summary of the results of the survey performed using engagingbellevue.com, which resulted in responses from 385 people.

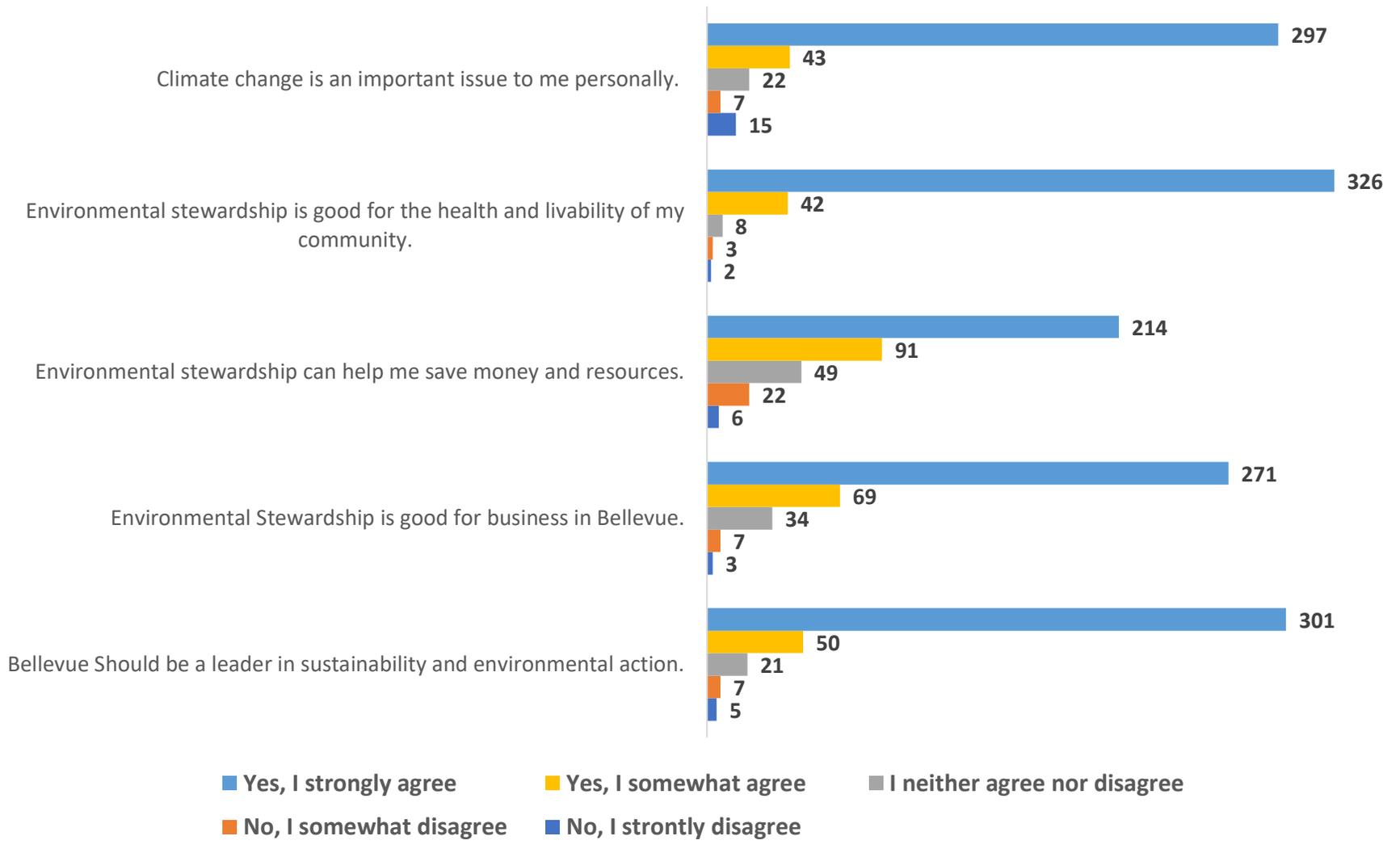


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Q2. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

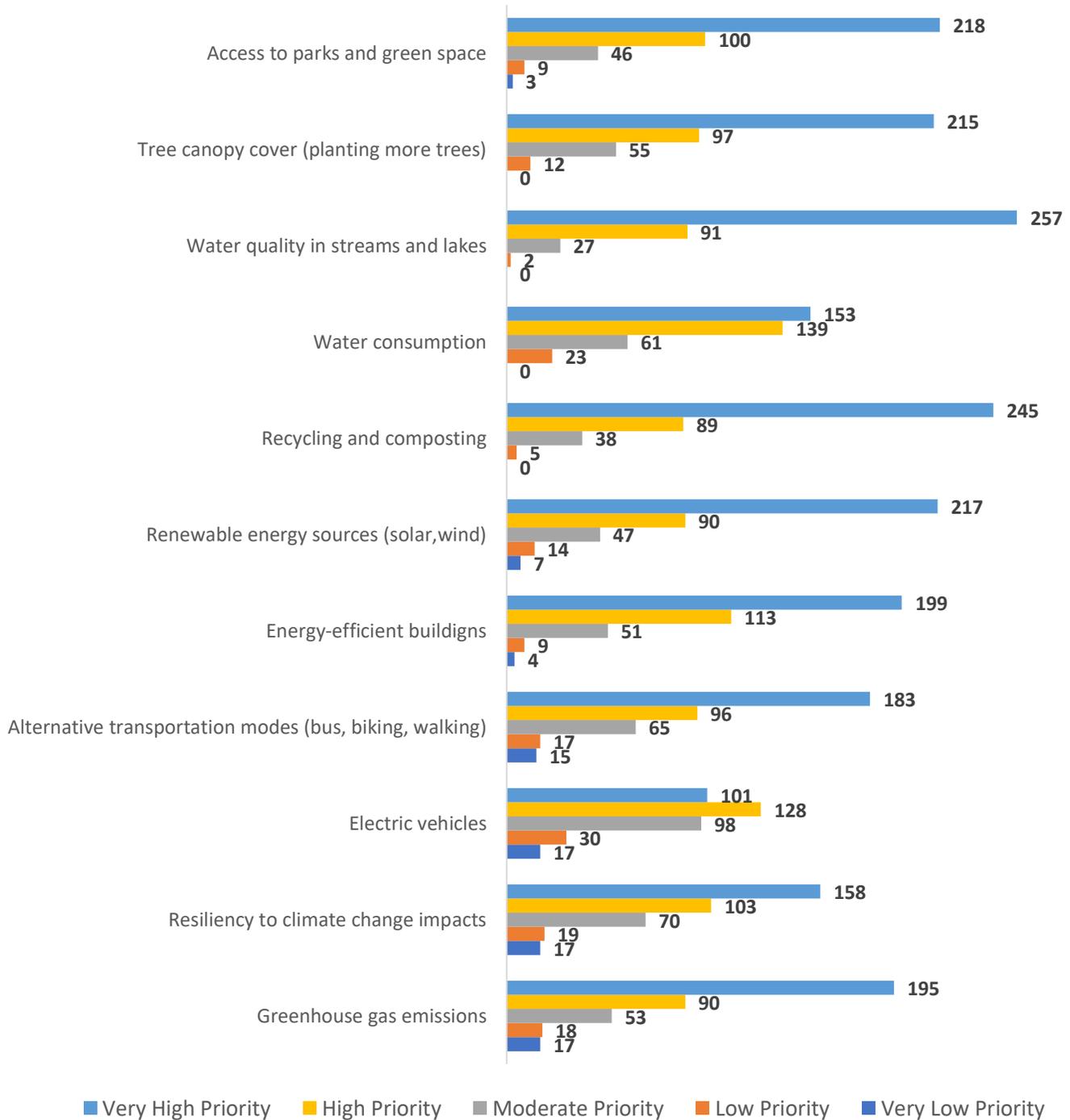
For each statement, please select the option that best matches your view. 384 responses, 1 skipped.



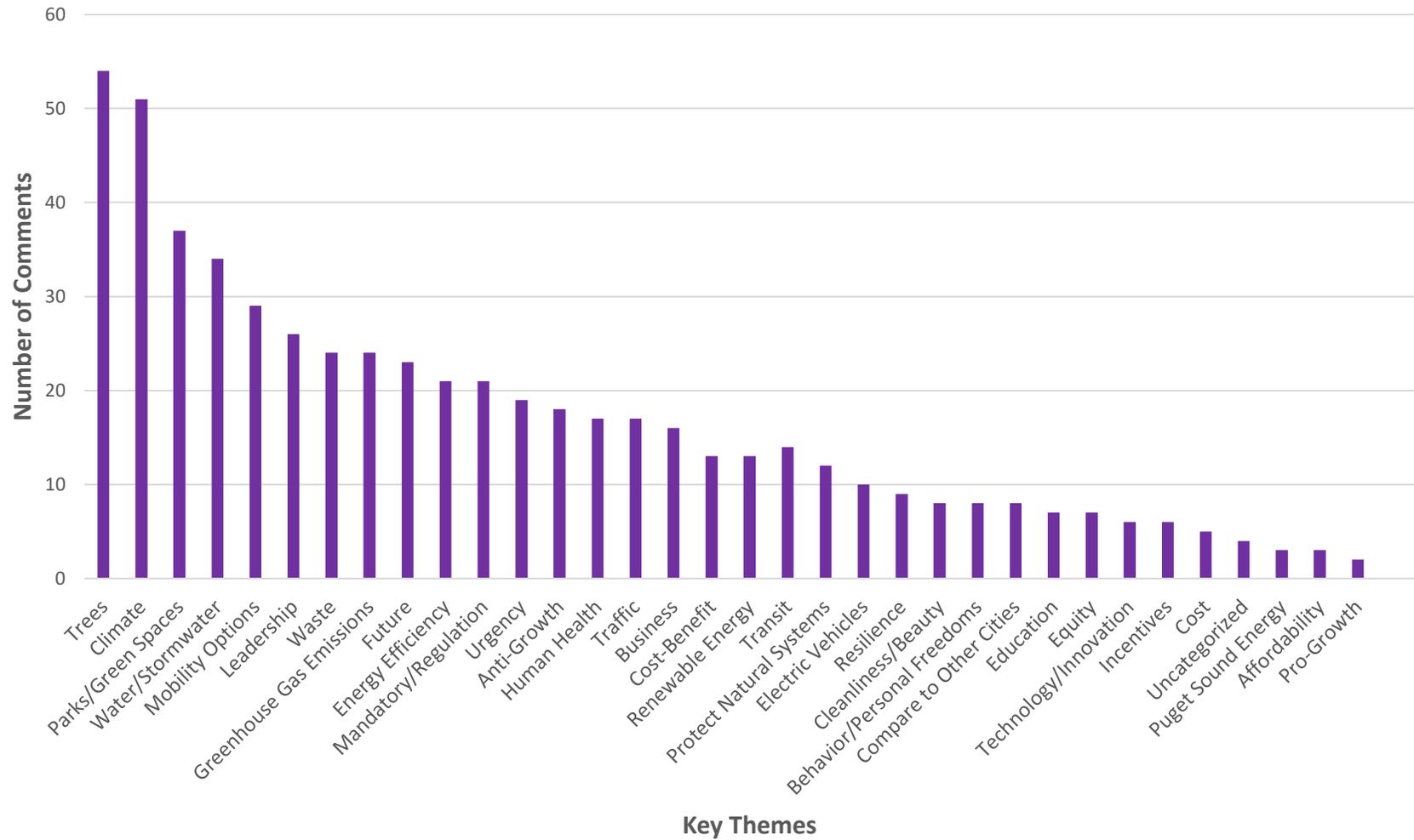
Q3. Please rate the extent to which you think the city of Bellevue should prioritize the following sustainability issues.

For each issue, please select the option that best matches your view.

382 responses, 3 skipped.

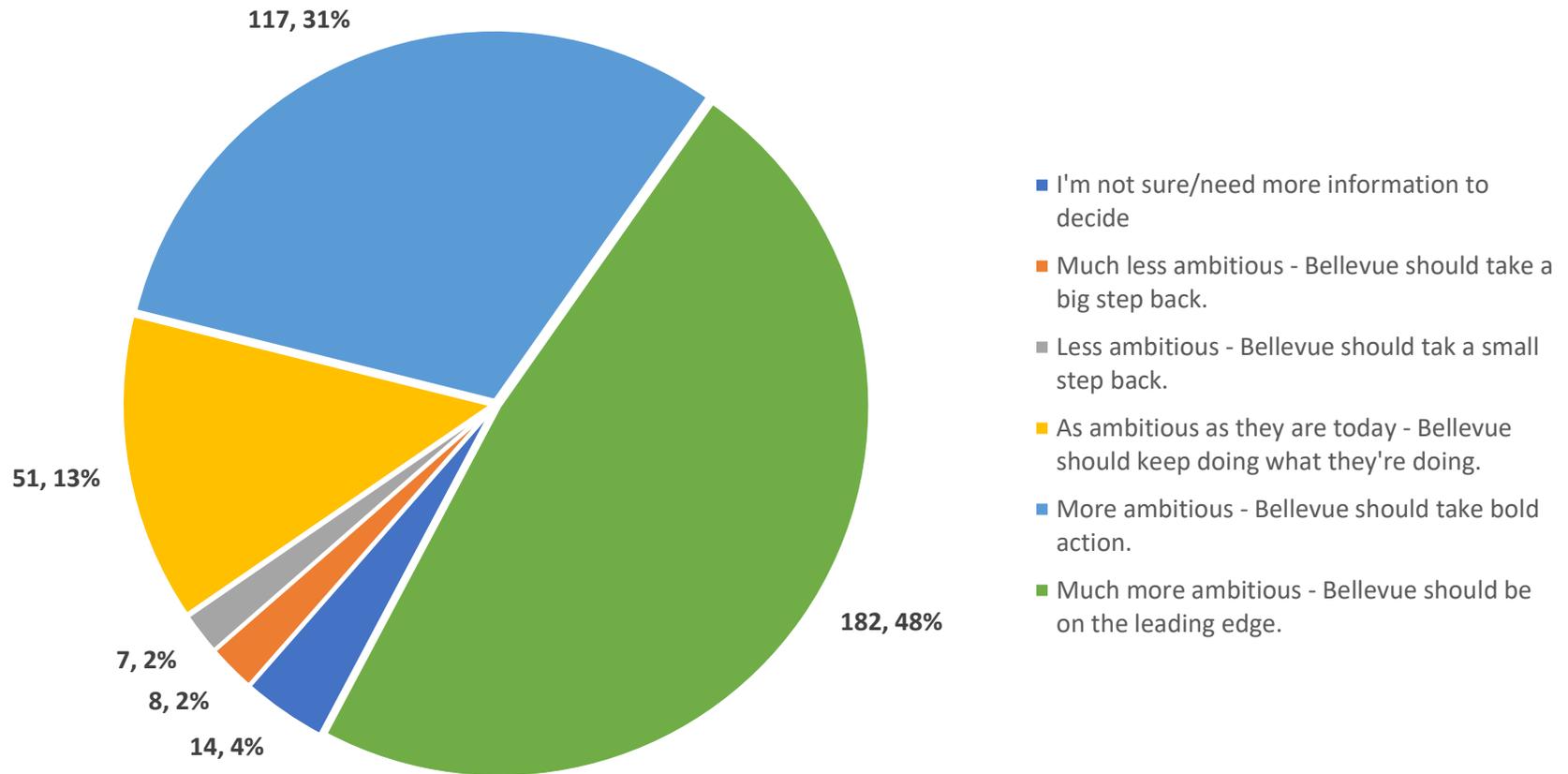


Q4. Please tell us more about the issues you ranked as very high priority
198 comments covering the following themes

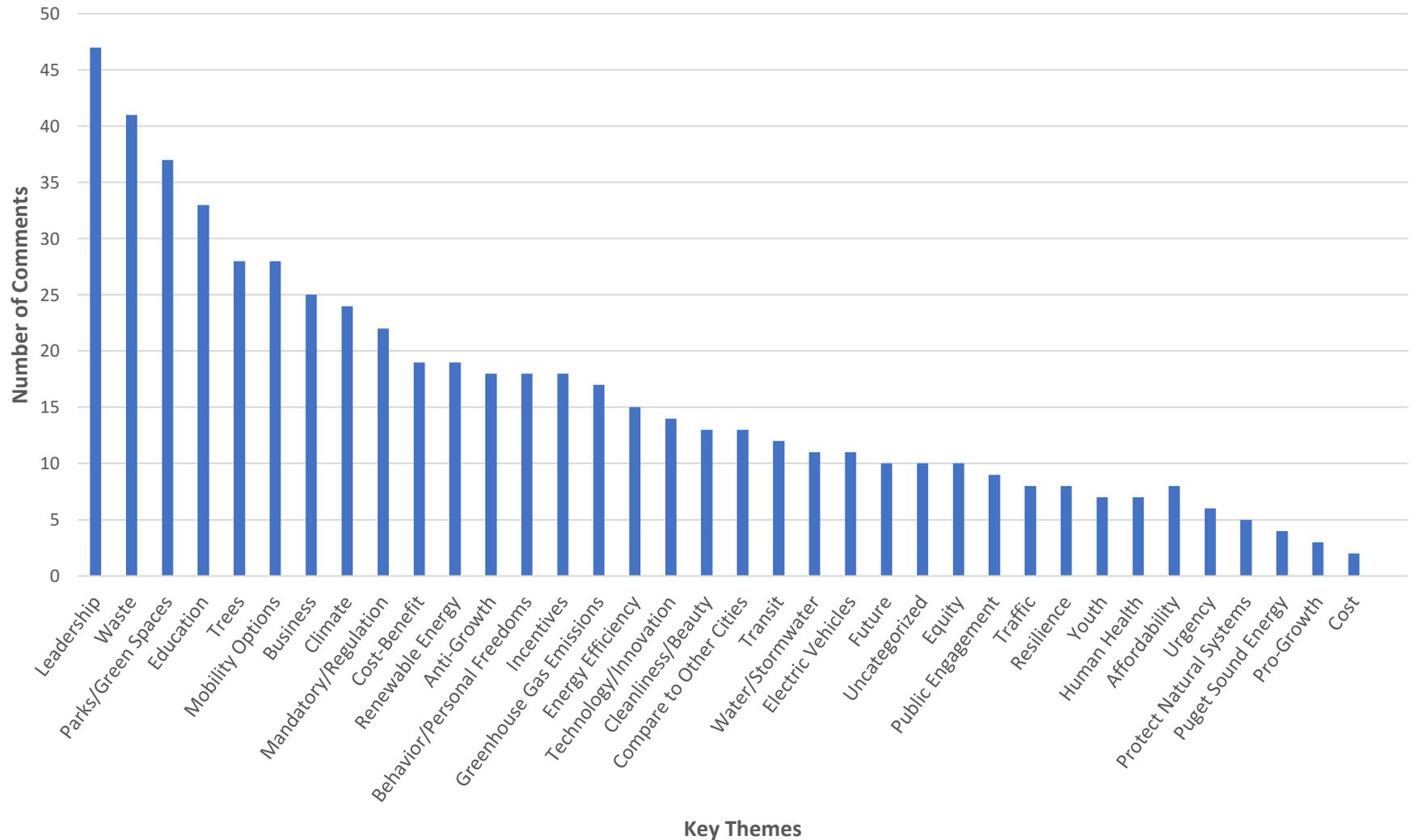


**Q 5. When you think about taking action on sustainability,
how ambitious do you want Bellevue to be?**

379 responses, 6 skipped



Q 6. My vision for environmental stewardship is...
 230 total comments covering the following themes

