

# MARKET NORKIRK HIGHLANDS SURVEY REPORT

## **APPENDIX A**



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# INTRODUCTION

This appendix supplements the report written for the Market, Norkirk, Highlands, and, Market Street Corridor online survey released by the City of Kirkland in May of 2019. Many of the question in the survey were short answer questions that asked respondents to write out their thoughts. These questions were summarized for the sake of the report. This document contains the unedited short answers written by respondents for many of the questions on the survey.



## QUESTION 2A

What top 3 things make your neighborhood a great place to live

### 223 Total Responses

- Peaceful Resident wildlife (eagles, hummingbirds, beavers, rabbits, etc.), No through traffic
- Relatively low density housing Low through traffic Facility/ability for children to play in the neighborhood
- Inclusiveness, safety, parks
- Quiet, safe, parks
- Convenience (close to downtown and other businesses), quiet but friendly place (community) and walkability to many things.
- Quiet, nice park - Crestwood and green belt
- Low buildings leaving lots of light. Gardens, trees and parks. The Cross Kirkland Corridor for walking and biking. Easy access to shopping, library, buses, schools
- Single family homes of modest size Beautiful Cross Kirkland corridor Walkable safe area to live
- Good schools. The downtown area - used to be great but it sucks now with all the development. Forbes Creek drainage
- 1. Cross Kirkland Corridor is a gem in our city 2. Single Family homes are of modest size 3. Norkirk is a walking neighborhood with sidewalks
- Our location...we know our neighbors. We have preserved some of the old with the new housing It is a good place to walk
- Great neighborhood schools Good transportation system Homes with big back yards and parks for kids to play in
- Single family Good walking Quiet
- Food wifi and a home that has a bed to sleep in
- 1. Proximity to downtown Kirkland and all that offers, while offering tranquility within the neighborhood. 2. Our abundance of parks within and close by Norkirk. 3. Safe and friendly with beautiful surroundings.
- Quiet, parks, neighbors
- Green, walkable, urban

- Neighbors, location to lake, proximity to Juanita bay & downtown Kirkland
- 1. Excellent access to community parks, waterfront, & activities for families 2. Comfortable density of homes & lot sizes given proximity to Seattle 3. Access to great schools
- Walking safely; open space with green; diversity of houses
- Quiet City and Lake Views Walkability to downtown.
- Location corridor parks
- 1. Affluent neighborhood 2. Very little commercial or transit activity 3. Single family homes, low density
- Proximity to activities quiet and safe low traffic
- Location Dead-end/no thru access; helps reduce traffic Access to trails, sidewalks.
- Community of friendly Neighbors, Safe neighborhood, quite relaxing single family homes close to urban center
- 1. Limited car traffic 2. Lots of families and kids 3. Lots of trees
- Access to corridor trail, good schools, safe
- Parks, walkability, beautiful homes
- 1. The people 2. Quiet Streets 3. Access to parks and the trail (old railroad tracks)
- Fact that there are no through streets and traffic. This avoids the major traffic jams in the other neighborhoods with through access. Single housing community for the most part.
- Tree coverage Neighborhood parks Limited ingress/access for cars not from the neighborhood
- Parks, people and accessibility.
- 1. Safe for our kids with minimal cars and typically residents driving. 2. Parks are well cared for and a lot of local resident participation. 3. People are out and neighborly because of safe, slow roads and welcoming parks.
- Safety, walkability, privacy
- walkability views parks
- Low density, trees, not many cars
- Limited vehicle traffic due to no through streets. Large lots with lots of trees. Parks and stores in close proximity.
- Safe; Access to bike trails, hiking trails without fear of buses; City amenities and limited traffic
- Proximity to downtown, quiet and laid back atmosphere, view of Lake Washington

- Safety, Walkability, Character
- 1. Quiet neighborhood 2. Access to natural areas 3. Parks
- Safe, quiet, green
- Parks, walking trails, lake view
- walkability, quiet, neighborly
- Quiet Light traffic People
- 1. Proximity to downtown 2. amazing parks 3. Neighbors
- No cut through traffic, large single family lots/low density, kids can play safely
- Quiet; residential; less traffic
- Neighbors knowing each other and being friends and trust each other. Quiet neighborhood streets. Surrounded by nature trees and lake and eagles.
- Proximity to downtown Kirkland, Juanita and water (Lake Washington); Lots of parks; friendly and respectful neighbors.
- Walkable to downtown, beautiful views, friendly neighborhood
- Mix of old and new styles of architecture
- Safety, community and family-focus
- Proximity to work, natural beauty, safety
- Quiet, safe, beautiful
- Single family homes Quiet Low traffic
- 1. Walkability 2. Security 3. Near Downtown Kirkland
- 1. Our neighbors. 2. Walking distance to downtown, schools, library, post office, bank, grocery store, KPC to name a few! 3. Making childhood friends for my children that they will have forever.
- The people\neighbors and family friendly Quiet safe streets Neighborhood is situated in such a way that it cannot be used as a bypass for the major thoroughfares.
- 1. View to Lake Washington/ Seattle 2. Mix of new and older family houses 3. Walking distance to Kirkland down town area enjoying shopping and restaurant visits
- 1. Close to Lake Washington, view of Lake Washington, accessibility to the Lake 2. Walking distance to Kirkland down town 3. Low level buildings, mix of old and new houses
- The houses and architecture are nice. We have good access to downtown, and we have quiet.
- Quiet Family Safe