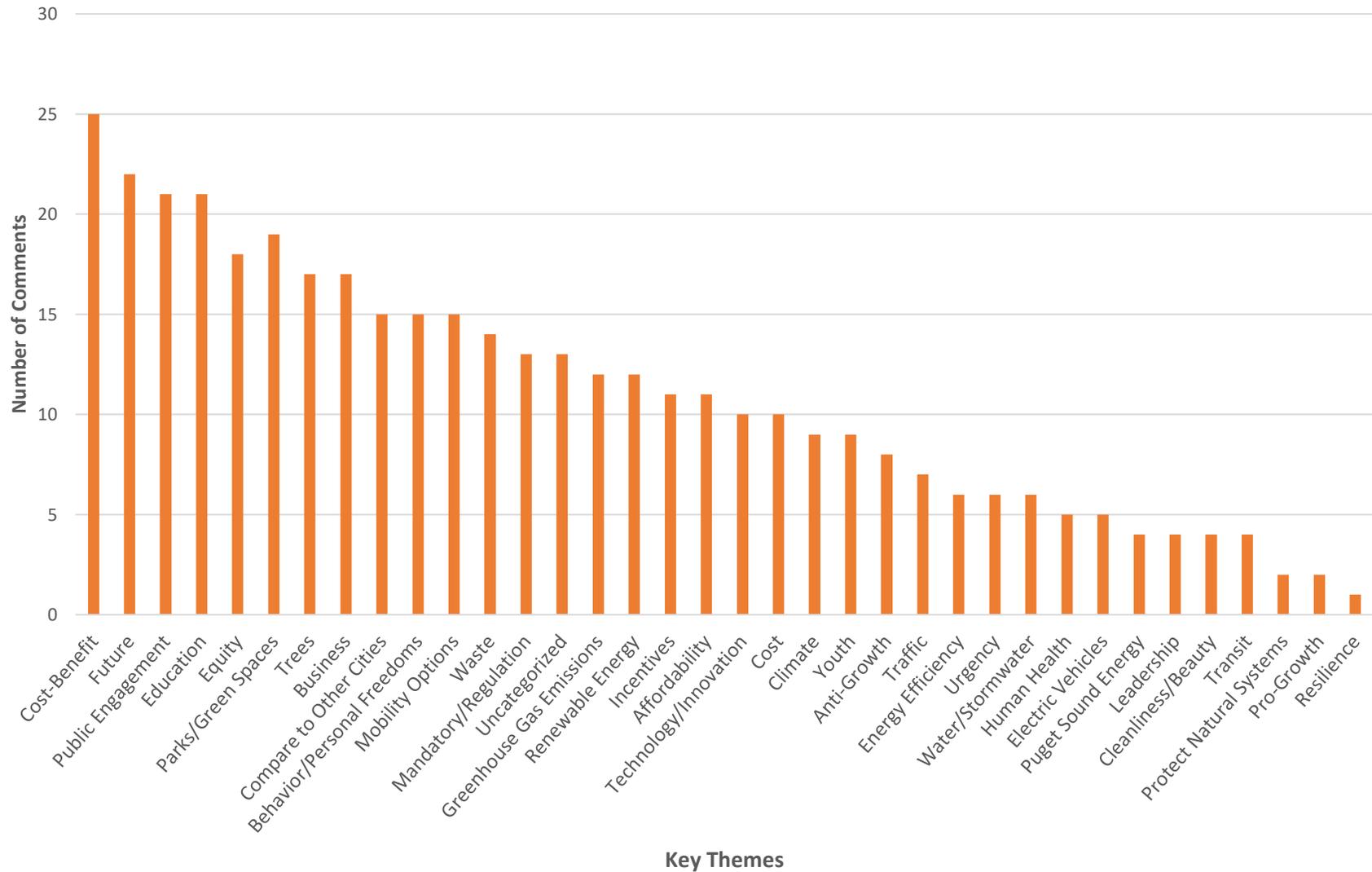


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What should we consider as we develop the Environmental Stewardship Plan?

178 comments covering the following themes



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Appendix: Public Comments



The following section provides comments received through the survey performed using engagingbellevue.com. Recipients had the opportunity to provide additional information on their priorities on three separate questions after rating their priority actions.

Survey responses have not been corrected except to remove personal information. Comments such as "none" or "n/a" are not shown.

Please tell us more about the issues you ranked as a very high priority. Why do you think the City of Bellevue should focus on those?

- Parks and green spaces is my highest priority. I think access to these improves our mental and physical health as well as supporting the environment (clean air, clean water, habitat).
- Access to parks and green space as the Park Dept tries to take some away. Who knows what else is on their agenda. And why are bikes getting so much attention? You have an aging factor in Bellevue, those who have to drive. The city is advertising that they have 5 positions on Network on Aging!
- Quit dumping sewage into Lake Washington. Your sewer failures are continual.
- Tree canopy; recycling/composting; clean waterways
- Most take minimal time but benefit the planet
- If we don't focus on these, the quality of our environment will quickly deteriorate.
- I rated nearly everything very high priority because we really need to do all of these things for the health and well-being of our city, our kids, and our planet. I view Environmental Stewardship as one of humanity's greatest challenges, and possibly an existential threat for many species and possibly civilization as we know it. Bellevue should be a leader because we are innovative, highly educated, and environmentally aware. The nation needs cities like ours to set an example and urgency for faster change enabled by smart technology, fiscal responsibility, and social justice.
- Tree removal and replacement with concrete and building is happening more and more in Bellevue. Trees are one of the best and cheapest natural ways of slowing climate change. Natural habitat also is calming and can help curb the frustration and violent tendencies due to living in a crowded environment.

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- It is everyone's duty to be a responsible steward of the places where we live and work. The planet is overwhelmed and need our help for humans to survive.
- (First, you misspelled 'priority' so many times on the survey that it sort of discredit the entire thing). There is urgency in acting. Bellevue could set an example for the rest of the nation.
- They are tangible, visible issues that we greatly value in our beautiful city.
- We are losing beautiful tree canopy in Bellevue due to development. Would like to see more trees integrated into the development planning and more parks and green spaces to enjoy.
- we drink water we don't want our water to be poor quality do we?
- Climate change is the overwhelming most important issue we face. Bellevue needs to take leadership in pushing for a zero-carbon or less existence.
- More natural elements.
- Bellevue has the opportunity to be an example leadership community
- Are things I put in my recycle bin really being recycled? Or shipped elsewhere? City should get on board to receive more recyclable items. Residents should receive a price break on compost the city sells back to us. We feed it to the city, afterall, in yard waste and kitchen compostables. Harvest the wind on downtown structures.
- Pesticides end up in streams and lakes. Please follow Seattle and ban glyphosate!! Also chemicals from artificial turf fields run off into storm drains. Horrible for our health and the wildlife around us.
- Bellevue, like many cities and businesses, takes actions that makes it appear environmentally focused -- but really are activities that are simply "playing" the environmental game. Total cost -- tangible and intangible -- of your actions must be considered. When (low-use) bike lanes are created from existing vehicle space, there is no consideration of the environmental cost of cars sitting longer in traffic/idling/etc. When green space is eliminated for low-use bike lanes -- such as is being considered to the north of the downtown library -- the cost of never again regaining that strip of nature is added in to the project. Allowing aggressive Uber drivers a blank check in the assumption they are keeping cars off the roads (they are in a car!) cause issues when allowed anywhere to pick up passengers -- clogging traffic and pedestrian corridors and causing safety issues. Every action labeled "environmental" should consider total cost. It's more difficult to do so, but much better than "playing" at environmentalism.

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- I am appalled that Bellevue is approving the cutting down of 300 trees on 148th and also appears to be supporting Energize the Eastside's plan to cut down thousands of trees for an unnecessary transmission line. This line will be an eyesore for our City in a Park.
- As one of the most affluent cities in Washington we should be on the forefront of environment stewardship. We have the ability, community support, and finances to do the right thing for our environment and future.
- Trees are great for environment. Need to educate people to not use herbicides and pesticides and synthetic fertilizer. Reward people who grow food not lawns. Ban leaf blowers. Promote dark sky initiatives.
- The environment should not only be important to everyone, the well being of our environment should be at the top of everyone's daily activities, such as the list provided above. Humans can not exist with a quality environment. One thing to possibly add to your list is noise pollution. With all of the power lawn tools, like leaf blowers and purposely loud cars, this is having a negative affect on wildlife and the quality of life in this city.
- Greenhouse gas emissions - this is one of the key measurements impacting climate change, so should obviously be a high priority. Bellevue needs to understand the sources of greenhouse gas emissions and quickly tackle the ones that are easier to address, or have a disproportionate impact. Energy-efficient buildings - this is low hanging fruit. There should be relatively easy ways to improve energy efficiency / reduce energy usage, that don't cost much and don't impact people's quality of life (for example, having lights and heating/cooling systems automatically turn off when no one is around). Renewable energy sources - This is the future of energy! We need to lay the groundwork now, for every business and household to have the capability of generating / leveraging renewable sources in the future. This also means saying no to projects like Energize Eastside and directing investment towards renewable sources. Recycling and composting - In addition to encouraging households & businesses to do this, we also need to ensure that things actually get recycled, instead of being redirected to landfills. Water consumption - PNW may become more water-scarce in the future, so we need to start instilling smart water usage behaviors now.
- Because the city is destroying old greenscape at an alarming rate. These old trees are beautiful and are vitally important to clean air not to mention they are beautiful. We are losing habitat for migrating and nesting birds and just becoming an ordinary, ugly concrete city. Please save our greenscape and tree canopies.
- New buildings should have solar panels to create local energy. Large commercial buildings and commercial campus's should additionally have distributed energy (small power plants) to create energy for their use and supply excess for local use.
- Solutions related to these efforts are implementable with realistic and independent execution. I think it's important to lead with immediate tangible wins.

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- Dec. GHC over all highest goal. All the others are ways to accomplish that.
- Keeping our water clean and our "city in a park" environment with extensive tree canopy cover are key to maintaining our city going forward.
- Stop using "rubber crumb" in turf fields. There are cork alternatives or do natural grass/dirt fields. The rubber crumb is dangerous for the environment and for our children.
- Auto traffic is destructive in many ways: to our lungs, to the climate, and to the quality of life. Society needs to figure out how to convince people to drive less.
- this survey is put together by a bunch of non technical//fake environmental propagandists for/by the City. There are only two priorities Windows code fix and grid/battery storage (NY/CA/HI/TX are yrs ahead). The window code in the 14 northern states is exactly opposite of England which uses 1/2 the energy has the USA per capita and still generates \$1.8 GDP per unit of energy vs USA's \$1. England requires a SHGC of 0,625 or higher. England calls it ""g"" not SHGC but the same measure. the 14 Northern states/EPA/IEEE require 0.4 or less. The state that wastes the most is the WA has it has the highest heating to cooling energy use of ALL the 14 northern states. The major window GLASS makers and the EPA's for profit managed engineers at LLNL even spelled this out the EPS stupidity down to the zipcode level to the EPA in 2012. But the EPA has shit for brains, particularly Doug Anderson the EPA's Windows manager. I did same in 2013 to the Bellevue City Council w/o knowledge of the LLNL(LivermoreNatLab) nor the GLASS makers testimony to EPA. Council and City have done shit to look into, Mike Brennan was assigned it but he has too many hair appointments. In 2015ish I presented to the WA building code council's Energy TAG with a former board member of NFRA Nat Fenestration Rating Council and got the unbelievable response from one of the technical ""experts"" that "" don't think glass can be made that clear"". If not for all the criminal fraud by City of Bellevue Staff by Carol Helland (former) and the major !@\$n criminal Assistant City Attorney Matt McFarland on Energize Eastside I would have handed them their ass gotten this shit fixed by now. The last honest politician in Bellevue is Bellevue Mayor Chuck Mosher (2003) who saw the fraud of the PSE/Olympic pipeline and got Gov Gary Locke to start the Citizens Commission on Pipeline Safety. which still mets but the fossil fuels keeps unbelievably ignorant. Even Seattle Mayor Greg Nichols sued BP & Shell over the Olympic pipeline directly under 115kV lines after the 2004 Renton break (and the TWO 2003 WA William Pipeline breaks and the 2003 Tucson AZ spraying fuel all over homes) BP&Shell told Nichols to ""fuckoff ""that they were not going to hydro-statically test the Olympic pipeline and he had no legal way to force as Sen John McCain could in AZ. Less than on year after the suit BP&Shell sold Olympic pipeline for 3.5cent on the dollar (~\$140M) in Dec 2005 to avoid the 10's of billions of liability when it breaks from PSE's AC inducted corrosion. Thanks for looking out for us City Manager...I can only hope Bred is in the right place when the break or earthquake happens to be burned alive. Back to windows: The total waste

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in WA since Feb 2009 when Obama tax rebated only hot climate windows SHGC= 0.27 or less (the defacto standard in WA/14 cold climate states) is 20 times greater than all solar PV installed in WA State currently!!!! Thus the !@#\$\$-up window code is eating all the energy saving of Solar PV in WA and drilling a hole of extra energy use of 19x/year and growing. Residential window waste since Feb 2009 ~+200annual MegaWatts of energy and growing. City of Bellevue is extremely poorly managed. As good 300,000 gallon gasoline break at Somerset PSE Olympic pipeline pipe current of 56 amps per PSE's EE EIS would do a wonderful job of fixing this save the +1000 people that will be burned alive, namely at Tye or Newport HS if break happens during school. Call me if you give a shit about real energy saving will this skipped the 3 reports by the Dept of Energy on compact florescence bulbs from 45% of all bulbs are as wasteful as incandescent per given level of light output and move on to things that will cut Bellevue's energy use in half. Main focus for Bellevue is to learn what the !@#\$\$ you need to do not fluff. There is a major backlash coming from all this Bellevue Chamber of Corporate Socialism. I think Trump is a baboon but he is throwing less feces than all other politicians/Senior governments City&State. Brad M makes Trump look like a rocket scientist. I did vote for him but if he keeps bashing the the US chamber of Commerce I may have to too.

- Everything the city can do to promote recycling and composting will help both in our city and 'downstream'. We need to protect our lakes and streams and wetlands, which we do not do. We should stop taking trees down in public places. And we should NEVER allow one inch of parkland to be taken!
- Bellevue is a hub for the entire eastside. It can serve as a model for areas in east King County and the state. It has parks and land under its control which if tended carefully can sustain more green space and tree canopy, clean streams.
- Our children and our grandchildren.
- Tree canopy contributes to our "City in a Park" goal
- Bellevue has grown to become a busy city with a lot of businesses and increasing traffic so it is important to monitor green gas emissions and enforce recycling/composting.
- You can do more in codes to address efficient buildings. A City in a Park--should not be cutting trees. You are under your goal now--why is this not a bigger priority. Why allow PSE to build more poles and wires and cut more trees when there are better alternatives that don't harm our environment. You should force them to use these.
- Environmental responsibility is important to the health and economic viability of our entire community.
- It's critical to plan for the future so that the future is worth planning for.