- Views, Non-Pass through neighborhood, good walking, close to downtown.
- 1. Lake view and access 2. No through-fair capable (like East of Market) 3. Low density
- Neighbors, views, walkability
- 1. Low density large lot single family homes. 2. Retention of the tradition and original design keeping the existing layout, street size, lot size and building restrictions in place for this historic neighborhood. 3. Retention of street corridors and strict setback codes to retain views of existing homes.
- Location(views of water and proximity to downtown Kirkland and Lake Washington), diversity of housing styles on wide streets with beautiful gardens(although this is changing due to large houses taking up lots - leaving very little open space.
- 1. Proximity to downtown. 2. Availability of yard space - not overcrowded (yet) 3. Sense of ownership amongst neighbors (nice yards, houses, friendliness)
- Proximity to transit, proximity to library, proximity to downtown
- 1. Everything is walkable i.e.: parks, shops, restaurants. 2. Good "homey" feel. Because the neighborhood is single family oriented it has a calming pleasant small town feel in the middle of such a heavily populated area 3. Nature preservation. I really appreciate the dedication to mature trees and natural areas this neighborhood has.
- Parks, family oriented, urban-yet still s neighborhood with yard feel
- Limited vehicle access; nearly all single-family homes; walking distance to downtown via the CKC
- Long time residents Water views Small town feel
- 1. Maintain views 2. Keep historic 3. Minimize traffic
- Plats support nice water views & all-day sunlight. No through traffic, makes walking and biking safer. Low density - primarily single family housing.
- Access to parks, safety, walkability
- I love that the neighborhood is quiet and people feel safe letting their kids walk to school, love the wide variety of trees, and the trails and parks that crisscross the area.
- Quiet, low density, parks
- History, walkability, location to amenities.

- Walkable parks, neighbors, safe
- Trees, views, quiet
- 1. Access to parks. 2. Walking routes 3. Sense of community
- Low/No Crime. Close to Downtown and Parks Residential (no high rises)
- Proximity to downtown Kirkland Proximity to 405 distant views of mountains and water
- Being able to walk to downtown and schools, safe neighborhood -minor crime, neighborhood has character - not a development
- Central location walkable to downtown, Houghton, parks, Juanita and even Totem Lake. Safe friendly neighborhood with a variety of architecture, landscaping and views of Lake WA & Olympics esp. when walking down 1st Street. Access to nature via CKC & adjacent Crestwood Park trails - abundance of birds esp. eagles, hummingbirds and occasional pileated woodpecker.
- Walkability, location close to things I want to drive to, good neighbors
- Can walk places Commutable distance to work - drive and bike Lots of parks nearby
- Location, the cross Kirkland trail, and location.
- Clean, easy access to Seattle, walkable
- Safe, diverse, environment
- Sense of community; Greenbelts & Trees; No through traffic
- It's location/proximity to the freeway, easy access to the Cross Kirkland Corridor, easy access to shopping and dining, limited traffic due to no-thru streets, quiet neighborhood, lots of parks, many families, diversity.
- Limited access parks walkability
- 1. The number of parks. 2. Walkability including to downtown Kirkland. 3. Lots of green.
- Safety Accessibility to library & shopping Design flexibility
- Greenery Limited traffic Access to the CKC
- Walkability, proximity to the city, safety
- Close proximity to Seattle, able to walk on streets in evening, relatively safe
- Limited vehicle traffic, yet close to amenities. Natural setting that is relatively quiet. Neighbors that are invested in the neighborhood.
- Safe, walkable, beautiful scenery, close to shops cafes & restaurants
- My neighbors; the friendliness of the neighbors

- Walking distance to downtown. Views of lakes and mountains on streets Safety
- Beautiful parks (Waverly, Waverly beach, Juanita and smaller like Kiwanis). Variety of architecture and mostly residential.
- Location; better quality housing; view of the Lake
- Trees, parks and limited vehicle access.
- Only residential. No through traffic. Easy access to Downtown and freeway
- Parks, neighbors and walking access to downtown
- Residential, single-family housing, private without thru traffic, neighborhood feel
- 1. Ease of walking to downtown 2. Safety and responsiveness of our police 3. Good walking areas, parks and of course the Corridor in its natural state (NO RAPID TRANSIT on it).
- 1. Easy walking commute to schools and downtown Kirkland place of work 2. Cross Kirkland Corridor for recreation
- Single family houses/parks/low traffic
- Great for walking, safe, close to the water
- Walkability safety community
- Sense of community proximity- to parks and downtown safe/walkable diversity- in both home sizes/types and residents (oops, that's 4)
- Quiet. Trees & Shrubs. Good neighbors
- Charm, walk to town and school, close to places but still a neighborhood
- 1. Walking distance to many things (schools, lake, shops, restaurants, CKC) 2. The older houses, particularly ones from the late 1800s and early 1900, so it doesn't look like a development (fewer cookie-cutter houses) 3. Commutable location
- Close to downtown Kirkland Central to shopping and services in surrounding cities Heritage Park
- Neighborhood/residential feel, walkable, great neighbors
- Sidewalks, well maintained homes, friendly neighbors
- Close to downtown Kirkland Central to shopping and services in surrounding cities Heritage Park
- Single family homes Quiet streets historic buildings
- Secluded wooded neighborhood, no access roads, the quiet.
- 1. Walking neighborhood 2. Green Space 3. Businesses on Market are low traffic/low impact (law offices, bookstores, real estate,etc.)

- Only 2 ways in & out. It's not a thoroughfare or through street. The people have a great bond-young & old. The neighborhood looks out for one another- from strangers, from homeless folks pass out on the streets, or cars speeding!
- 1. Beautiful large gardens and bigger lots with and tall native trees and open view corridors of gardens, trees, water and open areas between and over low height single family homes no more than 25ft maximum ht. 2. Usually room for residents cars to park on their own property and garages. Wide streets for safe driving and driver vision and lots of room for strollers, walkers, bikes and cars to share the roadway easily. 3. no multifamily or businesses are located within the current residential areas which would creates more noise, traffic and unnecessary density and obstruct natural views and light.
- 1. Location, 2. Neighbors knowing neighbors 3. Proximity to parks and undeveloped areas
- Easy access to Downtown Kirkland, walkability and the parks
- High property values Involved residents Safe
- Views Walkability to downtown Kirkland Ease of parking
- Walk ability. Limited vehicle traffic especially at night. Street and alley access fosters neighborliness.
- Walkability Quiet Accessible to downtown
- Quiet, accessible, resources
- Lots of trees and space and quiet side streets
- No through traffic No stop lights Proximity to downtown
- Walkability, Lake views, easy access to parks and downtown.
- 1. Access to commercial areas and shopping 2. Freeway access 3. High value homes
- Green space Low density community events
- Quiet streets, variety of houses, community feel
- Parks cross Kirkland corridor Access to shops and restaurants
- Walkability, park like landscape, proximity to downtown
- Taken right from the Vision Statement: 1. Single family neighborhood. 2. Limited vehicular traffic 3. Natural setting; pedestrian and bike routes, parks; tree canopy
- Safety, walkability, green space
- Residential only Low thru traffic Safety

- The parks, the historic homes and buildings, the sense of community, all the events.
- Proximity to downtown. Proximity to parks along lake Washington. Easy access to Hwys.
- 1. Location - close to CKC, the lake, and downtown 2. Walkable 3. Parks
- Community feel/safety, walkable, the diversity in houses.
- Cross Kirkland Corridor, close to park and woods, long term neighbors - soon to change
- Cleanliness, views, proximity to downtown Kirkland/Bellevue/Seattle
- Natural beauty Parks within walking distance Streets not crowded
- 1. Safety - feel safe in the neighborhood, and no worries when traveling 2. Privacy - space between the houses 3. walkability - well-paved and maintained sidewalk
- 1. Local small businesses 2. Great schools 3. Safety/low crime
- Walkable, view, neighbors
- 1. Location: Close to the Water, Parks, & Downtown. 2. Community: People get to know their neighbors and they become friends/family, possibly because so many people walk, jog, bike, walk their dogs throughout the neighborhood. 3. The Cleanliness and Views from the Neighborhood bring a sense of peace and harmony.
- People Walkable to businesses and dining Landscaping
- Walk ability to down town, easy school access, safety.
- 1. Quiet 2. Green 3. Low density
- Great community, walkable, views
- 1. Safe 2. RESIDENTIAL single family 3. Location
- Quietness but close to downtown, friendly neighborhood, and beautiful views
- Walkability, Cleanliness, Uncrowded.
- Walkability, safety, and residential neighborhood feel.
- Variety of places to walk Prettiness - views of Olympics and lake, trees, landscaping, flowers Safety - feel comfortable walking around1.
- 1. Single family homes, mostly 2. Beautiful nature throughout...Trees, greenery, well kept sidewalks 3. Feeling of being in a very safe neighborhood for walking, enjoying being outside
- Lake Washington access All the Parks walkability

- Low density, proximity to downtown and pedestrian friendly.
- Not much through traffic, close to downtown, close to lake (with parks)
- 1. Quiet family oriented neighborhood with wide streets and plenty of space for kids to play and wonderful views. 2. Walkable and close enough to downtown to be able to walk but not be "in a city" 3. Park-like feel to the streets, including Market
- Walkability Sense of community among neighbors Proximity to Juanita Bay Park, Waverly Park, Heritage Park, and downtown Kirkland
- Quiet, walkable, families (majority single family households that anchor the market neighborhood)
- The views along Waverly which should be preserved for all neighbors and visitors. Heritage Park and Waverly Beach Park
- Quiet, nice community, walkable to parks and downtown/Juanita center
- Proximity to downtown, Juanita, transit connections and City services. Abundant parks Variety of Character and mature vegetation.
- Single family homes; quiet neighborhood streets; walkability
- Proximity to downtown Kirkland. Close to work. No commercial areas.
- The people the limited number of huge condos. I appreciate the single family homes.,
- Ability to walk to the down town area Diversity of styles of the homes Close to the Cross Kirkland corridor
- 1. Trees and greenery 2. Walkability 3. Friendly neighbors
- Proximity to Lake Washington, neighbors who take pride in their neighborhood and take care of their property. Lastly neighbors I can call at 2 a.m. in an emergency and they will come help immediately!
- Walkability
- >Bounded by lake >Limited access >Street layout which is not all right-angle grid
- No cut-through for cars. Relatively quiet streets. Large trees (not as many as we used to have though.)
- Surrounded by nature, Quiet, almost rural (Rose Point)
- 1. Strong community 2. Safe and walkable 3. Natural environment