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- they should be self-evident; but, they also need to be realistically 'do-able' and have the potential to make an impact commensurate with their expense.
- These will have an impact now, but also will have an impact over the long term. We must not only stop degrading our environment, but must take steps to reverse the damage that's already been done.
- Not on bike paths. There are many elderly people who will not ride a bike. There is too much money being spent on bike lanes when so many more vehicles use the street than bikes. I drive Main Street and see one bike there.
- Tree canopy in neighborhoods should be the top priority. Too many old trees are taken out to improve views or... it should be illegal to cut healthy trees.
- Bellevue is a forward looking city, and I believe everyone, including Bellevue Council leadership, is concerned about our climate. Making the commitment to the ideas, such as those in this survey, would put Bellevue in front of the climate crisis, not behind it trying to catch up. Bellevue should be a strong climate leader Support Washington Public Lands to build renewable energy. Public sources leads to public school and public benefit. Clean Lake Washington. It is unacceptable to have so many health issues and no swim days. Enforce limits until major infrastructure is complete and new traffic patterns and solutions are established, e.g. underground utilities. I support new laminated timber beams as a sustainable construction material. Allow experimental innovations in construction, design, and mechanical systems taht allso greener building, ex. powerhouse, modular. Advocate for the completion of the I-405 Master Plan to relieve congestion on city arterial streets. Congestion causes energy use and air pollution. Build more bike lanes without reducing car lanes, to encourage commuting by bike in areas without steep grades. Build an off street bike trail in BelRed and Wilburton. Show leadership with Metro to get better transit service in Bellevue. Charge developers more- Increase traffic impact fees to require developers to pay more for the traffic they create, both for roads and air quality. Build more downtown loading zones for passenger pickup. Much more ambitious but timed correctly. Loss of trees takes decades to replace. The technological advances that grow them faster are yet to be practical.
- I think Bellevue needs to focus on being proactive in doing everything it can to lessen impact/load on environment. Proactively keeping and planting more trees, cleaning water, building to LEED specs, reducing our footprint, providing alternatives for energy. Be leaders. .
- "City in the Park" is our goal. Bellevue should strive to achieve that goal.
- Bellevue is a technologic leader with a history of being "a city in a park" We should be embracing new technology to gain efficiency, reduce carbon footprint and maintaining our quality of life with our tree canopy, parks and well-planned complimentary development.

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- Reducing car traffic by single occupancy vehicles reduced energy and traffic. Please, stop adding more lanes, and focus on getting the M-F drivers out of their cars. The Bellevue transit center is very well - used & I find it to be a very nice alternative to driving.
- Cities need open space. Too many trees disappearing due to development. Even small open spaces should be incorporated into developments.
- Climate change will happen whether we act or not. We need resiliency to mitigate the impacts. Renewable energy can be and will be cheaper the quicker we build up momentum in that direction. Water quality is important because Bellevue is growing too quickly for it to be able to mitigate lake and stream pollution due to the sheer volume of discharge into those waters by a growing population, their pets and their lifestyles.
- The "high priority" issues are issues that the City has actual jurisdiction and/or provides directly-related services. While I appreciate the sentiment around other sustainability issues, I'm not sure how the City would affect change beyond lip service. Therefore setting potentially-unrealistic expectations.
- Climate change is a reality. All of the above measures are necessary for us to maintain a livable community.
- Our city is getting more populated with buildings, cars, and people. And there is no end in sight. We continue to add to the environmental problems, so must do what we can to mitigate them. I love living in Bellevue and want to continue to feel proud of our city and its efforts to keep it beautiful, clean, and a healthy place to live.
- I ranked 'water quality in lakes and streams', 'tree canopy cover', and 'access to green space/ parks' as very high priority because they can work synergistically to impact a number of issues: the health of individuals in the community, the health of the Sound and its unique creatures, and the impact of climate change (limiting it & mitigating its impacts). Moreover, these areas are very clearly the responsibility & duty of a city to manage.
- Bellevue does not do an effective job of promoting effective recycling. Paper is landfilled due to concerns over paper contamination but no alternative is given for offices or those individuals with high quality uncontaminated paper. We have to take plastic film to the grocery store where bins are usually overflowing. You have to search to find the location for styrofoam dropoff. Bellevue can do better.
- Implementation is relatively easy and affordable, with payoffs for the entire community. Some of the options seem environmentally friendly in the short term but may not be so in the long run - what is the environmental impact of disposing of the electric car batteries?

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- All of these issues are critical to effectively responding to the threat of climate change. We can't afford not to focus intently on each of these; none of the items I identified as Very High Priority is more important than others...they must all be address. This should be part of a COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN
- Promoting mass transportation and getting cars out from our streets will impact immediately our environment, not only air pollution but also noise pollution. Doing so as a high prio will fix two problems at the same time: congestion and environment. The other items are interesting too but their result is in a longer term.
- Bellevue is at a crossroads that could go in diverse directions. The goal of a "city in a park" could be drastically undercut by choosing the wrong pathway. Once the tree canopy is diminished, with proposed projects like Energize Eastside, there is no going back. The residents who have chosen to live in Bellevue are here because of the quality of life - and the streams and parks and neighborhoods are a major factor in that decision.
- We should be a leading community on all of this. With Amazon moving in we have an opportunity to lead and build out a sustainable city with big (Huge) business partners.
- We have to protect what we have within our borders. I don't have expectations that as a single city we are going to avert climate change, but we should value and protect our waterways and trees.
- Truly I believe all of the issues you listed in this survey are of extremely high priority, and should be for the city of Bellevue as well. If the Bellevue considers itself to be a modern green city, then we should do more present that were actually following through on this goal. One quick change that can be made is to pass an ordinance, like Seattle did years ago, to require all food businesses serving food to use compostable products for take out, and eat in when reusable dishes, flatware, glassware are not used. And to ensure all businesses and parks install use compostable trash cans, recyclable trash cans in addition to the regular trash cans
- Tree canopy is especially important to the ecosystem on the eastside (water quality, air quality, erosion). While Bellevue has "talked a good game" about sustaining and even expanding the tree canopy, Bellevue's actions are contradictory. In fact the tree canopy is DWINDLING faster than ever. Bellevue's actions MUST speak louder than their words. Please take concrete actions to sustain and expand the eastside tree canopy.
- We have solar on our home. It is amazing how much can be generated on even a cloudy day. Why wouldn't we take advantage of this on all buildings, parking structures etc..
- Because of the hills in Bellevue and the congestion, I am not big on biking and making the lanes accommodate bikes. I do think, since we may not be able to depend as much on the snow pack in future, rain capture becomes more important.

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- For me, restoring the forest canopy brings me health and peacefulness and is an immediate source of relief when I think about climate change. But as well I've seen tons of research that supports the way I view the world. I think that we too often prioritize business needs over the happiness of individual people and we should stop simply catering to bringing business here and pushing growth. I would like to see a smaller human footprint, smaller business footprint, less temporary housing but better permanent housing (i.e., focus on condos instead of apartments), more forests, trees, and trails, clean water, and better access for average folks to use alternative energy solutions. I also do not think our public utilities should be privatized for my reasoning of business doing well for itself and investors and not supporting people. The way I listed the items above, all of them are actually important to me; I just tried to prioritize my most immediate feelings.
- Too much kow-tow-ing to developers and businesses. Too many city council members are trying to compete with Seattle and become an urban center. Focus on green space, parks, neighborhoods, and families.....not on attracting new businesses, more workers, more traffic congestion, and more crime that comes with them.
- Plant more trees, save trees, especially larger, older trees. We need tree canopy for oxygen and cooling shade. Bicycle lanes are nice for cyclists, but I rarely see them being used and often see bicyclists on sidewalks right next to bike lanes. It would be nice to find a way for bicyclists to pay somehow especially since drivers are not only paying for the bike lanes, but also losing parking and driving space.
- Rainfall catchment to help water consumption/conservation when maintaining green city spaces. Water quality in streams means clean water, no diseases, sickness. tree cover helps with climate change and erosion control and shade during sunny days and green scenes during spring and summer. Green spaces for physical and mental health.
- With so much development, the city needs to make sure that we take into consideration green space
- I am an environmental sciences student at the University of Washington Seattle, a member of 350.org Eastside, DSA, and am involved in local projects to improve greenspace and urban living in Bellevue. Climate change is a really important issue that I believe Bellevue should be doing more on. As a technological hub with multinational companies, we should be able to be a green city of the future and meet and exceed the climate goals set forth in the King County Cities Climate Collaboration.
- Frankly, I think everything on this list is Very High Priority, so it's difficult to separate them. However, I think Bellevue could be better at encouraging alternative transportation (no tree cover for long stretches on major routes, which makes for unpleasant walks/bike rides), and much better at reducing waste (I'm one of the few people on my block who puts out a compost bin on trash day).

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- Climate change is happening now and it's too late to stop it, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't stop making positive changes that might help mitigate it to some degree. We simply have to change our lifestyle by lowering emissions and adding to green space wherever we can.
- I don't know enough about Bellevue's current "state of the state" on many of the above, or how much impact the city can realistically make. The ones that I do believe Bellevue can impact are Energy-efficient buildings, Tree canopy cover, Access to parks and green space which IMO isn't really about sustainability but important nonetheless.
- These are ALL very high priority to me, because I know the urgency requires that we do all that we can. Buildings and transportation are our biggest source of pollution, so we need to act on those, but the other actions are part of the solution too.
- I am 28, and I see a future of increased frequency and intensity of natural disasters caused by anthropogenic climate change, along with the continuation of the 6th mass extinction and so many other horrible problems. Even if we hit all the targets of the Paris 2020 climate agreement, it's still too little, too late. The only reason I put electric cars at only "high" priority is that they're pretty small potatoes compared to, say, pressuring the tech industry to support environmental initiatives in the city.
- Climate change is the biggest threat to our existence right now. We cannot stop it but we can at least slow it while we figure out how to survive it. We must.
- I think the city could model and expect a certain level of sustainability from residents/workers around making these things commonplace around recycling/composting, access to and protections for parks/green space, protecting wildlife/water quality.
- It's important for future generations who live in the city that they are able to go outside and enjoy the city, as we have before then. To do that, the city needs to make sure that it's protecting the water resources and trees from pollutants in a long term, sustainable manner.
- I ranked based on the reality of achievable actions. I believe EV is a reality and city needs to focus on moving all vehicles to electric, which will reduce greenhouse gas emission.
- I ranked the ones I understood what they might mean. it would be easier if there was a blurb by ea idea to explain it. SAVING the trees that exist & if possible not allowing homeowners/ investors to cut down trees that were old in 1950 when houses in my street were built and are not huge. A couple buyers decimated their trees & never moved in so I assume they are Investors fouling the area.

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- WE need to be fiscally responsible as well as protect our quality of life. Solar and wind are not as efficient as hydro in our area; it makes sense to use what is abundant.
- I think the city of Bellevue should address Climate Change directly instead of burying in a confusing mess of other issues. Climate Change is one of our most important issues.
- As one of the states largest cities, Bellevue should lead by example by allocating time, energy & resources
- Climate change- It can't be ignored any longer. Our childrens' and grandchildrens' lives will feel the impact of this crisis fully. I hope it's not too late. The current fed. administration's policies are staggering! Alternate transportation- I use Metro and Sound Transit for any trips over 3 miles; otherwise, I walk. Got rid of my auto years ago. Still, I feel that pedestrians are treated as second-class citizens in Bellevue. Water quality- We do well here- probably could do better. Trees- Trees provide oxygen- planners should choose wisely re variety of species. Access to parks and green spaces- Bellevue already does well in this area. More green area is always better, in my opinion. We have enough high-rises (I'm 75).
- I don't see many places composting in Bellevue, and recycling options seem more limited than in some neighboring cities. Given how much waste is produced, incentives to reuse and recycle can go a long way. Also, one of the best things about Bellevue is its greenery, and I'd love to not only see it preserved, but also expand.
- Until prevention comes into play, we cannot really hope to relieve the pressure that we are putting on Earth by using resources unsustainably. Therefore, finding alternative renewable resources, such as solar and wind, and using them efficiently at a low cost so that they can replace oil in the industry should be our first priority. While electric vehicles are great, they are costly and the technology is still developing, which is why we should focus on more affordable alternatives such as public transportation. While recycling is wonderful, most recycled boxes end up in the trash because people don't know how to recycle effectively, rendering it ineffective.
- It will set an example for all the cities in the world, how they can grow along with not destroying or affecting the climate until we have to move out of the city or go far to enjoy outdoors. Cities will grow, people will move to cities and that is inevitable but before anything that happens we should make them sustainable.
- There are many cars driving everyday. and it polluted much CO2. That's the main reason of climate change. Also many people don't recycling and compost properly. At least they are not think it's their responsibility.
- I think City of Bellevue should improve the public transport service, for example more bus or more bus hours to encourage people to use public transport instead of driving. Besides, bus should be more reliable or on time. This will eventually reduce pollution from car.

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- Climate change is bad
- I ranked climate change and energy issues the highest. Climate change is coming and we need all hands on deck to make Bellevue still a livable place and hopefully do our part to help on the world scale as well. I think managing our energy use is a good way to accomplish that.
- I think the traffic congestion will be an issue for the environment. Not only it encourage use to drive more due to the public transportation does not suffice. Also this would cause more greenhouse gases.
- Climate change is HERE. We have to act on what the science makes clear- we need to conserve water, and plan on it getting more volatile in terms of climate. This has broader impacts, of course.
- I am concerned about the height of the building the increased noise and the loss of trees and green spaces.
- So much toxic products in landfills and around us need to be vigilant where you see toxic waste dumping in [illegible] waste receptacle.
- Although we say we're trying, I think we begin things to help the planet to be better but we don't go in depth. I think we also should educate the next generation on these issues. Not just touching the surface, but so it can live in our lives.
- High priority: domes for 2117 solar flare; polymer domes and arbor day tree planting: spreading this; similar, too add, to Oregon CA. Deposit for recycling build jobs. Stop tree cutting! without permits.
- Less gas cars. Turn off lights when necessary.
- Prevent environment contamination
- Everything is important, the Earth is burning, hope we can save it
- I just know the taxes that should be paid for running say, Microsoft, T-Mobile, the wage gap. Infrastructure sustaining the people. Anything going into streams, lakes, ocean. What's being used to power Bellevue coal, dam, solar, nuclear. Ways of permanent storage of spent fuel rods. If coal regulation on filters that fall to companies big business and small. Seems to be different country compared to Tacoma/Seattle Bellevue- seems to have more financial resources.
- In all honesty, all these issues are very important and need time and resources allocated to them. But if I had to prioritize and pick a top 3, I'd say: Reduce gasoline dependent vehicles and reduce traffic population through alternative means of transportation (public transit, ride share programs, electric bikes) Litter control and recycling-

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clean up waste and reduce waste Develop more green areas and preserve natural areas; reduce urban development from overexpanding. Utilize existing properties and develop size efficiency buildings (ex. like Microtel hotels)

- Establish a climate action plan, set up science-based GHG emissions reduction goals. Educate citizens, increase awareness.
- Public transport to Seattle
- Stores can discontinue use of plastic bags. Encourage bringing reusable tote bags.
- I think everyone should focus on these!
- Parks and green spaces are two things that the City can do that improve the quality of life for it's citizens that are both affordable and have true impact on global issues.
- The reason a lot of people chose to live here is because of the beautiful green environment, the clean water and lack of pollution. With both climate change and rapid development in this area threatening to alter our quality of life irrevocably, it's urgent that everybody contribute to solving these problems and protecting the natural beauty we appreciate so much.
- with so much development, Bellevue is losing too many trees. I want to see an organized approach to planting many more trees. According to the science, more trees can make a HUGE difference to the environment. Bellevue needs to become a leader in this. In my neighborhood, people cut trees too readily. Also: water quality/consumption should be a huge issue to watch for.
- EVs have a direct impact on both greenhouse emissions and health (air pollution). Bus coverage is not good. Buses are often full, late. Routes aren't good enough. It should be better to drive buses than cars. Trees directly impact both greenhouse gases and air pollution. They also help lessen temperature extremes and increase value of neighborhoods.
- My main concern is the disappearing tree canopy. The City needs to adopt stronger restrictions and penalties for tree removal - and they need to do it NOW. The rapid growth in Bellevue and related construction is also very concerning to me. I live up near Crossroads and all there are too many multi-story apartment/condo buildings going up. It ruins the skyline and makes the horrible traffic even worse (and I doubt future light rail is going to help the traffic situation that much).

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- I chose these because the city is able to actively impact those issues and those issues can have a positive impact. Some of the actions the city has taken recently, for instance the new bike lanes, I believe will actually have a negative impact. Because more traffic congestion and have an extremely low level of usage so because of those bike lanes I believe we will have an increase in vehicle emissions. I am a biker but am well aware those lanes make no sense. I recently attended CERT training where Bellevue representatives handed out water in plastic bottles. These are the kinds of things that are common sense that Bellevue should look to first. Focus on getting rid of packaging, discourage use of plastic water bottles and certainly model that..... I think the green cleaning product seminars that are going on around the city are an excellent idea.
- I think Bellevue needs to launch a major public education campaign on HOW to properly recycle and compost. I see many people not knowing the proper way so they end up putting lots of trash and food soiled materials into the recycling stream. They need to know not only the rules, but why they should care enough to do it correctly.
- Manage the impact of growth (traffic, services, consumption of water and electricity) via sustainable means and legislation
- My high priority issues are those that combine positive business and social impact for all. The costs of some of the other issues, such as electric cars or energy-efficient buildings, seem out of the price range for medium- to low-income residents.
- I think we should all focus on doing all we can to ensure the longevity of our planet and the quality of life of those to come. These things are critical - past critical in some cases - and no longer optional.
- Addressing climate change is a top priority for me. I can't think of one that's higher actually, since our collective survival depends on it. I highlight several as very high priority because I think we need a multimodal approach if we're going to make enough progress in the time we have to make a difference. Personally I'm especially pulled towards preserving the water quality in streams and the tree canopy cover. The latter I think should not just be a matter of planting more trees, but should also be a matter of preserving old growth trees. I was at a City of Bellevue meeting about trees last year where the city arborists explicitly admitted that there was no enforcement of the restrictions on cutting down old growth trees in that no consequences for doing so had ever been imposed. That is an untenable way for the city to act if we are going to have any hope of maintaining, let alone growing, our tree canopy. There must be real consequences for cutting down old growth trees, especially if the parties involved have not done due diligence to see if there are alternatives to cutting down the trees (i.e. putting wires underground rather than in the air, or building around existing trees, etc.). ALSO, replacing old growth trees with young trees, even at a ratio of 1 to 5, doesn't work. So many of those new trees don't survive because they're not properly planted or maintained. Even if they all survived, though, their ability to capture carbon, provide shelter to

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wildlife, or even just shade and beauty to humans is not anywhere close to the old growth trees they are replacing. It will take decades for them to be able to actually replace the old growth trees. In other words, it will take until they themselves become old growth trees. So please let's stop pretending that planting saplings will make up for cutting down old growth or even mature trees.