- 1. Walkability to downtown Kirkland for restaurants, shopping, library 2. Safe, clean neighborhood - feel safe walking at any time of day
- 1. Limited multi-family housing maintaining a nice uncongested neighborhood. 2. Many parks, trails, and alleys connecting the neighborhood areas. 3. Secluded neighborhood with no straight through access.
- Walkability, parks, schools.
- That it is a safe place for children and adults to walk That the urban canopy and open space is preserved
- Close to downtown Great community Cross Kirkland corridor
- 1. Single family homes on lots that are not subdivided 2. Strict height restrictions including on Market Street Corridor 3. Very few apartments or condos
- Easy Access to Lake Washington, walkable, and across the street from the convenient store, 4/4 music
- It's a great place to take a walk either for pleasure or to get to downtown. Open green spaces and mature trees. Diverse architecture.
- 1. Nice people and lots of households with dogs. 2. Close easy walk to downtown to enjoy parks and entertainment. 3. Quiet and peaceful without too much traffic.
- Warm and welcoming feel of the neighborhood. Neighborhood parks. Proximity to downtown.
- Houses, trees, access to parks
- Single family housing; maintained height rules and regs; great police presence
- 1. Single family homes on lots that are NOT subdivided, so home are spaced apart and residents do not feel like they live in a high density environment. 2. Quiet, peaceful environment without heavy traffic or commercial activity 3. Nice homes with interesting architecture. Generally affluent neighborhood. Very few apartments or condos.
- 1. People that don't live West of Market visit and enjoy walking, biking and the parks. 2. Waverly Beach Park is pleasant year round and brings the neighborhood together. 3. Quiets streets without thru traffic - only residents and people that are visiting drive thru the neighborhood.
- Lots of trees parks
- 1. Waverly Beach Park 2. Beautiful high-end homes 3. Quiet, low traffic, safe

- Walkability Access to Mass Transit Access to Waterfront
- Easy access to shopping and dining. Friendly neighbors Nice looking streets and houses
- Parks Open space Wetlands
- 1. Grid-pattern layout to the neighborhood with a variety of family residences. 2. Proximity to parks, lake WA, and restaurants/retail 3. Location to transportation options and freeways
- 1. View corridors through all Streets and Avenues 2. Walkability 3. Eclectic and varied architecture
- Bigger lots, lots of trees, parks.
- Connections to CKC Park access and natural spaces Recently it has become more ethnically diverse which I appreciate
- 1. Access to business/services 2. Walkability 3. Great neighbors
- Proximity to downtown and lake Views
- Good mix of commercial, single family, and multi family dwellings with clear boundaries. Plenty of trees and parkland. Walk ability, although more sidewalks are needed!
- Residents who live here Proximity to downtown restaurants and businesses Lake Washington
- Neighbors, close to downtown activities, limited growth
- Beautiful location on lake, clean neighborhood, ease to walking to town
- 1. Parks with open spaces where people and their dogs and enjoy the outdoors. 2. Wide streets with sufficient parking. 3. Single-family homes close to businesses.
- Close to downtown. Green areas. Walkable.
- Eclectic mix of housing styles with some larger lots remaining. Good mix of parks within walking distance. Multiple areas to access Lake Washington
- Views Waterfront access Diversity of home architecture
- View, parks, and lack of tall buildings
- 1. Friendly, walkable neighborhood 2. Historic and character of Market St 3. Parks
- Beautiful location Clean Safe

## QUESTION 2B

What are the top 3 things you would like to see changed

## 223 Total Responses

- 1. Slower car speeds on West of Market streets. Stop building sidewalks to nowhere. (Many of the streets West of Market are delightful 2. Quiet Lanes that are pleasant places to walk.) 3. Reduce property crime / theft.
- Availability of before/after care for children Traffic circles are a nuisance/dangerous as they protrude into cross traffic (e.g. 6th St/9th or 10th Ave Higher density houses being built on subdivided plots
- Kirkland needs to work on promoting inclusivity; need to reduce the insane construction of enormous houses; needs to make contractors abide by regulations, especially concerning trees
- No more giant cube houses (new houses should have a LITTLE character), construction restricted to 8 hours/day, fewer trees cut down for construction,
- A few more sidewalks on some of the busier streets, like 19th Ave to the Middle School. No others.
- Sidewalks up 19th to Crestwood park Further work on landscaping & trimming of bushes that overhang shared pathways (ex. 19th street & 4th - hedge overhangs/impedes public pathway) More support of dog park - off leash areas.
- NIX the plan to make the Cross Kirkland Corridor a transportation lane. WE LOVE OUR CORRIDOR and use it extensively.
- No mansions please Keep traffic diverted from neighborhood
- Height limits on new houses, 1 building per lot Larger lot sizes not smaller.
- 1. Stop people from building mansions or oversized homes in the Norkirk neighborhood. 2. Divert "pass-through" auto traffic away from Norkirk, so it stays on main thoroughfares. Drivers whose destination is not in Norkirk should stay on the 405 freeway or (less desired) at least stay on Central Way and Market Street. 3. Limit to three floors the building height on any future construction along the Market St. and Central Way corridors.

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- 1. Green and/or traffic barriers between Norkirk and industrial district. 2. Increased traffic calming or deterrents at Norkirk borders with industrial and from 85th and the Kirkland Urban. 3. Amount of through traffic - often people short cutting major arteries and in a big hurry.
- Bike safety, sidewalks, smaller houses that have less boxy style and trees
- 1. Limiting the structure size of new development. It's hard to see darling streets getting overrun with "McMansions" 2. Leave Kiwanis park natural and undeveloped. It's the only place in the area that residents can really feel like they are escaping the city life. 3. Restricting mature tree removal. My street has recently lost two 100ft+ trees and it had dramatically downgraded the skyline.
- More craftsmen style type homes rather than box homes (losing the aesthetic/unique feel with more box homes); allow for unique stores (toy shop, candy shop, furniture), various alternative restaurants to remain in Kirkland to keep its artistic/diverse feel, and less commercialized downtown events/runs/ (seems they be been adding more in recent years)
- Stoop signs at 114th and 87th intersection; limit home site density resulting in loss of trees and green space between homes.
- Less traffic Less construction Fewer apartments
- 1. Reduce variances 2. Reduce development 3. Reduce traffic
- Removal of powerlines (LID?). Fewer 'boxes' - all the new houses are building square roofs to maximize space - we need to encourage building homes that retain historic aesthetics (in addition to "some" modern). Protected/easy way to get onto Market St during high traffic.
- Gated access, sidewalks, street lights for at night
- Wish it could be more affordable for people not in tech, wish there were ways to get to downtown & beyond other than private automobiles (it's really too hilly to practically bike, for me anyway), wish there were before/aftercare open to all families at Peter Kirk so my kids could attend school there.
- Less density, more sidewalks
- New home construction on a more human scale and retention of some trees rather than current clear cutting and light blocking mega-homes. Even more walkability and pedestrian/bike focus Less noise pollution from gas powered engines (e.g. leaf blowers) which disturb ability to be outdoors.
- 1. City control of view and light infringements by new high flat roofed, massive homes. Impact on vegetation and health a consideration. 2. City control of pests...rodents and rabbits. Possibly having routine city days of residential participation in rodent and rabbit extermination, i.e. putting out deterrents/baited traps. And city involvement through sewer extermination of these pests. 3. City support of property maintenance, i.e. yard maintenance for disabled or elderly citizens...and enforcement if maintenance assistance is declined...overgrown lots provide habitat for pests and are unsightly and unsafe.
- 1. Need sidewalks on all streets that have a double yellow line. 2. stop allowing individuals to split their lot and multiple houses on one lot. 3.add a close dog park
- New houses are too big (fill the lot and leave no space for trees). Improve access to public transit. Improve bicycle and pedestrian routes.
- 1. Add another north south route or change Market Street to two lanes each with a traffic signal at 10th Ave. 2. Complete sidewalks on at least on side the length of 19th Ave and on 3rd Street. 3. Reroute event runs and walks off Market St.
- Clear bushes from street corners for better visibility Pave alleys Clear bushes / tree limbs from alley ways
- We would like to see lot sizes on 92nd street to be reduced to 7,200 per lot. We have a lot that is 14,400 and we would like to subdivide into 2 lots. There are currently lot sizes at 7,200 on 91ststreet. Also, underground wiring would be nice.
- Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks. missing connecting sidewalks going to school, parks, Deru, downtown... What good is walking distance when there aren't sidewalks to walk on
- Bury power and phone lines, get light rail station
- SIDEWALKS! Most streets in Norkirk and Highlands don't have sidewalks even on one side of the street. Our kids walk to school and to parks and neighbors and have to walk in the street with cars. It's really bad some places. This is basic stuff our taxes should be going to. After that, we really need bike lanes through the neighborhoods, and they have to connect to the CKC.
- We'd like a nicer walk route to downtown Kirkland. We understand that 7th has commercial zoning, however, the sidewalk to downtown is rough, inconsistent, muddy, and ugly. None of the other near-downtown neighborhoods have that, and we pay the same taxes.
- More amenities within walking distance; Less Traffic,
- Pedestrian safety
- Less Density building, homes kept to 2500-3000 sq. ft. range, homes occupied when purchased.
- Slower growth.
- Fewer large homes (limit lot coverage) more sidewalks
- 1. Continuous sidewalks. 2. Tree maintenance. 3. Off-leash dog parks.
- Sidewalks on 19th Avenue NEEDED for greater walkability of seniors, students & families; think about traffic workarounds as more multi-family housing is allowed around the perimeter - more construction means more traffic through the neighborhoods, thus urgent need for safe sidewalks.
- Less multi-family development More managed egress onto and off 114th
- Fewer new mega mansions, better sidewalks in places, traffic improvements
- Cut back on north-bound traffic along 1st ST. (This causes several near collisions at 1st and 15th Ave due to someone not yielding), excessive noise of cars with noisemakers and Harleys on Market ST. Also, it would be useful if City of Kirkland could ask property owners to cut back vegetation encroaching on sidewalks.
- Safe walks for kids to schools (lack of sidewalks). Plan from the city to guide residents on how to replace trees that are at the end of life, without having to go through expensive arborist / tree permitting processes.
- Market St is getting busier, we need better traffic management there along with downtown Kirkland to improve the flow of traffic and make it safer
- Streets on Norkirk need to be repaved, not just 1st avenue. Less new homes that have the same design, i.e., box modern. Would like to see more variety of designs. Need to have a view covenant in Norkirk.
- Promote smaller, more affordable homes on smaller lots but keep setbacks. Allow more ADUs for addressing growing population without building more multi family buildings.
- Better ways at slowing people down on the streets (116th Ave);
- Street sweeper should come by on Market Street regularly due to a lot of litter and debris from trees, etc. along the gutters
- There is SO much high density housing going up all around Kirkland. I would like to see the highlands remain a place for single family homes (although I would prefer that some of those homes remain more affordable and not enormous McMansions!).
- Road noise from I405 Road noise from I405 Road noise from I405
- More playground equipment including swings and basketball hoops
- Less construction of large "box" houses, uniformity in new construction, keep the path school kids walk from Crestwoods to the Highlands safe and free of needles and campers.
- 1. Buried wiring. The mish mash of cables, wires and transformers hanging and crisscrossing every direction looks ugly, cheap and chaotic. They are also more prone to outages. They are dangerous. Wires break and hang down, cables are looped into piles laying on the ground. Fried birds and squirrels are common. The process of burying these should have started decades ago like in Bellevue and other nice areas in Redmond and Seattle. 2. There should be uniform sidewalks on at least one side of each street. This cheap, disorganized, haphazard method being done by new construction contractors is ugly, illogical and difficult to use. 3. More and better shopping and dining options 4. Can the tick problem at parks like Finn Hill Park be fixed? We used to go there at least once a week. I haven't been there in two years now because the last visit resulted in my dogs covered in ticks. It could be managed. Massachusetts controls it very well along their Minute Man Battle Road Trail (6 wooded miles) and in the Great Meadow Park and in Massachusetts ticks are abundant everywhere else. Far, far worse than here. Kirkland has let a small infestation take over.
- 1. No access to transit 2. Topography is challenging for active transit (87th St is "steep") 3. No parks in the southern part of the neighborhood
- Calming circles to slow traffic speed on Waverly Way and 7th Ave. West/restrict additional apartments complexes/lobby King County to get the traffic back on the freeway with more lanes & keep traffic out of Kirkland.
- Better parking in downtown; time should have been spent doing traffic studies PRIOR to construction projects - I feel like the tax money trunked businesses having to do typical required work
- Less multi-family units