- To me, all of the options under climate change are also ways to reduce the impact of climate change, do its ALL important. The important thing should be determining where we get the highest bang for our buck - not just in terms of dollars, but overall positive impact.
- I'd like to see the city's fleet be all electric, but I don't see a role for the city in incenting residents to purchase EVs. They are expensive and not everyone can afford this.
- It's always good to be mindful of the resources you are using and their impact on the environment even though some people might not believe in climate change. I believe by being a thoughtful leader in environmental stewardship, we can lead to more and more cutting their greenhouse gas emissions (in general leading an environmentally friendly life), which will benefit us all in the long run
- Climate change may be the most important issue in our future
- Alternate transportation mode: 1. To encourage walking in high density areas such as downtown Bellevue the path should be conducive. Making Bellevue way with Tree canopy by separating sidewalks from the main thoroughfare with trees gives buffer zone to walk friendly, at same time with trees in place it reduces the emission load into environment. 2. Renewable energy sources: Making all new high rise buildings roofs to be garden friendly: if they are commercial buildings green plantation, if residential buildings, residents can garden or have Barbeque gathering. b: All new permits require putting solar energy, encouraging customers to have solar power by giving incentives, and educating them how they can make money by pumping electricity to grid. Encouraging high density living with access to parks and green space, discouraging large homes with big lot sizes, by making more zero lot construction available. Mixed housing Making all businesses to start charging for customers who don't bring their bags (25 cents per bag) including ethnic supermarkets and shops Making all restaurants including take outs, ethnic restaurants to stop using foam containers Provide incentive to restaurant customers who bring their own containers to take left overs Charging all online businesses for package disposal costs Make all new permits to have green certified including single family residences
- It is difficult for the average citizen to control things like energy efficient buildings or to a certain extent renewable energy sources. So we need larger, structural support for these things. Also energy efficient buildings and water quality in streams have very long-term impacts and can be very good for business.

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- Since there is so much construction going on in Bellevue, there should be strict requirements for energy efficiency. Also with so much construction, so many trees are being cut down, there should be an effort for planting more trees.
- Because accessing parks and green spaces help with promoting community. In order to have parks, we need trees and park maintenance. We will not have parks to maintain if we are not serious about climate change and its impacts. It's all connected.
- There is nothing more pressing. And if a place like Bellevue can't do it...
- When I look at my top 5 priorities- I see water, trees, clean air & learning to be adaptable!! These seem key to making daily life work for ALL and work WELL for ALL

"Priority should be on the carbon output of residences and business in Bellevue. The carbon output from the City of Bellevue per se is very small in comparison. Focus on big problems. For example, disinformation about electric cars, lack of charging infrastructure, car dealers who discourage selling electric cars to customers. Lack of local battery storage, we lack incentives to switch to home heat pumps, Solar in the winter is not useful without battery storage from the summer. Why not do hydro pumped storage at Lakemont park. What is better, more trees or more solar?"

- Creating a city that can thrive through the impacts of climate change, while simultaneously reducing its GHG would not only set up Bellevue for long-term social, economic, and environmental success, but also would serve as a shining example for the rest of the world. The stakes of inaction are high.
- These issues are (as far as I know) the most important ones on the list that can help mitigate the negative effects of anthropogenic climate change. Climate change is the biggest issue the world is facing right now, and as part of the world, Bellevue must also treat climate change as the colossal issue that it is.
- I believe all of these things have a significant impact on climate change. I believe Bellevue can lead the country and be an example of how focusing on sustainability does not hamper business, but rather improves it.
- I want to continue being known as a City in a Park.
- Alternative transportation modes, Tree canopy, and access to parks and green spaces what make our city so special. Lets do better than we've done so far.
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions is critical to meeting Paris Climate Agreement goals and slowing the effects of climate change

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- Decrease use of chemicals (herbicides and fertilizer) to maintain green spaces and set an example by using organic methods for gardening.
- 1. Change all blowers to electric and employ more brooms, move loud machines to commercial areas 2. Create low level noise/sound legislation like West Seattle/Alkai Beach to reduce loud cars, trucks, blowers, horns, motorcycles, amplified sound--all too much now that taller buildings create sound reverberation that is killing our good city vibe. Plant evergreen trees, not maple or pin oaks that require high-pollution machines to clean after and do not clean the air during the winter. Evergreens work year-round with no need for blowers, please, please adopt this policy!!!!!!
- Getting off of fossil fuels must be our number one priority or our children will not have the safe climate they should have a right to. The climate crisis is our number one priority.
- Climate change is the most pressing problem facing us at the moment, and Bellevue needs to do its part.
- Tree canopy is a city issue, not a personal property owner issue.
- Managing energy resources and reducing usage is critical as we face increasing effects of climate change. And this is part practical, part esthetic, but we need to keep our trees!
- Given that transportation and electricity generation account for over half of the U.S.'s total greenhouse gas emissions per year, EVs, public transit, and renewable energy are some of the most impactful places to start making change. These sectors also account for significant amounts of air pollution, which has well-documented negative effects on health. Improving the energy efficiency of existing buildings often requires less upfront capital than other solutions, and it means that we're not wasting energy. Reducing overall consumption - whether by conservation or actual reductions - is key if we are to sustainably support the growth this area has experienced. Lastly, tree cover and green spaces are specially critical in urban areas, as they clean the air, moderate the urban heat island effect, increase mental wellbeing, and deter crime. <https://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/blogs/cities-need-urban-forests-study-us-forest-service> <https://www.mnn.com/health/healthy-spaces/blogs/do-not-underestimate-life-saving-power-urban-trees> <https://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/stories/how-trees-combat-urban-heat-island-effect>
- The key to sustainability will be offering the community an incentive to switch without forcing low income families into poverty to make the change. Residents operating off the grid and in van lifestyles have demonstrated how to achieve self-sustaining residencies. Bellevue can take the lead in this program by learning the methods of these residents and applying them to larger community systems of Bellevue: schools, business, utility companies, etc.

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Offering tax incentives will help make the transitioning burden easier. Decentralize the green technology to the community and allow them to buy and sell with their neighbors. This will increase the local economy, too.

- The city and state lacks the thought that building all the high rises cuts down on cooling of wind, condenses and reflects sun in the summer increasing temperatures, stops water from penetrating through the ground naturally. Basically making a concrete jungle that does not allow natural filtration of our water!
- I believe that as we become more urban it is important that we retain green spaces for our citizens and those who work and visit and also because those green spaces help replenish the air and consume carbon from the atmosphere. I am concerned about water quality and how it can negatively impact fish and other animals. With all of the building going on I think it is a good idea to encourage builders/developers to be thoughtful about the efficiency of the spaces they are building. I believe the work that is being done on EastTrail and on the Bellevue Connection are important steps in encouraging walking/biking. A downtown circulator that helps people get around downtown without having to take short drives would also be helpful (especially on the dark and rainy days).
- We are in a climate crisis. The City is NOT doing enough in every issue. Energy and transit are the biggest emitters and should be prioritized - I would love to see the city require new buildings to meet high energy-efficiency standards and incentivize residents and businesses to use alternative transportation. This is still a car-centered city and there are many streets in the city that are dangerous to bike down - NE 8th st is NOT safe for biking please update the bike map to show an honest assessment of safe bike lanes.
- I believe that alternative transportation modes and improvement in these areas such as improved schedules, increased frequency and accessibility would generate more use and cut back on traffic and emissions. Proper waste management and education will also decrease green house gas emissions and hopefully cut back on excessive consumption of materials.
- We only have one planet, we need to take care of it. I would love to use transit services, but they often don't run where or when I need them to. Green is important for mental health as is clean water and energy.
- These are all important things that can be done to reduce the human impact on climate change - and Bellevue could be a model city for others to emulate if we can make these changes well.
- Bellevue is built around automobiles. Our lack of biking and walking infrastructure discourages people from using alternative transportation modes. We've given people one choice: driving everywhere. We need to provide infrastructure that comfortably supports other modes.

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- Tree canopies are a carbon sink, cool cities in summer, reduce storm water runoff, provide habitat, and make life better for the people around them. Bellevue is cutting down far too many giant mature trees and either not replacing them at all, or replacing them with small ornamentals that don't provide shade, habitat, or significant carbon storage.
- Keep and preserve park land and environmentally sensitive land. Do not allow variances for steep slopes or critical areas.
- All these issues are so very important. Bellevue and the NW are great places to live, and hopefully we can maintain that for our children and their children.
- I think the city of Bellevue should stop allowing old growth trees to be cut down and focus on maintaining our tree canopy.
- Clean air and clean water should be the focus along with reducing land fill volume.
- Limiting our carbon output is essential to combating the severity of climate change. This requires a multiprong approach of energy transformation, infrastructure, and planning. I placed high priority for issues that need to be changed to create sustainability.
- Cars emit a lot of fossil fuels, having more sustainable options like walking and transit that are more comfortable and easier than driving is very important.
- These priorities reflect what the City can control through policy and regulation to a great extent.
- compost for multiple family complex
- There are a strategic freeway on-ramp and off-ramp locations that are major the entrance points to the city of Bellevue (405 & NE 8th as an example) - many of these entrance points are littered with trash and overgrown brush its a very unwelcoming sight. It gives the impression that the city is dirty - just add a pan-handler on the corner and the scene is set! Thank goodness for the Malls on that street that help give our city a better view. This area needs help!
- I think the City of Bellevue should focus on issues over which good programs and action can have a practical positive impact and bring a better quality of life to its residents.
- Sustainability and reducing greenhouse gasses are vital! The human race is in huge trouble unless dramatic changes happen now. Recycling is barely real anymore, but composting is very helpful. Bellevue has the tax base

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to be a cutting-edge city where environmental issues are concerned. Why are there not bag, straw, styrofoam, and bottled water bans? All are easy and make a big impact.

- The three items picked as a very high priority are tied to the protecting our environment. Do things will a lasting impact on our City.
- I would really like to see a focus on energy efficient building (both operational energy and embodied carbon). The amount of construction anticipated here in the short term will have a tremendous long term impact on our emissions and we cannot afford to make construction choices that lock in carbon for many years to come. I would also love to see more last mile solutions (rebates for electric bikes, expansion of ride2 services) which might allow a family to not invest in a second vehicle (or third...for teenagers, etc...)
- Going green and battling climate change is an existential issue for our planet and everything that lives on it. Bellevue is one of the best cities in the world, let's be a leader in this movement.
- Now is the time for cities and counties to take strong action on climate change. The IPCC report says we have 11 years to make a major overhaul in our energy systems. Knowledge about the outlines and steps of what to do is available and growing, and taking these steps can help with health, jobs, equity, and the natural systems around us. For the sake of the green place we love and the young people alive today, it's time to create an effective climate action plan for Bellevue, and put it in motion.
- Bellevue is becoming a huge hub for corporate offices to spark up. This means needing better buildings, better public transit and retail to support the incoming number of people.
- The greenery around Bellevue downtown is disappearing. I'd love to see more trees around buildings or an off leash dog park to help business employees, and support green Bellevue.
- The ones I chose for very high priority are those I think wouldn't be too hard to focus on, such as recycling, but ones that will make a big change.
- Because they are the most powerful/important elements of the fight against climate change.
- Bellevue is quickly becoming a concrete jungle. Perhaps the new lightrail will help elevate the increased traffic. At the same time new large tenants will be brining more jobs and traffic into downtown Bellevue.
- I think every city in the world should be prioritizing limiting their environmental footprint. We're already past the point of no return and in a literal climate emergency so it's ridiculous to me that more cities in our country aren't

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doing more. I appreciate living in this area where people tend to share my views and I hope that very soon, the rest of the world will follow suit.

- Reducing GHG is most important. All the other issues are involved in reducing GHG.
- I urge the city to be more aggressive in developing its tree canopy. Trees trap carbon, and we'll need a lot more of them to begin the process of pulling carbon dioxide back out of the atmosphere. Trees can also be a moderating influence on such neighborhood conditions as air temperature and water runoff. A larger tree canopy will somewhat offset the effects of a hotter earth. PS: Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
- I think encouraging alternate transport is especially important, because encouraging transportation modes such as cycling will reduce traffic congestion, improve health and help reduce green house emissions and air pollution. Bellevue should prioritize dedicated bike lanes wherever possible.
- Industrial regulation is very important to climate change prevention. I do not know much about the data in Bellevue, but I do know that companies are some of the worst offenders in climate change, which needs to be regulated more.
- I love the ocean and the animals in the ocean are not living freely and comfortably because of our trash. Also the air is getting more polluted as the weather changed dramatically
- Priorities need to include action that citizens can do like not use herbicides and pesticides and gas leave blowers
- All of the listed environmental issues should be very high priority as they are all interconnected. Addressing and preventing climate change impacts and ensuring the future health and livability of Bellevue and the Puget Sound region require a multi-prong approach. As Governor Inslee pointed out during his presidential bid, solutions to environmental issues are critical in addressing other community issues such as health, social/equity, safety, traffic, economy, jobs, etc. City of Bellevue needs to prioritize environmental stewardship, which includes considering and evaluating environmental impacts in all of its projects. While this may seem challenging, it is a battle that is better fought now rather than later because the longer we wait, the fewer options we will have and the more drastic changes we will need to make.
- Commercial greenhouse emissions, systemic impacts, have a huge impact compared to individual people changing behaviors. Money spent to impact systemic reductions is a better investment.
- All of these will improve quality of life in Bellevue- and make the city a leader in sustainability
- Too many trees are being cut down. And climate change is.....everything.

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- Why? because its the right thing to do
- Saving water doesn't make much of a difference when agriculture is the culprit of significant wasteful usage, personal use is a drop in the bucket in comparison. A lot of new construction is destroying trees, it's not good for the environment and not good for people's mental well being, looking at nature has been proven to lift mood. Walking and biking is dangerous in most of Bellevue. There need to be more no turn on red signs to make it safe at intersections. The light rail is coming, but can stops be reached without a car? I'm not going to start riding my bike on a street where the bike lane suddenly ends and I need to merge with cars on an arterial.
- For the future of our community and all who inhabit it.
- Ban single use plastic bags and containers for grocery, food, drink, and restaurant takeouts.
- I grew up in Bellevue and am 33 yrs old now. The loss of the tree canopy has devastated the green, natural beauty of the city. It used to be what makes Bellevue different, now our neighborhoods look just like Seattle. Please please please place stricter rules to maintain and improve the tree canopy and significantly increase fines when rules are broken, make it impossible for the builders and developers to overlook this.
- My biggest concern right now is the trees, which are being cut down everywhere I look by developers. I would like stricter rules about removing old trees. I also think conservation and renewable energy should be part of any building or renovation plan, and should be in our codes if possible.
- Too many trees being cut for too many big houses.
- Access to parks and green spaces increases general interest in prioritizing environmental issues. The health of streams and lakes has a huge impact on the overall health of ecosystems. Prioritizing trees also impacts that system.
- The sudden growth of apartments and multiple houses crammed into tiny spaces feels like the city doesn't care about maintaining quality of life in our neighborhoods. An "Enclave" 4-5 houses on a formerly standard lot starting at 1.3 mil, hundreds of apartment units with no adjustments to roads. Our streets are overburdened, we lack sidewalks, I don't feel safe anymore letting my kids roam. Trees are coming down and not being replaced because there is a mega structure being thrown up. It's really starting to feel like Seattle. The quality of life that brought us here is quickly slipping away.
- One thing I wish Bellevue was better at was protecting the tree canopy. Particularly with new developments. I want the growth of the city to continue rapidly as it has been, but specifically not at the expense of the tree

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canopy. It would be great if we had better protections on old-growth trees. The "Electric Vehicles" question was interesting, because I love it so much that I hope that we can make electric a requirement for new vehicles within 5-10 years. But, it directly goes against "Alternative transportation", I'd rather a lot fewer vehicles downtown.

- Quit removing trees for the sake of worthless projects and sheer greed!!
- We need more green spaces and shaded areas to get away from our his bustling city. Yes hey need to be spread out around city. Leave McCormick Park and Ashwood Park alone. They are perfect as is.
- The climate catastrophe is upon us and every city has a grave responsibility to make swift changes to reduce GHG emissions. I would like to see Bellevue focus on reducing GHG from transportation by improving conditions for people walking and biking, especially to and from the new light rail stations. I would also like to see Bellevue provide incentives for sustainable building practices, including transit oriented development, minimizing the construction of new offstreet parking, green building codes (passivhaus/living building standard), use of mass timber instead of steel and concrete, and effective commute trip reduction programs.

My vision for environmental stewardship in Bellevue is...