- Horrible cut-through traffic esp on 1st to avoid market poor sight lines around corners with stop signs unsafe speeds, common on first with poor to no enforcement
- Stop narrowing streets with too many sidewalks Encourage biz growth development up market st traffic management - gridlock at times overbuilding- ok w/growth & development but how many more people can we cram in w/o infrastructure to support? (oops, 4 again..)
- We need sidewalks, we need some bike lanes across and connecting neighborhoods, we need this neighborhood preserved with medium and small houses and back yards
- 1. Walkability is supposed to be the best thing about this neighborhood, but while many things are within walking distance, there are many streets without connecting sidewalks and some situations are VERY unsafe. We desperately need SIDEWALKS. 2. We need bike lanes across the neighborhood (15th ave, 7th ave) and connecting to the CKC (7th ave, 15th ave down 6th st connecting to 12th ave) 3. The city should do a better job of protecting historic homes: don't let them be moved, torn down, or remodeled to the point that they are unrecognizable.
- Traffic congestion on Market St Over development of downtown Kirkland - too many new big/tall buildings and apartments/offices Traffic congestion in and around downtown Kirkland
- Less traffic on Market Street, more small businesses along Market Street (restaurants in particular), keeping residential lots large instead of sub dividing
- Lots of traffic on Market Street, lots of trash after community events near our waterfront
- Traffic congestion on Market St Over development of downtown Kirkland - too many big/tall buildings Traffic congestion in downtown Kirkland
- Market street traffic Need stoplights Speed control on market street
- Speed humps/bumps. Make them more uniform and fill in the fire lane. Too many cars go down the middle of the road into oncoming traffic on 112th and 116th. Four way stops need to be made safer by trimming hedges, bushes and trees. Add turtle lane dividers and/or yellow lines so drivers don't cross over into their "lane" of oncoming traffic such as (11th Ave NE)
- Signal at 132nd Ave NE and 100th Street, better traffic control, less crowding
- Speeding up & down 97th Street. I'd like to see a round a bout or speed bump. We have 2 "Hoarders" on 112th. I believe there is huge fire concerns with abound on cars, boats, etc- Id love to have city check on code & work with these individuals to create safe spaces.
- 1 More setback space between houses for view corridors, less noise from house to house, maintenance access, and fire setback for safety and peace and privacy. 2. Allow absolutely No street parking on narrow streets that reduce the street to a single lane causing cars to wait in line to use the streets. This is not the intent of roads and streets which are to have two open lanes solely for the use of expediting the safe and efficient use of vehicles including fire and public safety and public utility vehicles. This is an urgent change that needs to occur. 3. More enforcement of vegetation control on street public right of way shoulders where residents put illegal barriers and vegetation that impede driver vision of oncoming and intersecting traffic which is very dangerous. Vision corner setbacks need to be maintained free of obstructions including vegetation and vehicles parked too close to corners resulting in lack of vision for drivers. This is urgent and can be easily remedied with a mailer that shows setback requirement diagrams for use by residents to prune back their driver vision obstructing vegetation. Public works needs to cut back trees and bushes on public right of way property that are obstructing driver vision. This is especially urgent East and West of Market where 405 drivers take side streets to avoid the back up Market. This is another reason we cannot allow parking on the street where residents have been allowed to obstruct the public right of way where cars previously parked which left the roads open for their designated use of two open lanes of traffic for safety and efficiency. NEIGHBORHOOD Roads must be returned to two unobstructed lanes. The public paid for the right of ways and the streets for this purpose.
- Telephone poles put underground as it blocks the views. Larger lots could be subdivided as we were told our almost 12K sq ft lot could not be split in half like most of the houses in the area on 5K sq ft. trees trimmed for more views on the streets
- 1. Consistent sidewalks 2. Fewer signs/stripping/ etc. on Market street that now distract from pedestrian crossings on walk to school routes 3. Wider sidewalks on the road to town to slow down traffic and encourage people to walk to Downtown Kirkland or to Juanita Village
- More affordable housing options, particularly for those of us who have lived here a long time. Improved traffic control on Market Street to improve ingress/egress during peak commute times. Change zoning to allow duplex and triplex and larger ADUs to provide more affordable housing options without changing the character of the neighborhood.
- Access to Market Street during rush hours. More limits on construction noise. Enforcement of sidewalk encroachment
- Protecting larger lot sizes, keeping the area walkable, and reducing traffic through Norkirk and Market
- 1. More restrictions on the size and location of homes (i.e. more open space required) 2. Update Juanita bay park to be more kid friendly with a place structure 3. Limit parking to one side of the street to keep room for driving. New homes on both sides with new sidewalks make it impossible to have parked cars and driving room
- More side walks No more 6 foot high fences on street fronts Enhanced views via select tree removal
- Improve views of Lake Washington
- 1. Traffic congestion -- the bottleneck at 114th Ave NE and NE 87th St is ridiculous 2. Access -- open the NE 100th St emergency access road to all vehicle traffic 3. Quiet -- need better police enforcement of noise pollution at 114th Ave NE and NE 87th St caused by a) illegally loud motorcycles, b) illegal exhaust modifications, and c) trucks squealing their tires as they perform burnouts at the stop sign.
- More sidewalks restoration of natural forests maintaining of canopy cover
- Big flat roof houses replacing small houses, more 2-4 family multi units,
- Cut through traffic more access to shops and restaurants Connected sidewalks
- More sidewalks, more ADU living, more single family style duplex
- 1. Don't allow 7th/87th to become a gridlocked alternative route for commuters coming from the north and trying to avoid 405, downtown and Central. It's already a problem that makes it harder and harder just to exit this neighborhood. 2. Encourage the building of smaller, more diverse styles of housing, with yards and gardens, rather than boxy, modern mini mansions that push right to the property lines. 3. Don't ever open up Traffic Connection T16 to anything other than emergency vehicles.
- Add sidewalks, additional small commercial development that people can walk to, limits on home sizes/lot occupation that preserves green space
- No further increase in non single family dwellings. Lower speed limits No more businesses in residential areas
- Improve the tree maintenance along Waverly Way - this used to be a beautiful vista now it's all overgrown trees and bushes. What's the purpose of the benches looking out into blackberry weeds? Traffic needs to be addressed on Market and Main Street. Consider pedestrian overpasses??
- More designated bike lanes. Off leash designated dog time at heritage park. Increase in Recreation rentals at Marina.
- Less parking allowed on streets. The streets become so narrow on the 16th ave when trucks are parked a fire engine/ambulance can't pass. Limit building - one house per lot.
- 1. More affordable housing - average income families being priced out 2. Less ugly box homes! 3. Another north-south traffic option besides Market Street - connect 116th to Forbes Creek Dr?
- The sidewalks being installed make it incredibly hard to drive up and down some streets. Namely 16th Ave. Please address.
- Reduction of home sizes on 7200sq ft lots, Construction on sensitive areas, Construction impact on neighbors, such as parking and noise
- Heavy traffic on market street making entering and exiting at rush hour hazardous. No panhandling and no camping. Kirkland needs to act to prevent Seattle-style homelessness and drug problems become our problem. Enforce the laws.
- Less new development where one small house is torn down and subdivided into 2 big houses on small lots
- 1. No more new construction of large houses on small lots. Requiring more trees and green areas. 2. Improve walkability - more paved sidewalks, cut back the overgrown trees/bushes. 3. Add more street lights - the streets are very dark in winter
- Would like police presence back in the neighborhood, a small outpost station at City Hall perhaps.
- Traffic mitigation to keep traffic on main roads and not smaller residential streets.
- Utility poles buried, better access to Market St (traffic congestion), construction noise regulated



- 1. Cutting back of all the black berry/thorn bushes that block the water view as one drives along Waverly way. Such a nice neighborhood but the abundance of blackberry bushes makes it feel unkempt. 2. Improvements to Heritage Park. Maybe more parking. 3. Adding sidewalks is nice within the neighborhood but it's also creating congestion driving through the neighborhood. Many large homes that have mother in law apartments rent them out and so they end up parking out front of their houses and where there are sidewalks only on car can get through at a time.
- Tearing down all the old and building leaving no green space. Underground wires Before hours (8am) and after hours (after 7 or 8 pm depending on time of year-off leash at Heritage Park.
- Taller houses (not 25' boxes which all look the same). Homes that are not lower than the sidewalk (builders go down to get 3 floors, all the homes feel below the sidewalks)
- More sidewalks (not asphalt, real sidewalks), people driving the speed limit
- 1. LESS GROWTH / Density 2. better peak travel time traffic management, too much near gridlock, clear out parking for reversible lanes to add capacity 3. Enforce off-leash pets in parks
- Less large ugly boxes with zero lot lines, trees being built in the sidewalks that take away views we pay for, developers getting to do whatever they want to a property.
- Unsafe roundabouts removed and replaced with stop signs. Small neighborhood police detachment for community policing on bike and foot, especially in Peter Kirk Park and around the transit center. No more tent cities.
- Halt the massacre of trees Noise levels - especially leaf blowers (usually multiple), also mowers, pressure washers, weed whackers etc. Decibel limits? No noise on Sunday, like we do for construction? More variety of houses - all those going in around us are large, square, and very expensive.
- 1. Destruction of above mentioned nature-TREES for commercial development 2. Limit on developers' plans for multi family housing on parking spaces...too many units, too few spaces provided...city street parking rarely available for residents' guests 3. Streets repaired once developers finish construction and leave potholes from their equipment
- Sidewalks on all residential streets, speed bumps near elementary school.
- More sidewalks, slower car speeds (especially on Waverly Way), outdoor showers at Waverly Beach (to prevent swimmers itch)
- 1. Smaller houses - reduce the FAR, maintain setbacks and height restrictions 2. Better traffic flow management on Market Street to keep traffic in and through the neighborhood relatively light 3. Enforcement of and improved regulations regarding speed and sight lines for structures (both permanent and temporary) along the streets and at intersections - do not allow zero setbacks and 4-5+ story buildings. Be more mindful of placement of signs (especially temporary traffic impact/road closure signs) that block drivers' ability to see oncoming traffic, bicyclists, etc.
- Traffic backups on Market Street Power and phone lines put underground
- 1. Control Market Street Traffic - there are very few gaps during rush hours. The Forbes creek signal isn't providing gaps on market for locals. 2. Sidewalks all the way up 6th Street W. - 6th is a major walkway for families. Why we don't have sidewalks after all this construction is a mystery to me. 3. Add, maintain and improve speed bumps to keep traffic speeds at posted limits. The speed bumps on 6th Street West are the ONLY thing keeping speeds down. Bigger better speed bumps!
- Wish new homes were smaller, protect views
- Less cut through traffic. More sidewalk connections. Protection of mature trees and new vegetation.
- Improved traffic flow on all major streets of downtown area and Market street without causing driver detours into residential neighborhoods to avoid bottlenecks; more one way streets to manage flow through downtown region
- More sidewalks, especially accessing the schools. Traffic enforcement, including safe pedestrian crossing on 116th & 112th, and minimum standard for property appearance/maintenance
- Better maintain the tree canopy, establish a municipal heritage/landmark tree protection street car that circulates and will connect us to the light rail and other transit (as in Munich, Portland etc. Stop use of Glyphosate/ Round Up at the Parks and public areas
- 1. Neighbors trees blocking views 2. Some way to slow down auto traffic on Waverly 3. Better signage at the right turn from Central to Market, so non-residents understand the intersection better.