- Making moves that support the health of the planet and reduce causes of climate change
- Engaging residents and the business community/workforce
- Planned communities allowing separate bike lanes (see what Amsterdam does) and lights for bikers. Motorized lifts to make it easier to go up steep hills with bikes, metal slides to easily take bikes up and down stairs. Efficient lighting, toilets, etc. Buildings don't need to be "certified" green to improve our city and planet.
- Everyone is on board with making Bellevue an example of good environmental stewardship.
- A shining light for a nation and a world that desperately needs it.
- Environmentally responsible city that puts environmental responsibility on the top of the priorities list. The list of issues should be broader that above. For example, I do not see phasing out chemicals such as pesticides and herbicides from use in the city (Seattle has banned hieroglyphs use, for example). The parks are being removed to give way to more buildings, both residential and businesses. EMF pollution is huge (especially in downtown and more densely populated areas of the city) and will become worse with introduction of 5G. Overall, Bellevue is way behind unfortunately, on being an environmentally responsible city.

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- Using perceived community affluence to be leaders in community steps to be environmental stewards. Highest value on clean living, preservation of natural areas, increased tree and shrub cover, healthy habitat for humans and wildlife. Reduce residential use of agricultural chemicals and services.
- Let the residents decide what needs to be done, not some overpaid public servant.
- Need to be realistic and balance with the city's other priorities. It should not be the main concern. But it should be a concern.
- You need to enlist the participation of big business.
- That all citizens understand and are supportive of the importance of environmental stewardship and that this helps build momentum and participation in taking action.
- A livable city with clean air and green spaces. The opportunity for individuals to recycle and choose sustainable options without being forced to do so by the government.
- this is too agenda 20-30 to me Watch the hunger Games this is our future
- all fossil fuels should be phased out - transportation, heating, and electricity production included. This includes city operations and private citizens alike. Gasoline powered vehicles should pay a carbon-sequestration tax.
- Being a leader in sustainability
- The city would learn how to stop stupid projects in their tracks and stop wasting city funds/resident's time. It was pathetic to view how the Parks Board was allowed to progress so far with a project for building a field house in green space at Wilburton Hill Park. There clearly were members wooed by the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club financial baubles. Trees, greenspace, traffic be damned. After all, it was for the city's kids -- but was it? No. It had to be up to community members to ask the TOTAL COST questions that the Parks staff and board -- and City Council -- should have been asking. When information by the Wilburton Community came to light -- such as the main audience were kids being bused daily from areas by Bellevue College (and kids attending school across the street wouldn't have access to the programs) -- it became odder and odder. Programs weren't designed for families. And history showed agreements made for senior use at the Hidden Valley field house have not been honored. Beyond that, trees would be slashed and asphalt slathered. Pointing out the N-S power lines through the park and E-W Lake-to-Lake trail are animal freeways seemed to be new news to the city and parks folks. The critters that we are so lucky to have live in our city don't deserve to have their critical routes stopped by a building that wasn't doing them -- or the community -- any good.

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- Keep our trees Use batteries and solar panels for new construction.
- Green energy, public transportation, organic fertilizers, no rubber crumb turf fields.
- Respect environment like those who came before us and Educate current and future humans how. Require elimination of bad chemicals , noisy leaf blowers and light pollution.
- That Bellevue be know as a leader in not only environmental sustainability but environmental improvement, all the while creating a high quality place to live and work.
- Doing the right thing for the sake of our children and grandchildren. No one wants future generations to suffer because we didn't take responsibility - while we still have a chance - to make our city a better place.
- Probably move if things continue at the rate things are going. Our city is becoming ugly with everything being torn down, cranes everywhere and roads blocked by deliveries and construction. Maybe consider Staggering building permits and limit greenscape that can be removed. Look at using what is already there.
- Stop bringing in new businesses into downtown, spread it out to outlying areas so workers don't have to travel so far. Traffic congestion is hard on the environment, green house gas emissions from all the traffic is bad.
- Increasing the youth participation to drive lasting adoption because environmental stewardship requires personal/individual investment and change—which takes time. Youth participation has the sustaining capacity for this type of transformation.
- Defined measureable plan to dec GHG and meet K4C targets.
- To implement policy that truly impact sustainability and not chase every fad or crisis that appears. Be Bellevue Smart and avoid the pitfalls of Seattle.
- My vision is thousands of bicycles riding down I-405 and I-90, and no cars. (Buses are OK, in the transit lanes.)
- complete restructuring of City of Bellevue as to not have!@#\$ for brains on energy use/pollution creation / parks department waste. I will bet Bellevue Parks Dept is 3x more expensive per capita than Mercer Is and my kids prefer Mercer IS parks. The water dept and roads department rock as does the one senior financial manager I spoke with.
- Stop taking park land, really protect our lakes/streams/wetlands, not just give it lip service.

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- Bellevue accelerates the pace the construction and reach of light rail, promotes mass transit throughout the region and state, adopts specific implementation plans and follow through to reduce carbon and methane emissions, promotes the transformation of PSE to a public utility again.
- It gets out from under the divisiveness of politics. Being environmentally responsibility is seen as sensible and easy, and respectful of others, rather than something only liberals embrace.
- Bellevue and the Eastside-is on the cutting edge in technology sector--why would you not strive to be the best at everything you can?
- A model city for the entire nation. We need to preserve the environmental practices we have in place , protect our tree canopy and build on that. Alternative new energy sources are vital to that vision.
- Keep Bellevue Green and clean
- to do as much as citizens and staff can financially justify.
- Cause no more harm. Take steps to reverse previous damage. Do more because others are doing less.
- Tree city USA designated
- A strong policy document that is made very public, and holds all of us...the city, business, and residents, accountable to it's goals and outcomes. Bellevue will be viewed as a climate leader among cities, and residents and businesses will be proud of what their city is achieving
- Swim in the clean waters of the city's lakes, stay in a sustainable hotel, live in a well-built and energy-efficient home, eat organic, and breath the fresh Northwest air. Bellevue is considered one of the happiest and healthiest places in the world and among the world's most liveable cities. .Bellevue is truly a green city surrounded by water and parks, with fresh air, some of the cleanest water in the world – for drinking and swimming- as well as a city overflowing with trails. Bellevue excels in combining sustainable solutions with growth and a high quality of life. Bellevue is also one of the safest cities in the world and has an excellent and efficient infrastructure. Bellevue is truly a city in a park, having a strong commitment to visually compelling and accessible green space that restores and nurtures the body and spirit of all Bellevue residents and visitors, regardless of their economic circumstances. Parks bring social improvement by promoting a greater sense of community and providing recreational opportunities Parks bring opportunities for mental and physical health. A park is just down the road from your doorstep. Bellevue has a high availability and consumption of local organic produce. With its focus on seasonal ingredients and a largely organic use of produce you will find many climate-friendly and organic restaurants in all price ranges in

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Bellevue. Climate efforts are seen from a broad perspective. Bellevue aims to become carbon-neutral by 2025, but it's not just about reducing CO2 emissions. It's also about improving air quality., giving the city's inhabitants room to move, and setting better standards for our homes, workplace, and cultural life. All initiatives complement each other synergistically. Cars must be used more efficiently. We promote carsharing, offer climate-friendly driving courses and have traffic signals which facilitate smooth traffic flows. We drive electric and hydrogen-powered cars. Traffic is not the area where greatest co2 emission reductions can be achieved, but it is the area where we do the most for our health. As more people stop using their combustion engines for cars and machines, we get better air quality, less congestion, less noise resulting in improved city life and a healthy city. Key qualities of our transit system are comfort, predictability, reliability, minimal travel times and smooth linkages between the different public transportation systems. We focus bike travel on where the effort and time are less than other transportation methods. Urban residents choose bikes because it is faster and more direct than cars and transit. We invest in even better solutions as technology changes. We focus on climate both in new construction projects and in renovation projects. Energy conservation is a requirement for all buildings. We advise owners of private and public buildings, consultants and trade workers about energy conservation in buildings. Advanced heat-sensitive photographic techniques will be used to visualize heat losses from buildings. Renovation of Bellevue's extensive real estate holdings requires big investments, but the technical solutions are available and well-proven, and there are huge savings to be retrieved from energy conservation in buildings. The city of Bellevue has a climate adaptation and severe disaster plan to ensure that the city is ready for the weather anticipated from climate change, earthquakes, and other natural and manmade disasters. Stormwater management and utility resiliency are a good investment. We combine park and stormwater facilities, making the stormwater a feature of the park. We enhance flood-prone areas with park and open space. We shore-up unstable hillsides. Our goal and vision are absolutely clear. That is why we undertake annual accounting. If things aren't moving quickly enough, we'll step up the climate initiatives. The returns are in terms of health, performance and well being, for all of us who live, work and stay in Bellevue. We lead intentionally and inspire others to follow suit"

- Since our small town is growing up (too) fast we should at least be purposeful about caring for our environment to help offset huge buildings, more people and cement
- Be the leader and role model. set an example to other cities
- Reducing fossil fuel reliance, encouraging a shift to solar, wind and other renewable green energy and maintaining our tree canopy both for it's beauty and benefit to our local and overall environment.
- Reducing per capital carbon impacts, reducing traffic, and keeping Bellevue as a City within a Park!how

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- A place where trees and buildings can coexist. Trees shouldn't just be confined to parks. Developers should be encouraged to be creative both environmentally and aesthetically. We don't need boxes with windows. Bellevue should be a place with cool architecture. The city should buy properties where it doesn't make (environmental) sense to build especially around existing open spaces.
- To encourage sustainability while avoiding impacts to economic development.
- Bellevue taking the lead in the region with sustainability, renewable resource use, building codes and environmental protection while educating its population why it is important.
- Making sure our 'City in a Park' is in fact a green space with mature trees and understory plantings, roads draining to rain-gardens, and healthy water systems—as opposed to a concrete space with a few stylish landscaping beds for color.
- Doing everything possible, as soon as possible, to save the planet for future generations.
- Reduce waste! Make more efficient use of our abundant resources like rainwater. Summers are becoming longer and dryer, why isn't there a better way to capture grey water and stormwater and use it for summer irrigation?
- Look for affordable actions that impact the entire community.
- that we show true leadership and take addressing climate very, very seriously as if our lives depended upon it (they do). The money invested in addressing climate can result in tremendous payoff in terms of quality of life for Bellevue residents and city budget.
- Bellevue should be a leader in sustainability and environmental leadership.
- promote rules and ordinances that have low cost and big impact, like traffic congestion.
- We educate our children to appreciate their natural environment and provide educational enrichment through our schools and parks.
- To be a leading City in our Country which supports and encourages all aspects of environmental stewardship
- Why won't Bellevue sign on to the K4C initiative? Take concrete actions to reduce greenhouse gases. Take concrete actions to maintain the tree canopy.
- Rain capture, continue the great recycling program, allow accessory dwelling units in backyards for multi-generational homes and to increase housing density.

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- To stop pandering to big business. Look, you just let in a gargantuan building from Amazon. What kind of statement does that make about our planet and our role on this planet? We are supposed to be a tree city, and yet we cut down all our trees, we have a HUGE stormwater problem with too much impervious concrete, lots of flooding and damage to fish species and yet we continue to only look at business and more business. My vision would be to put the earth first and the happiness of people first -- to teach them that they get great happiness and health from hiking in the wilderness and gardening and from being with other community, and sharing with those who have less, and then come up with a scheme that teaches people to prioritize THAT, not business.
- Retain what we have. Quit trying to win awards or pad your resumes for your next job. Focus on neighborhoods and livability for current residents rather than growth at any cost.
- Use cost effectiveness measures to evaluate proposed actions.
- Following Best Practices, partnering with leaders in sustainability, recycling, composting, gardening, green spaces, and working with groups/agencies to leverage knowledge and marketshare and social capital to increase awareness and action to help Bellevue become a leader in environmental stewardship.
- Bellevue should have a balanced approach to environmental stewardship and protect the resources where possible but not to the extent of creating undue financial hardship on single family residents in their efforts to develop their property and maintain their views.
- Plant native plants / trees and keep or even increase parks
- Public greenspaces that foster a sense of community, a wide network of trails, bike lanes, bike paths, EV charging stations, reduced road capacity, reclaiming of parking spaces and parking lots for parklets and greenspaces as VMT and cars are reduced, walkable infrastructure, no new natural gas in home and business construction, and an expedient transition to 100%, community-owned renewable energy
- that the City of Bellevue will reflect and strengthen the natural beauty we have all around us in one of the most scenic regions of the country - figure out how to keep that awe-inspiring beauty close to home.
- OK, as in so many other Bellevue surveys, you are asking me to provide input in a vacuum. There are way too many things to weigh and balance, about which I have zero knowledge of how they all interact within the City. So, bottom line, I am very environmentally conscious and really do try to do my part in small ways. So my vision for the City is that you will prioritize ways in which Bellevue can make a positive impact to curb the effects of climate change. Like plant trees!!! Why the hell did the hearing examiner approve PSE's cutting down hundreds of trees on 148th and environs???????

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- That we are seen as leaders and take care of our citizens by caring for our air, water, and soil.
- Bold action that's not afraid of corporations.
- Schools need to make environmental stewardship part of the curriculum. Schools need vegetable gardens and composting programs. They need to be certified green buildings with rainwater harvesting programs. Neighborhoods with thriving green schools will be filled with families who know how easy and rewarding it can be to go green and protect our future.
- That Bellevue City will be piloting and exploring leading edge alternatives through investing in technology and research as well as looking globally at what other cities have done historically and currently to prioritize sustainability and intentionality around global climate change and reducing/eliminating our impact.
- A leader and model city in effectively implemented climate change action
- EV and Energy-efficient buildings
- I hate that as soon as I leave my little street and area there is little if any walkability it's as if Bellevue focused only on strip shopping centers, cement & no ez way to traverse them No encouragement to walk. I have to drive from one strip center to another that are not far away but who wants to walk in parking lots. So change the what they allow development to do.
- Keep our city clean, but, don't throw money away for some lofty, unreachable goal
- Make Climate Change the central issue.
- 1. Encourage residents to compost their food waste, either using a personal compost bin or using Republic Services. 2. Look to Copenhagen for inspiration on alternative transportation: <https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2019-08-07/copenhagen-has-taken-bicycle-commuting-to-a-new-level>. However with all our hills in Bellevue, offer financial or other incentives to those who purchase an e-bike as an encouragement to bike to work instead of driving. E-bikes make biking a no-brainer as it makes it easy to pedal up hills for all levels. 3. Eliminate all plastic bags at grocery and retail stores, similar to Issaquah 4. Educate children in Bellevue schools about environmental stewardship and what they can each do themselves in their homes 5. Increasing the current Bellevue B&O business tax, or create a new ""Environment Sustainability"" tax that larger businesses (measured by employee count or income) can help pay for your new initiatives
- Better options to compost and recycle. Encourage reusability and reduction of waste and consumption.

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- A community where water is conserved and used sustainably- gray water (dishwasher/shower). Should be used to water plants and stormwater should be filtered properly at wastewater treatment facilities instead of being sent straight to the lakes. It might take more expensive infrastructure, but it will create more jobs and will ensure better water quality in the long run. Also, money is invested into technological research to make electric vehicles more affordable for the middle class.
- Residents should be informed and educated about the program, if they are into it, they will engage in it and are willing to make changes for a better Bellevue.
- We take care of our natural resources like Lake Washington and green spaces. We have public transit options that work for people and are energy efficient. We have renewable energy in town.
- Encourage the public transportation, e-bike
- Doing things that make life better (or less awful) in 10 years, regarding the climate. Limit our own impact, and mindfully prepare for the impact that exists and which will continue to grow- exponentially, probably.
- Education on future generation! To bring this not as 'something new' but 'okay, we live this way.'
- By Mercedes or porche a city trash can compost. In coincidence with My Bellevue act.
- Needs to be booming
- Friendly reminders, recycle and garbage cans clearly marked Negative impacts Positive impacts Education/information Signs/outreach like this
- Seeing just as much natural space as industrialized See all plastics recycled; perhaps more recycling center collectives Seeing more community garden and green roofs See greater reduction in population density (indriving traffic) and pollution emissions
- No plastic
- Less concrete, more parks
- That stewardship continue to be a major component in the city's plans and function.
- Cost and impact are two of the most important issues that should drive what is done. We want local impact, but we must also recognize that we realistically have zero ability to impact global issues. Striving to be a leading edge

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city will squander financial resources that can be better placed on improved schools, infrastructure and other local environmental priorities. We want to do things that are positive toward our environment, but not wasteful of scarce taxpayer funds.

- Doing everything possible to protect what we have, and develop new ideas to continue to protect our rare, precious environment in the future.
- to take action
- Try to look long-term when considering economic impact. What looks expensive initially may be worth the money long-term.
- See my comments above - more green space, more trees and less construction outside of the downtown core.
- Do not follow the poor example that Seattle sets.
- Better participation in recycling and composting. Multi unit buildings should be required to participate as well. Beyond that, how about sales tax breaks on electric cars and hybrids? More car borrowing options. Offer incentives for car poolers and public transit users.
- Taking advantage of our technical expertise and high-income residents to identify and test novel approaches to sustainability.
- increasing our ability to recycle and compost more materials; rewarding/incentivizing companies and retailers to curtail the use of packaging and waste; making it easy to learn which companies are most environmentally friendly; reducing the rate of growth of more apts and buildings and traffic
- I would like Bellevue to prioritize preserving and restoring our natural environment, which means much more aggressive plans to maintain and build our tree canopy _backed up by policy and enforcement of that policy_. Policies without enforcement are almost pointless and certainly don't do enough. I would like the stewardship to be seen as both a priority for our city government AND for every person working and/or living in Bellevue. To reach that end, I think the city government should work to create a culture around environmental stewardship. The city could use things like contests and social media to draw attention to those taking real steps to preserve or restore the environment we share. People and businesses could win banners they could hang outside. There could events like a Green Fair (maybe replacing the Strawberry Festival that used to be in Crossroads Park) where there could be tree plantings, demonstrations for things like reducing waste and caring for trees, free arborist consultations, stalls where companies could highlight what they've done to be more environmentally friendly, etc.

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- A model for cities that connect people with other people and that emphasizes the relationship each person has with their environment and responsibility each person has to take care of their world.
- To show other cities, communities, and individuals what is possible, and how living in a city with strong environmental stewardship is beneficial to them.
- Taking advantage of opportunities to invest in green tech, more wind/solar projects even at the community/neighborhood level, more education and resources on composting (without worry about pests), harvesting rain, GSI projects in neighborhoods and way fewer cars coming into downtown...employers need to do better making driving the least attractive option. Obviously light rail is going to change a lot.
- Providing clean energy (additional rebates on installing solar panels) or giving users option to match their current energy needs through use of clean energy. Lots of options for commuting and rewards for commuting (like chooseyourwaybellevue) Get all the recycling questions answered, give workshops on waste management and actual walkthrough of a recycling plant to see what can and cannot be recycled Have Bellevue businesses committed to using recyclable/compostable products wherever possible and eliminate dependency on plastic products. Encourage and educate people on how to efficiently set up their own backyard for growing fruits and vegetables and also plants that can help sustain birds and bees.
- Bellevue has the resources to be a leader on environmental issues, helping create a market for poorer cities to follow
- Should lead the country, similar to how WA state is taking pioneer with long term care insurance policy.
- Responsible stewardship that treats all citizens as if they are family.. we want health air and water for our family and lots of green space and canopy for happy, calm living. Also, I think that is it the job of the city to be a leader and support its citizens in making healthy choices.
- All these new buildings going in should be super energy efficient. It could become a model city. Easier to design the energy efficiency for new builds than having to retro fit.
- Organizing community events to get funds to help with environmental initiatives.
- Education. Due to the diversity of Bellevue population, community needs awareness on how it can contribute to sustainability
- An actual focus on implementation of Vision Zero, an actual reduction of car traffic, no longer focusing on vehicular mobility, instead focusing on people mobility. Could do this through a change from Level of Service

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metric to Vehicle Mile Travelled like other cities have done. This will actually prompt DOT to reduce vehicle use. Don't focus DOT energy on [illegible] congestion reduction on cars, the 148th, 140th congestion reduction projects are a bad idea. Implement a policy similar to Seattle where anytime a road [illegible] happens on a road is in the Bicycle Master Plan, the road gets bike lane. Support community-led efforts for Public Utilities Department established which can help support cleaner energy, faster. Expand municipal programs to increase EV use more rapidly. Popularize the Choose Your Way Bellevue program more. Further [illegible] require companies to provide transit passes a la a stricter Commute Trip Reduction program. Make composting participation mandatory, currently my apartment complex doesn't have composting. Remove parking requirements in new developments, in city-owned buildings. Convert some parking spaces to greenspace, can serve as a model for community building. Participate in PARKing Day, the event when parking spaces can be converted into [illegible]. Support dense housing in all of Bellevue, when able support upzoning/converting single family to multifamily zones, cut out natural gas in new building developments like Berkeley, don't support PSE infrastructure upgrade on Eastside, which would further reduce the tree canopy. Support urban garden programs, build a sense of community and sustainable food harvesting, support green [illegible] over 405 as part of Grand Connection.

- Bellevue has the opportunity to be a world-class sustainable city. We have the resources to be much more effective than most of the world. Being a relatively new city, it would be easy to think ""we're doing a pretty good job"" instead of striving hard to be on the bleeding edge of sustainable development, tune-ups to existing structures, integration of renewable energy and preservation of public lands for responsible use by the public and to be left alone. Let's leverage the massive wealth to set an example. I'll help. Let's change the world!
- To be a good example of both development and sustainability.
- Somewhere safe where we can be aware of our climate change. We should support all climate help with the help of everyone
- I believe that Bellevue has the resources to improve environmental practices not only in our city, but also the eastside area.
- I think Bellevue is doing very good advertise sustainable brands framers markets or local businesses that are eco-friendly
- To conserve energy
- The greenest city in the US

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- Clean streets and beautify gardens in every neighborhood. Also, recycle and compost bins in every public area to minimize the amount of waste Bellevue produces. And finally, united neighborhoods where everyone works to make Bellevue a cleaner, more environmentally stable city.
- over time having all neighborhoods with workable plans to allow for some improvements/ growth that allow for new generations to come and "upgrade standards". Put firm measures in place so that all park land and green space are PROTECTED from creep, pay close attention to sheltering and building work opportunities for lower income individuals that make Bellevue hum in the broad service sector, and finally, limit auto traffic to a degree to make a safer and friendlier city.
- DC fast charging stations every 2 miles with 10 chargers each. 60 percent EV adoption. 60 percent community solar, 60 percent electric school buses and metro buses. 60 percent solar schools, 60 percent community battery storage, robust distribution and transmission lines, time of use electric tariffs (off peak electric rates), 60 percent home garages with level 2 EV charger. 60 percent homes with electric usage detail monitoring via phone app.
- Trying to be more sustainable in our communities
- I envision a city that provides cheap and clean mobility to all socioeconomic populations, uses its resources wisely, designs its city for a future of extreme weather and other climate change impacts, and growth.
- A focus on climate change as the primary environmental issue of the environmental stewardship plan. Also, local work on environmental stuff is good, but it'd be really cool if Bellevue could try to work with other cities (and maybe take a leadership role in a board of cities) to reach out and have a bigger impact within Western Washington. That way, the environmental stewardship plan could possibly include conservation of wild areas, because as far as I know, while Bellevue has lots of parks, we don't really have wild areas with high biodiversity that could use protection.
- More outreach to the multi-cultural community that's growing here in Bellevue. They may not be aware of the importance of environmental stewardship.
- Fighting climate change should be a top priority.
- Be a leader and an example for urban areas in dealing with climate change.
- 1. Clean, natural, beautiful parks, sidewalks, thriving people, homes and businesses along with birds and other important wildlife. 2. 10 times more evergreen trees in the downtown core so Bellevue could be restored to looking like the PNW vs. the New England. 3. Quiet, beautiful and natural parks and walkways living in complete

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harmony with great place to eat, renew, recreate, play, enjoy without harm to our ears, noses, eyes, hearts, minds and souls. Currently, Bellevue is so incredibly noisy and this could be a great way to put icing on the cake of all the good things our government has done so far. 4. Fully fund at least one bike cop per park at all times to keep the area safe and to keep people aware of how to live in harmony with others, how to have fun without being a burden to others. To create win/win vs. win/lose like it is now.

- fossil free by 2030. United by the science and policy a scientific approach necessitates.
- To be a leader and set an example to all how to have an environmentally responsible and profitable city.
- Encourage businesses to be more environmentally friendly
- By becoming informed as to specifically where Bellevue city is at the beginning of the Environmental Stewardship- This year's beginning in September for 2019 and the next 5 years to take Bellevue's plan of 2008-2018 to a leading edge. Bellevue has the responsibility as a major leading edge city in Washington State to be a leader in environmental stewardship. The City should provide in detailed ways all the ways citizens can contribute in their home or rental using, cars or public transportation, bicycle or walking to live (1) in a healthy livable community, (2) provide local green jobs, (3) be able to be resistant to economic and environmental damages, restore and maintain healthy, beautiful, and [illegible], (4) have more transportation options- affordable, and (5) long term cost savings. That Bellevue will keep all citizens informed monthly of progress on changes/improvement on the environment.
- Leverage the technical talent that we have here and locally to identify what we can do better, design better and understand/educate better. Break down examples into easy-to-relate to topics like eat 1 meat-free meal per day and that equals taking 48k cars off the road for a year.
- I am very happy to [illegible]
- More incentives for people who recycle will encourage them.
- Decisions made by the city, its businesses, its developers, and its citizens takes environmental impact into account.
- Bellevue doesn't do a bad job, but we need to do more and do it NOW. More buses, more trees, fewer cars, more renewables (solar and anaerobic digesters). We need to protect our wetlands and think about building carbon-capturing soil on city property. It's past time for all levels of government to take action, and every bit counts.
- Being the most innovative, practical, and effective city in the world. Given the talent and resources we have in Bellevue we should be the leading innovation in this arena while continuing to be practical.

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- Stop allowing HUGE building complexes to be built. Stop moving small businesses out of the local area by allowing large projects or reclaiming "park" areas. Small businesses provide MANY services needed by the local community to allow it to be sustainable. Moving needed businesses/services out of the area due to huge development, has only contributed to the global warming/environmental issues faced here. Big development = less green space. Big development = more commuting/more pollution. Current public transit does not fill sufficient needs for most. Future transit, when completed will also be 10 years behind what will be needed when finally ready for use and obviously insufficient for transportation needs at that point.
- Zero emissions or as close to operating logistically towards this as possible. Allowing residents the freedom to choose how they'll be sustainable and incentives for these choices.
- Stop building high rises!!!!
- The city takes the lead on identifying goals and helps citizens to understand the vision. The city helps residents and workers with guidance about what they can personally do and how that will make a difference.
- Invest in more green space in dense urban areas
- All new buildings to be carbon neutral or negative. People using and biking to work. I want to see ALL businesses and apartment buildings composting and recycling well. I want plastic bags banned and a huge reduction in single-use plastics. I want community centers where residents from diverse backgrounds, speaking diverse languages, can come together and enjoy cultural events. I want to live in a city where an environmental stewardship ethic is intertwined with supporting a caring, sustainable human ethic that supports a range of incomes.
- Bellevue should pay the most attention to keeping their streets, parks, and waterways clean and attractive, but in a cost-effective way for the taxpayers.
- To be a leader in establishing more stringent policies that positively impact the environment and carbon footprint in Bellevue and King County. Better incentives for businesses to become LEED certified and work with organizations for better waste sorting/diversion. Working collaboratively with green businesses and creating incentives for those that have strong sustainable practices to better promote their businesses and awareness in the community.
- Lead by example
- Green energy and transit!

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- Lead the way in providing safe and comfortable choices for transportation including protected bike lanes, enforced crosswalk laws, mid-block crossings, and affordable workforce housing near employment centers.
- Take initiative in taking action against climate change but don't jeopardize the livelihoods of people.
- Encouraging lots of people to recycle/reuse and also use less plastic.
- I don't know, but I'll try my best to let you know when I figure it out!
- I'm not very educated about this issue but making Bellevue a net-zero city would be cool.
- A heritage tree ordinance like Menlo Park; tree replacement ordinances; more parks and green space
- Quit taking our park and environmentally sensitive land for any reason. What you have allowed to the Mercer Slough is DISGRACEFUL and the people responsible for it fired. The Meydenbauer Bay Park is AWFUL. So much concrete and an eyesore to walkers.
- as a world leader.
- We need to stop destroying our existing ecosystems. Slow down growth by soliciting foreign groups to move and invest here.
- Clean government operations. Focus on reducing landfill waste, improving air and water and expanding open space.
- Clean, sustainable, diverse city living checkered with open spaces and green spaces.
- Solid, data-driven, non-ideological and prioritizing quality of life for the next 30+ years.
- 1) Make grocery store to provide more bulk items and provide glass container and compostable bags for bulk items 2) Color or no code recycle bin with packaging no.
- More electric car charging stations and more renewable energy sources (wind, solar) instead of gas/non-renewable
- More transit, comfortable walking paths, bike paths, green areas, and more green buildings in Bellevue.
- Push more towards renewable energy, and try to cut down on emissions
- More bicycle lanes, and cleaner and better ways of transportation such as buses, bikes, and electric vehicles.

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- More home gardens and more trees and more composting!
- More composting and recycling
- Less building/construction. More recycling and reusing.
- Easy, accessible, affordable, reliable maps transit!
- That with the fast growth and increase in a highly skilled workforce this city must be as attractive as possible. This workforce earns well and wants to live and work in a cutting-edge environment. Tourists appreciate beautiful and attractive places too. The Bellevue Botanical Garden is the most visited place in Bellevue- I think because its a visually appealing and good for relaxing. I hope organizations and partnerships in Bellevue will support this vision, so it won't only stay a vision but will become a reality.
- Much more sustainable transport options- so many cars! Reduce unnecessary plastic usage eg. kids drinks in plastic cups
- As less is done at the national level, it is up to the state and cities to take leadership. Leverage our hi-tech sector, encourage more environmental startups. Show how every citizen can make a difference.
- Bellevue is a wonderful place that keeps its park, trails, etc very user friendly. Keep it that way!
- I think Bellevue needs to step up and take action rather than waiting for someone else to do it.
- 95% recycle rate for s.f. and multifamily residences. 90% recycle rate of organic wastes for s.f. and multifamily residences.
- More HOV lanes or some sort of system to not waste/fuel global warming.
- Put a local tax on carbon.
- At as pioneer leadership to other cities
- Parks! Recycling! More use of renewables! Energy efficient buildings.
- Bellevue is a leader in reducing GHG emissions, showing other cities how to apply smart policy and technology to solve the global climate crisis.
- Do not want Bellevue to become like Seattle!
- A clean and green city that is recognized for its sustainability efforts.

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- Environmental stewardship has to be multi-jurisdictional and collaborative. Bellevue as a city can choose to take the lead but there must be buy-in with agreed to steps and action to garner support locally, State and nationally including outside funding. Environmental impacts don't recognize jurisdictional boundaries so Bellevue's success is 100% reliant on successfully collaborating beyond its boundaries.
- I am somewhat hesitant to get on board with everything encompassed under the banner of environmental stewardship and sustainability ... Wise decisions that make the environment healthy for humans and our symbiotic ecosystem are absolutely worth being a top priority for our City; sometimes I am uncomfortable with an underlying expectation of a unified political and moral conformity within a culture of global identity that I am not convinced has as much wisdom as a sense of entitlement to a moral mandate for control by policies. I would like environmental stewardship in Bellevue that does not get coopted into political ideology or become too dogmatic. Simple, practical continued small steps to understand and live well with in our City's unique and adapting relationship between humans and our local ecosystems is my vision for environmental stewardship in Bellevue. Let's continue to improve and stay modern with our utilities, keep finding opportunities to grow food in urban gardens, manufacture more locally with techniques that consider the material supply chain to recycle, provide healthcare that minimizes dependency upon synthetic pharmaceuticals, and continue to make our public spaces welcoming environments to work and grow together.
- Banning single use plastics all together. More and safer bike lanes. Deposits for beverage cans and bottles.
- Thinking about ways we can be smart in what the City approves for growth, both building and transportation. The City has the control on what is permitted and working with our goals tied to the environment. Sometimes we have to say, no in what is in our best long term interest.
- Deep, innovative partnerships with school district to educate next generation through curriculum. Deep, innovative partnerships with employers to reduce transportation impacts (such as more work from home), understanding whether private company buses strip money away from transit services that would benefit more of the population. Gradually easing SFR neighborhoods into adding more walkable amenities into the neighborhood (maybe through more farmstands in the parks, tool lending libraries, food trucks in parks or school parking lots on weekends). Continue focus on native plantings, encouraging lawn removal and please provide sources of advice on what plantings (especially trees) might be best for our changing climate.
- much more bike-friendly; we have had two cyclists killed in the past three months. I don't think cyclists should be separated by only a few feet on the same road as cars, with distracted drivers who are going too fast usually. Cyclists should be allowed to use sidewalks. Trolleys also. There are way too many cars on Bellevue streets and roads.

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- Caring and partnership: We hold in mind the beauty of the green place we live in, the future of our young people, and the importance of caring about the climate for their sake. From this, the City of Bellevue partners with the creative and innovative businesses in our area, with nearby cities and King County, with organizations like ICLEI and leading-edge consultants, and with groups and communities including frontline communities, to take a substantial number of important steps to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.
- Lots of people spend the day in Bellevue for work. By teaching these people good behaviors and habits, they can take that with them to their neighborhoods and communities.
- Bellevue is becoming the hub of so many large businesses because of their leading roles and laws on buildings and businesses coming to the area. Being a leader in environmental issues as well will make/keep Bellevue as THE place to be in the greater Seattle area
- A leader in forward environmental thinking
- For Bellevue to strive even harder towards being a green, clean city.
- to make a large impact on Bellevue's environment for the better, and set an example for other cities
- Mandatory recycling and composting for all large business and the mall
- I want to see mandatory composting and recycling like in Seattle. I want to see other efforts to be a leader in environmental stewardship as well but it's hard to know as an individual what the most important steps to take are and where to prioritize them.
- Develop a Climate Action plan to meet at minimum the K4C goals by 2030--a plan that has measurable policies that will be evaluated yearly to see how the policy is contributing to goal of dec. GHG.
- To adopt policies that: Make the city more environmentally sustainable. Are measurable, feasible and effective. Make the city a leader in environmental sustainability.
- A green environment with plenty of trees and native plants, and healthy people walking and biking and riding public transport, while contributing to local main street businesses.
- More carbon-neutral homes and businesses, and more people who care about climate change.
- We should try to incorporate more public participation in programs to be able to engage the community in saving the environment.

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- everyone engaging in recycling and events, more recycled, cleaned up streets, more cleaning and fun events to help
- Educate citizens on what they can personally do to reduce global warming.
- I think we should plant more trees and make sure that everyone is able to compost and recycle. My vision is for Bellevue to be more green and eco friendly; more compostable products instead of plastic and more local stores.
- Seeing more reusable, and recycled products, like reuse bags, containers, etc.
- Eliminate the amount of trash we make. Plant more trees. Use bikes and walk more. Buy products from second hand shops. Recycle and compost. Eat more organic foods. Spread MORE awareness about climate change. Try to sustain the environment.
- Eliminate trash, recycle more, plant more trees because trees are amazing, compost, buy reusable products.
- An increase in canopy coverage in the city and hauling more public parks and/or gardens that preserve wild plants. I would also like to see more non-plastic or styrofoam products used, such as using compostable or recyclable food containers and utensils.
- I think the environmental stewardship in Bellevue is pretty good where it is however it's always better to keep growing and introducing new ideas.
- Selling environment friendly products
- Seeing lots of green and renewable sources being implemented into everyday items as well as public items. This would be like more energy-saving lights, paper bags, more second-hand shops, seeing/listening others talk about the climate change and other problems in this world more, advertisement encouraging it, etc.
- Amazing
- I don't know what the initial plan was, but I think in order to encourage more recycling, we have to give them a point to recycle, and that means start funding manufacturing companies that create recyclable products.
- To lower greenhouse gas emissions, reduce our carbon footprint, and help eliminate (to the best of our ability) climate change. I also want more people to be aware of climate change and know ways they can help.
- In the future, I hope to see most buildings of Bellevue Downtown be Net Zero/Net positive (no waste, sustains itself), and much more public transportation.

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- A plan that covers issues facing both our area and climates like our area globally. Stewardship should push for more environmentally friendly measures, starting off simply with things like paper over plastic and then gradually moving up towards limiting greenhouse emissions.
- Commitment and follow through at top levels of the City (the Council, Mayor, managers) in prioritizing and creating a culture of environmental stewardship inside and outside city hall. This commitment and support from the top helps motivate staff in collaborating with residents, businesses and stakeholders to develop and implement creative, innovative, and effective environmental stewardship programs.
- Building and zoning codes to require environmentally healthy growth, water reduction and quality programs, increasing canopy cover to combat hotter climate, requiring developers to share costs of environmental impacts and contribute towards impact reduction.
- Having a composting option for people who live in Apartments- maybe a community drop off? Having green buildings- more living walls! Vertical gardens- if you can't expand out- expand up!
- Easy for residents to participate
- Conduct more educational workshops. Make environmental protection a movement.
- That our city will be a leader in the Puget Sound.
- That city leaders push back against developers, fight to keep our trees and to keep our city green. I'd like to see city incentives for household conservation, such as Kirkland's water wise garden grants, and more education about waste reduction. People still don't recycle carefully, they still waste water on lawns, etc.
- Creating a diverse city that includes the needs of all community members. Placing focus on the environment, yet not creating a city where only the wealthy can live.
- Growth control. Stop the slash and burn money grab. Part of what made Bellevue the city in a park is not only our awesome parks, but all the green outside our parks. Keep our trees, our lakes, our wildlife, our neighborhoods healthy. I would argue that a lot "green" tech causes other "not green" issues. EX: resources to make electric car batteries, disposing of end of life wind turbines. All your green new buildings won't make a dent in the rats, mice, birds, coyotes, being forced into neighborhoods as you tear out their spaces.
- Bellevue needs to make it easy for residents to be environmentally responsible. Bellevue needs to keep growing so that it can fulfill its environmental goals (More residents and businesses leads to more taxes collected which leads to more investment in the environment. Bellevue needs to grow in an environmentally sustainable way.

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- Asking developers of all these new buildings going in to follow LEED standards. Too much glass, wind tunnels and not enough open and green space will make downtown Bellevue miserable for walking unless planned well. We need safer walking. Right now we are too focused on bikes and less on walking.
- I would like to see residents, businesses, community organizations and schools come together around a shared vision that a sustainable community is a healthier, more inclusive and more just community for everyone. I would like to see a lot of pro-active outreach to immigrants and renters that are harder to bring into public processes.

What should we consider as we develop the Environmental Stewardship Plan?

- More trees. Look at how many were taken out of the Downtown Park, Meydenbauer Beach Park is being called Boulder Beach Park. Not what I envisioned.
- Be sure that what is being done really is for the better. Making batteries for electric cars puts more CO2 in the air than the car will save in 30K Miles. And if the Electricity is generated by coal, the electric car will cause as much CO2 as a gas car.
- Reducing climate change
- Costs/ equity of burdens
- The cost of the program. and whos going to pay for it. No more taxes
- Bang for buck and one time improvements that cost upfront but save \$ in the long run.
- How to educate the populace about what it means to be good stewards of the environment, for example, ways to conserve water. Many people take water resources for granted. Having moved here from southern California where droughts were common, I find that the populace here is very uneducated about water conservation.
- Top priorities are greenhouse gas emissions, low hanging fruit, smart technology, and vision for the future.
- Cost to affordable housing and property owners Effectiveness of the plan (not just media headlines) Support by the entire community. Include long time residents. The plan should not address only the wishes of either new or short term residents brought into the area for employment purposes.
- Use of chemicals in the city (banning toxic chemicals in favor of using natural methods). EMF pollution. Planting trees, keeping existing parks. Responsible development (not over-development we are dealing now with).

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- Limit home use of agricultural chemicals, ban plastic bags, take out containers, preserve green spaces, stricter regulation of outdoor cats, look at other cutting edge adoptions in other communities.
- Get off your high horse. Tell the Chinese and Indians to do more in their countries.
- More active involvement from young people (have you noticed that they have become really vocal lately?)
- How to provide ways to reduce traffic, and accessible alternative transportation modes for people getting to and from Bellevue. Expanding the light rail.
- Educate/inform the public on cost/benefit of goals to gain acceptance, support, and understanding from the public. Knowing why it's important helps us buy into the actions needed.
- Do not under any circumstances ban the use of natural gas for cooking like they have in Seattle. Seattle is not a good role model in this and many areas. One of the things I enjoy about home ownership in Bellevue is the ability to cook on a natural gas stove which has many advantages over electric stoves from a culinary standpoint.
- Equity: for-profit companies should subsidize this transition for low-income households and small businesses who are just breaking even.
- Make an earnest effort to make it easy for everyone to participate. NOT costly for the residents.
- Bellevue school district's use of pesticides, rubber crumb turf fields. Neither of these are safe for kids or adults!!
- TOTAL COST of actions. Get out of Group-Think Mode. Be willing to raise issues. Realize when you are playing whack-a-mole -- one of your actions is causing a bigger one to pop up elsewhere. For example, the Grand Corridor and Eastrail are going to be nice additions to the city -- but city staffers who think residents are going to walk or ride their bikes to light rail are foolish. They will Uber. If they bike, they will park their cars along streets -- such as 118th west of the Botanical Gardens, or in Woodridge -- and take the Eastrail to the station to the north.
- Change to a PUD and get rid of supporting PSE's foreign investors. Stop cutting down trees
- The future. We know what pollutes our environment... prevent it. I have seen food trucks dump their waste directly in the storm drains, which should not be happening. I see rubber crumb from turf fields going directly into storm drains which should not be happening. I see BSD using pesticides which should not be happening. Bellevue should do the right thing and keep these pollutants and chemicals out of our environment.
- Being a top 10 city in Environmental Stewardship in the World. Model plan after those cities that are the top models.

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- Developing to proper vision is the first step and to have city government and local businesses fully supporting it. Business and residential engagement, awareness and daily support is critical. I would like to help in this effort where possible.
- Partnering with other cities to develop regionwide standards
- Be aware of what used to be the beauty of our city and what it will take to keep it beautiful. This does not mean just plunking bike lanes on our congested roads.
- Consideration for the financial impacts and have provable metrics.
- Balancing business friendliness and truly effective environmental initiatives.
- Impact on GHG
- Researching more before commenting.
- Yes and launch via a Wikimedia open docs website so that the city staff can reap the full benefit of City's technical talent not this divide hide and suppress bullshit you are doing now. AND that the Bellevue Chamber of Corporate socialists cannot get Brad Minke or Matt McFarland/Likes of Carol Helland/City Council lackies to corrupt the process and bury the facts, to save money for Bellevue Chamber of Corporate Socialists pet projects to increase their \$\$ extraction. When to see how fake Bellevue is? See that sign that says ""Oldtown Bellevue"" on main st? Every time I take a Bay Area Venture Capitalist by there they say ""wow see why Expedia was forced to move to Seattle, nothing to make a young techie to want spend time here only 10% are married, better to lose half of them than half the unmarried""
- Actually following the rules. The staffers are corrupt and many should be fired for the flagrant disregard for our citizens and natural environment.
- Review and adopt many of the policies used in Portland to reduce carbon emissions, review other city experiences in reducing carbon emissions dramatically, cancel PSE's Energize Eastside project.
- Money
- Changing global language to local language. Get rid of catch phrases that have come to be assigned to liberal tree huggers. Make the economic case for protecting the environment and our city. Look at local impacts, not global impacts. Speak about actions and impacts immediate, local and relatable. Talk about people's children

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drinking good water and breathing clean air, Lake Washington and Mercer Slough being clean, traffic congestion downtown and on I-405 being less grid-locked. Also, find the fun in it.

- Electric reliability could be improved substantially. A plan should be developed to phase in undergrounding of overhead wires especially when doing street projects. Bellevue could authorize a community committee to develop a plan. Overhead lines are not compatible with tree canopy.
- Be realistic yet accountable, make it as easy as possible for residents and businesses to adhere to plan
- Anything you can do to better the environment first should be your top priority! It is healthy for all.
- Environmentally responsible renewable energy sources, clean air, and energy conservation methods. Our local, state and federal reps should support measures to address climate change .
- Engage citizens to actively participate in order to build community and a sense of ownership.
- whatever those recognized as 'experts' recommend (note: imo, the key word in the question is "consider".)
- Support green initiatives. Give grants/tax credits for homeowners to add solar power, upgrade insulation/windows/appliances. In addition to large projects, research other communities for ideas that utilize creative low cost/no cost improvements. For example, Bellevue buys trees and children's clubs and garden clubs and church groups plant them. Support Master Gardeners to give more talks/demonstrations on water conservation gardening, etc. As Bellevue becomes more urban, please include apartment/condo dwellers in weekend festivals, talks, demonstrations, etc. on how they can support green living even in a small living space with maybe a little balcony.
- Codes and enforcement
- That climate catastrophe is the number one threat to life on earth.
- Trees giveaways: Encourage planting through tree giveaways with access to arborists. Tax cuts for trees: Incentivize planting & retention through reduced taxes or stormwater fees for lots with > x% tree coverage. Higher cutting fines: Require tree retention through better enforcement and higher penalties for unpermitted tree-cutting. Tree cutting permits Require a permit for removing any Significant Tree. Require more tree planting & retention in new urban & commercial development. Require more tree planting & retention in new suburban development. Planting partnerships Partner with King County, PSE, Metro, Sound Transit, BSD, etc. to add trees. Buy open space Purchase land in Bellevue for the purpose of planting or maintaining tree canopy City of Bellevue licensed arborists for significant tree removal. Create an Urban Forestry Commission to help the Council make informed decisions.

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Require Code Compliance to have 7 days a week staff to report tree cutting in action. Require permits to be displayed at the street. Understand and prevent the City from filling in wetlands, e.g. for fire stations Bridle Trails is an equestrian area. What is good for horses is good for people. Keep the pastures and barns –they make Bridle Trails, Bridle Trails Retain access to pastures and barns for hay delivery and manure removal Form an equestrian advisory group to protect horse-keeping capabilities. Note: Kirkland has equestrian ordinance –specific neighborhoods must retain at least 10,000 square feet of contiguous space suitable for horse-keeping Improve the safety of equestrian crosswalks Ensure neighborhood routes to Bridle Trails State Park are kept open to horses. No curbs and sidewalks –soft surface paths keep equestrians safe

- Expand programs helping people learn how to be good stewards of the environment, live our town motto regarding parks...stop using RoundUp everywhere in the city.
- Encourage "green" activities and behaviors
- How citizens can take charge of their impacts. A sense of personal commitment and pride in doing the right thing. Incentives, but also a willingness to act for the common good.
- While switching to LED street light was great the light pollution is horrible. Perhaps there are better LEDs out there that cause less light pollution. My front and back yard is lit up thanks to the bright street lights. Otherwise be smart about changes. Think long term. Don't follow fads or try to out do other cities. Don't rush, lasting changes take time.
- Bellevue is becoming less and less affordable. We need our City to balance environmental stewardship with the need to maintain affordability.
- There will be folks who say this is too expensive- Taxes.! Be prepared with economic analyses that prove this is the most economic course to pursue in the long run.
- "1) What people will *really* do (vs their aspirational desires) and how to shape desirable behavior accordingly 2) More and more of Bellevue is being covered in big buildings & pavement. How do we ensure everyone can get easy access to a bit of healing nature (trees, fresh air, natural light).— On a different note, Eastgate (mostly single family homes) & Factoria (mostly very dense apartments/condos) are quite different neighborhoods. Why are they lumped together??)
- Many people who would like to have more energy efficient homes, cannot afford the modifications such as solar panels, insulation etc.
- Education and communication.

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- Cars are an integral part of our community. Many neighborhoods will remain car depended even after light rail is operational. Invest in traffic flow solutions and alternative modes of transportation without sacrificing car accessibility.
- It must be COMPREHENSIVE. I totally support the People for Climate Action mission that the city will develop and implement comprehensive climate action plans to reach the greenhouse gas reduction targets set by the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration, which include a 50% reduction by 2030.
- The direct impact on resident quality of life.
- Expanding sensible public transit and preserving public green spaces alongside denser, vertical development. The region is only going to become more populous as time goes on, and in order for it to continue being a pleasant place to live, traffic for all the new citizens needs to be bearable, and there needs to be good access to fresh green spaces. I would rather see more apartments and condos than huge, single-family mansions being built in residential neighborhoods.
- Consider all new technologies that will help sustain these plans
- Explaining to the public how they can help, details of how things work, etc. One example that specifically bothers me is that no one really knows how to recycle or compost properly. There are vague instructions about what materials can be recycled/composted but I often see different literature saying opposite things. There needs to be accurate, detailed literature and it needs to be accessible to people all over the place. A centralized source of ALL information like this would also be very useful (website, probably).
- This has to be a balanced approach with realistic expectations. People's needs are not irrelevant. Economic factors are important to all of us, too. But we live in Bellevue because we appreciate our natural environment.
- How do we balance environmental stewardship with issues of housing affordability and social justice?
- Increasing access to green transportation and encouraging commuters and residents to use these forms as well as increase carpooling. Encouraging businesses and residents to use composting, recycling and use of reusable containers when shopping
- Projects like Energize Eastside and the 148th Transmission project only serve to line the pockets of one of Bellevue's biggest corporations - PSE. It severely damages the tree canopy. Statements by PSE about "planting more trees" and "there will be even more trees" ring hollow. Those replanted small saplings are NO replacement for 50-75yr old

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Douglas fir trees. We need to concentrate on more sustainable renewable energy sources - not carbon-fuel based corporations like PSE. Their consumption of fossil fuels since 2007 has steadily RISEN, not decreased.

- You might consider that we don't all have equal access to resources because we don't all have smartphones, or access to high speed internet, or access to convenient transportation, or maybe even English. People come from places where there is no emphasis on the environment so you have to teach them and that is a big concept because the consequences aren't as visible today. They will be visible in the next generation.
- Quit trying to attract more businesses, employees, and residents. The biggest threats to environmental stewardship and sustainability are overpopulation and growth. Any environmental problems you can think of trace directly back to those, but what has the city been focusing on for the past 15 years????? -- growth, growth, growth....because they're so greedy to get those almighty tax dollars that come with it (before some other city get them)
- The costs and benefits of the proposed actions.
- Education and enforcement of current laws/regulations. Especially with dog owners who do not pick up their pets' wastes properly. I have seen an increase in dog wastes on city sidewalks and trails, and it is pretty disgusting and infuriating to see it; such a disregard for the health of others, and of nature and the cleanliness of parks and trails by pet owners.
- Please take into consideration that many residents, particularly in the South of Bellevue, have views that are now completely blocked by inappropriate height trees on Bellevue parks and open spaces. There needs to be a balance.
- Impact on wildlife corridors and natural springs.
- Please ensure that work continues to be done on prioritizing biking and transit travel, even if it comes at the "expense" of car travel (such as in bike or bus lanes, reducing parking/increasing parking fees, etc). The automobile is a huge portion of our city's emissions, and we need to reduce people's reliance on the car by actually building our city where it's a pleasant experience for people to navigate on foot, bike, and transit. Please support up-and-coming citizen-led efforts to create a Public Utility District, which will enable our power generation to be publicly and democratically owned, enabling our city to transition to 100% renewables faster than what PSE can allow (especially with their new LNG construction projects nearby).
- Bellevue shouldn't look the same as a concrete city in Texas where all the trees are 5 years old at most. But if you want to avoid that situation, you have to make improvements in multiple areas, not just one or two - you have to

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reduce litter by encouraging recycling/compost programs and packaging, and by providing more resources to our homeless population; you have to provide walkers and bicyclists with safe routes that provide shelter from the hot sun; you have to preserve established vegetation wherever possible and get creative with new construction, like adding living walls or rooftop gardens; you have to maintain high standards for water quality and push people toward more environmental-friendly energy sources. It's not easy to balance a fast-growing city with protecting our environment, but it's harder to restore an environment after you realize you messed it up.

- again, you are asking a question in a vacuum
- Educating the public on the cost of NOT acting, so the cost of acting is justified.
- The fact that people under the age of 30 are terrified that we're living or going to live in a Mad Max world.
- Concerns for environmental stewardship is often seen as the purview of the economically privileged. More focus needs to be put on how making good choices can actually save money in the long run. Can places of employment offer benefits to employees who choose to rideshare or take public transportation? Can grocery stores give rewards points for choosing local produce? Can public parks offer space for community vegetable gardens? What about rewards and public appreciation for groups who gather and properly dispose of trash from public spaces?
- Research on a global scale, historical planning, technology insight and infrastructure.
- Make sure it addresses long term issues while including short term options. This shouldn't be a "we'll see the first change in 10 years". There should be 1, 2, 5, 10+ year actions outlined.
- achievable goals with accountability
- Take action to make Bellevue a walking community as well as a car community. Encourage bikers.
- Emphasize Climate Change as the central issue we need to address. Your language is confusing.
- I have live in Bellevue for 40 years most of my life. I have leaved next to the Mercer Slough for 25 years I have real concerns about the changes it is been going through over that time. The swallows are all but gone, there seem to be less brown bats, when they took the 405 tunnel out the deer lost their bridge to get over the freeway. The first spring it was gone they were all killed on the freeway trying to take the babies across. One of the reasons I purchased my home was because of the Mercer Slough and its wildlife I haven't seen or heard the coyotes or their pups since the light rail started. Also the California quail don't come through anymore. It would be great if we made people aware of the beaver and to post signs near their ponds something like slow down beavers crossing.

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It would be good to get one on 8th by the Train Trussell and fire station. Before the rainy season starts. Lastly and this has me the most worried. Has the city been spraying because I had no mosquitos. I don't like them but they are super important part of the food chain. This is the first year ever living on the Mercer Slough that I have left my slider open into the evening 9 and 10 with no mosquito coming in and biting. That is a huge red flag to me. Good news we have ospreys at my end of the Slough nesting and eating. Red tails seem to be doing fine and the last 3 years we have lots of owls though I think that's because they have left the light rail side of the Slough. I have 3 mason boxes that are used every year. Maybe the city should give those out.

- The effect on residents and businesses. The financial cost of making these changes The financial cost of not making these changes
- I do think I would need more info on this
- "Making sure the buses arrive on time- people using public transportation for work need to know commute time and ETA.
 - Expanding wastewater facilities to take in stormwater and filter it
 - Public campaigns/awareness programs supported/distributed by businesses on how to recycle properly and what can/cannot be recycled. Provide incentive through rewards programs"
- If it's feasible, not too demanding.
- Eliminate single-family zoning and minimum parking requirements.
- We have a lot of big corporations in Bellevue and how can we encourage them to be environmental stewards also? Also keep in mind not to force people to do things but make it easier for them to make choices that are good for the environment.
- The biggest and most important victories we can claim are those who are claimed long after our own deaths. Making the Earth less likely to be a smoldering, toxic plastic mass when my unborn grandchildren have children- that's my own vision.
- [illegible] city or secretary of state/enforced for [arrow pointing down] businesses, city parks, all with trees shrubs; residential. A pesticide against super lice or blood born pathogens that
- Earth, community
- Kids and grandchildren will inherit the earth.

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"We should consider that regardless of initial cost, it is imperative we implement these changes immediately. That more importantly, through community volunteerism and ethical socialist policies the "cost" can be greatly reduced. Ex. If farmers markets worked with bartering systems and not just "money", goods, services, and ideas could be easily exchanged. Individuals lacking "money" could easily still have much to offer in volunteerism, or bartering their homemade wares (honey from bee keepers, pieces from woodworkers etc.) Our government will claim that implementing greener policies will require they tax us greater, however in instances where "American money" isn't being used, they would not be allowed greater taxation. The reality is that "money" isn't required. It's a man made concept. Corrupt capitalism isn't just an ineffective broken system, it's a mentality. Neither are working. It's causing these environmental issues. We need communities growing food and working together. So much can be done without "money"."

- GHG inventory Climate Action Plan CDP Climate Change + water (maybe?)
- Recycling plastic Separate plastic collection bags Plastic ban
- Ask for community input.
- I think you hit the nail on the head with your statement above re: what the city considers in making sustainability decisions.
- In terms of how equitable some measures can be, I think it's time to ask big corporations to contribute more to the communities they "live" in, instead of always passing it on to homeowners in the form of property taxes. There are limits to how much individual families can contribute. It always seems to be the middle class who bears the brunt of expenses. For senior residents on a fixed income and low income residents, this means forcing out many from the homes they love but can no longer afford.
- Set Clear and Actionable Goals for all Bellevue residents and businesses.
- Keep planting trees. Involve students, who really understand the importance of this issue. Work locally (within specific neighborhoods) to make improvements.
- Analyze and measure the true benefits of any policy change and certainly of any infrastructure changes.
- You can create all the infrastructure you want. but you need to get citizens engaged.
- Keeping communication channels open for all residents, not just high-income residents, making decisions that have long-term benefits for current and future residents, sharing knowledge with other towns across the nation to become a recognized leader in sustainable actions.

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- You should consider the need to educate the public about the importance of environmental stewardship. There's so much ignorance of what trees and plants provide us (including how they reduce violence, increase mental health, and even improve tests scores for students). People also don't know how long it takes for trees and plants to establish themselves (and thus why it's not okay to just cut them down whenever they are inconvenient), nor do they know how to care for their trees and plants. The city does make some efforts at education, but many of these are meetings or hikes that are generally just attended by those already motivated to care for the environment. Education efforts need to be aimed at those who are not already convinced, so that means going to them. There also needs to be a commitment to standing up to developers. Our primary concern as a city needs not to be catering to the desire for profits on the part of various business people, including developers. Education for this group is also important. The city can teach them how they would benefit from preserving the environment. So many move here because of the green belts, parks, and forests we have. A lot of our tourism is also drive by that. Etc. etc
- Looking at priorities that can have a significant impact for the most people, especially with future planning and growth in mind, having inviting parks and green spaces makes it easier for people to chose to live closer to work and live a more urban lifestyle while still enjoying the outdoors with children, dogs, etc. The more focus that energy-efficient and sustainable practices are put in place for future growth, the better off Bellevue will be.
- Do we want to be comprehensive in our approach, or go big and bold in one aspect? Continue engaging the public, business, and non-profits. Offer multiple options for meetings to engage as many as possible.
- Dedicating a fund to new projects from any extra revenue due to economic development/supplemental tax revenue. Incenting new employers to partner. Switching to an all-electric fleet for city vehicles. Looking at what other cities are doing.
- That most people are probably not aware of how to reduce their environmental impact and to provide workshops for them.
- I think you should consider "doing the right thing" and how proud we are of the community we live in today. That didn't happen by accident... we are desirable because of the environment we have fostered. If people want to live in NYC or a high density highly polluted city they can choose to do so. But we like Bellevue (and the Pacific Northwest) the way it is and we should not bow to growth pressures or the desire to "make a buck". It is hard to think and act long term in this short attention span era. But we must, if we want the correct results.
- We love our trees in Bellevue; we should plant more and not just continually cut down.
- Inclusion, diversity, and income.

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- ALL of the ABOVE
- Urgency.
- Have more transportation opportunities and more bus routes in certain neighborhoods
- Two topics that were lacking at the first ESP workshop are economic and social equity (how we ensure that the ESP benefits working class and communities and communities of color), and designing an ESP for a rapidly growing city. There are several studies that determine that the Puget Sound area will experience a large migration of people from areas adversely impacted by climate change, particularly Texas and California.
- Look into a re-wilding project in Bellevue - not totally sure what this would look like here in Bellevue, but re-wilding is generally pretty good. Consider not just what is popular and what ""looks good,"" but what actually has a strong positive effect on the environment (and especially greenhouse gas emissions).
- Community education. People need to know how to recycle if we expect them to do so. However, that education needs to be equitable and accessible to all community members.
- reaching out to people who live here rather than work here. This is where we/I live and we owe it to our children to be clean, safe and sound
- Encourage developers and builders to sign on to a Green Deal and offer incentives to do so.
- 1. Plant evergreen trees. 2. Do not cut down evergreen trees. This can also include weeping willows and other evergreens that do not require loud, polluting, blowers and mulchers. 3. Take leaves to commercial area vs. loud machines in the park neighborhoods. 4. All City vehicles, machines, blowers, mowers, everything electric and quiet. 5. Add more water features vs. other forms of art. Stop draining water features for other events. 6. Add noise ordinance that limits loud vehicles such as motorcycles, loud trucks, race cars, altered mufflers, close Bellevue Square parking lot at night to reduce car racing, add traffic calming to our neighborhood roads with partially raised sidewalks--add bike patrol to all parks 24/7. 7. Top issuing permits to parks for amplified sound except for two events per year (Bellevue would be July 4th and Snowflake Lane). 8. Enforce noise ordinance and stop allowing amplified noise to travel into our home now that newer, higher buildings have created noise reverberation. 9. Work with State Government to direct SeaTac Air Traffic away from downtown Bellevue. 10. Stop allowing helicopters fly so often over our homes and require they remain over NE 8th as we were told they would do. 11. Stop allowing small private planes to fly over Bellevue so low. 12. Provide ample parking so cars are not circling, honking, scurrying around our parks to try to find parking. 13. Close park parking lots at 10pm or 10:30pm to control young partying people from being so loud, or use park rangers/park police to help them learn to live

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with neighbors in a respectful and quiet manner. (I guess if we had a noise ordinance we would not have racing cars in the park and on our roads)? 14. Continue with efforts to open up Lake WA for all of us to use and enjoy nature and beauty.

- PEOPLE WANT ACTION THAT IS BOLD ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY SAVE US
- What our youth are concerned about. More ways to voice environmental concerns for residents. Getting the schools involved.
- Education that will promote the efforts the city makes in improving our environment. The importance of the existential threat to our planet must be a priority in policies, but pushback will be constant.
- Bellevue has grown and continues to grow rapidly, with large development projects. A plan should give importance to environmental impact, and not just in a narrow "EIS" sort of way. We really need to consider the long-term effects of the decisions we make.
- Be bold, think big, bring the community along. Trees everywhere. Investment in different forms of renewable energy. Congestion fees. There is a fire, and we need to act like it.
- For the most part, leave well enough alone. Continue to encourage responsible environmental practices, but don't make it more expensive for those who live here and already struggle with the day to day expense of living?working in the Bellevue area.
- Low income families and disparity it creates. The commuting impact on more companies moving it with little changes to parking and transit.
- Slow down the growth. Bellevues kids are not able to afford to come home from college and buy a home!
- I think as a city on the leading edge of technology and growth, Bellevue should be a leader in environmental stewardship but I am concerned about the costs of being overly bold. I also think it is important that Bellevue not do this on its own. There are efforts across the county and region that should be worked on together to avoid too much costly duplication of effort. What can we learn from our neighbors or how can we partner on this work.
- Future planned density with green space/trees/blvds and parks
- Be MORE ambitious. I want to see City Council direct our city with mandates to enforce policy that benefits people and the planet, rather than prioritize business' for-profit desires. Businesses, including apartment buildings, should be required to do their part to benefit our community.

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- Bellevue should not engage in sustainability efforts that do not have a visibly positive impact on our city. In particular, feel-good initiatives such as reducing CO2 output or using renewable energy impose higher costs on the taxpayer, and will do precisely nothing measurable to improve the environment either locally or globally.
- Carbon Tax Improved incentivized transportation/waste management programs with businesses Elimination of single use plastic items Incentives for businesses to become more sustainable and energy efficient
- How to lead by example.
- Creating incentives for businesses to make changes that will demonstrably reduce CO2 emissions and energy use. City incentives for businesses and home owners to install solar panels.
- Words are cheap. Real change requires sacrifice.
- Protect park lands and put a LUC in to do so. The staff could care less about protecting our park and environmentally sensitive areas - proof is what they allow. These people should be fired and you should hire people who really care about the environment.
- Engaging our increasingly diverse population. Attracting youth from diverse backgrounds to become future environmental stewards (e.g. through volunteer and intern opportunities).
- Consider environment over growth. I don't mean more bike paths replacing car lanes. I mean stop destroying greenscape.
- What we can do to encourage a cleaner environment. No bans, no new regulations.
- Large incentives and culture of a clean environment and sustainability is important to move the public. Investment in infrastructure and public transportation and city planning especially toward density will lower the carbon output per capita.
- Garbage cans in parks. The Downtown park has minimal cans and I often see dog bags left out because it's not always easy to find a garbage can. The easier sustainability is the more likely people will do it.
- See response to the above question. Build a shared language, vision and agreed to set of steps, implementation strategies and purposefully seek knowledge, expertise, engage businesses, students, schools, etc. in problem-solving; offer rewards for innovation; fully utilize local tech firms and know-how across borders: Kirkland, Redmond and the like to generate implementation programs; timelines, make it manageable and accessible; consider best

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future outcomes and prioritize accordingly recognizing that reaching for the best necessitates intermediary outcomes. Engage all stakeholders - races, ethnicities...

- You want people to reduce the amount of cars on the road - then Bring back the Bikes! I was really disappointed with the City's request to reduce the amount of Lime bicycles in Bellevue. Compared to last year, I haven't even spent half the money I did last year with the ride share program, definitely drive the car more this year over last. If people were unhappy with the appearance of bikes everywhere then the city should allow more designated parking spots for bikes. If you want to encourage driving alternatives, then provide alternatives!
- Ongoing input and real practical influence given to people being impacted by effects of the Plan.
- Consider the seventh generation forward. What will the world be like for them. That level of care and concern should go into environmental policy today.
- Thinking about what we want the City to look like over the next five years and going forward, things that impact the environment.
- " suggest a couple of considerations. One is the that idea that there are emission-reducing steps within clear reach, and the other is that any time we review steps that perhaps are not as easily reached, we should compare the cost/difficulty of those steps with the serious cost/difficulty of inaction or inadequate-action. Inaction is very expensive! Regarding steps that are within clear reach, these are steps that are not expensive or overly difficult, which we can learn from consultants and organizations who support cities taking climate action. Let's get moving on those as quickly as possible. Steps that I happen to know about are to quickly finish replacing our streetlights with LEDs, and to set up residential & commercial efficiency benchmarking, with pathways for training/employment of workers who will do the measuring and energy improvements associated with benchmarking. (There are no doubt quite a few more steps within clear reach.) To evaluate steps that are more difficult or have higher costs, we should keep in mind that not taking those steps almost certainly leads to costs and difficulties like increased asthma from wildfire smoke in the summer. Taking steps to protect the climate can also bring benefits to health, jobs, and equity. Not taking these steps can lead to serious negative impacts on health, jobs, and equity.
- Think about Bellevue as not just the people who live there but those who work there also. it's a different demographic I bet. It would help support continued growth.
- Offleash dog park! It would come in handy for the new dog friendly businesses coming in (amazon) and will keep Bellevue looking green in more than 1 city park area.

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- Involving kids, as they will have new ideas and will have to grow up in the world that is created
- Maybe consider what we can as a society can do to make a difference.
- Impact to small businesses (less than 15 employees)
- Bellevue is rich, taxes are necessary unfortunately so tax where you need to/can and use the money responsibly.
- Bellevue needs to be willing to make policies mandatory in some areas--not rely solely on education and incentives. Ex: no more plastic bags or straw in Bellevue. Bellevue needs to convince taxpayers that paying more taxes to have a healthy environment is good for us all and our future. Bellevue can use fighting climate change to draw on its technological skills/businesses to create job and business in Bellevue. A win/win. There may need to be changes in neighborhood character to meet our climate goals--zoning changes. It may be inconvenient to change at first but often it is easier to adjust to a change that was anticipated. Look to the Portland plan for ideas. When Portland put in mandatory energy ratings for homes, it was first met with resistance but quickly people saw the benefits.
- Being more aggressive about building a larger and healthier tree canopy. (See above.) Adopt policies and programs that expand composting, which would keep more organic waste out of landfills, thereby extending their lifespans.
- Pedestrian/cyclist bridges, cycling lanes, tree coverage and native plants
- Ways to reach everyone in the city, even those who may not care or know about climate change. Any actions that could drastically reduce fossil fuel emissions.
- One of my best memories as a kid was when my dad and I did an Arbor Day event and planted a tree together. There should be many outreach programs for children specifically to try to get them interested in climate change and environmental issues.
- Where we should target mostly, how to get people into the movement
- Specific action for citizens in addition to businesses.
- Don't be limited to what has been done in other cities in the region or in the US. In alignment with the City's values, be bold, innovative, and future-focused. Engage with neighborhood groups, business community, and schools/PTAs to get their ideas, involvement, and buy-in. Bellevue has an incredible community of leading-edge

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companies/organizations, bright workforce, and diverse families that have a vested interest in innovating for a better and sustainable future. Harness that resource and energy by collaborating and creating partnerships.

- Look to European cities for examples of successful programs.
- Composting Green buildings Walkability- bike or green transportation
- quit allowing for variances
- Research first what actions actually make a difference and not just going for feel good ideas.
- Education
- Cost vs benefit but be aware that this is not always a short term cost effective plan. Think about buying a Tesla!
- Plan should include every community in Bellevue to participate. Nextdoor would be a great source to assemble.
- Increase the tree canopy! Keep Bellevue unique!
- In all of this work, please keep elderly and disabled residents in mind. I don't want the cutting edge to leave people behind. All this development is pricing us out of our homes and making life difficult for people who have been here for generations.
- Be inclusive of the spectrum of socioeconomic status.
- Conservation over headlines and awards.
- Action and enforcement. So often projects like these go unacted upon which is unfortunate.
- More green, lower building heights, eliminate downtown wind tunnels, cottage housing or townhouses instead of mega mansions.
- I would like to see an accountability plan along with the vision and policy goals. Too often environmental commitments don't come with accountability and noble goals are sacrificed for political or economic expediency when hard choices have to be made. The opening of light rail and the impending invasion of Amazon will put a lot of pressure on Bellevue for transportation alternatives and lead to lots of new construction. I want Bellevue to lead the way with sustainable and forward looking solutions to this opportunity.