- A light somewhere onto market Street.
- Use of speed bumps or speed reducing devices to slow cars driving through the neighborhood Parking along the street by people who live outside of the neighborhood and don't want to pay for parking LIT businesses parking along the street
- 1. Less tree cutting for development 2. Less lot coverage allowed (houses too big with no yard space) 3. Difficulty getting on to Market Street from neighborhood
- Speed of traffic on Market is TOO FAST - people do NOT drive 25 mph. Crosswalks on Market are horribly dangerous - they need to lit up like the one on 18th. Corner of Market and Central is the most dangerous! A stoplight is needed - too many moving pieces with the level of traffic and many pedestrians walking. across.
- The sidewalk situation is a joke Sidewalks to nowhere It will be 100 years until everything has been redeveloped - that program was off and on during the development boom and now it's just an embarrassment
- 1. Eliminate requirement for sidewalk on new development 2. Bury overhead utilities 3. Improve view of Lake from Heritage Park & Waverly Way by lowering & maintaining vegetation
- Better access to transit. Hoping that business will develop facing the CKC so we can walk to more things. Big dream? Some powered form of assistance up the hill to the neighborhood so more people would walk.
- Too much traffic, ugly new construction, keep it neighborly and quiet
- 1. Starting to see more homelessness - especially around bus station, occasionally Marina park. Takes away from community. 2. Traffic getting worse getting out of Kirkland to get to work. 2 more traffic lights on Central Way is a step in the wrong direction. 3. Taxes are getting out of hand! Just because property values are going up doesn't mean I suddenly have more money to pay taxes!
- 1. Remove the speed humps - these are extremely dangerous, ruin vehicles, and are painful for those with back injuries. Speed humps do not stop speeders! 2. Stop allowing crowded lots. Putting multiple houses on a small lot reduces the quality of the neighborhood by over densifying, and increasing overhead power lines. 3. High crime rates! Bring back the police presence, especially during the work week, and late night when prowls and break ins happen most.
- Traffic, most people are cutting through our neighborhood Bike lanes, continue to keep safe, even more signage Downtown Congestion, move to make 116th 4 lanes to ease congestion in Downtown Kirkland
- Ensure that increased density does not adversely impact existing residents. Sample impacts include parking, street safety, home crowding, permeable surface reduction
- Find a way to safeguard the open space and undeveloped slopes along the Forbes Creek Drive, such as city ownership to prevent further development on the slope.
- More sidewalks More street lights at night More security against car prowling
- 1. Limit on street boat trailer parking 2. Limit overflow parking from downtown 3. Complete Waverly Beach Park Phase II
- Mass transit on the Cross Kirkland Corridor, less traffic congestion in general, cars not using 1st street as a cut through to avoid traffic on Market at rush hour
- Less development. Increased neighborhood involvement. Less traffic.
- 1. Many home fertilize gardens with manure making the neighborhood smell overpowering at times, and hard to walk around outside. Would like to see more nose-friendly garden solutions. 2. Many lots are being split to make two houses on what was formerly one home site. This makes for dense and crowded neighborhoods. Would like the lot splitting to be less common. 3. There's no fenced dog park in the area. It would be great o have a proper dog park for Kirkland's beloved pups.
- Above ground utility wires put underground. Improve view corridor along Waverly with strategic tree trimming. Reduced speeding/ vehicle noise along Waverly.
- Allowing small lots with possible other living spaces, the narrowing of some streets.
- Maintain single family housing; maintain height rules and regs; keep our fire and police forces well trained and salaried.
- 1. Traffic on Market is brutal during commute times - I live in West of Market and sometimes sit on Market street for 15 min w/out moving and that's just to get to the first spot where I can turn left to get OFF of Market street to get home. 2. Fixing the traffic pattern on Market street - it is a major transportation corridor so perhaps it needs to be widened to 2 lanes?

- 1. Prevent overflow parking from downtown flowing into the neighborhood, clogging up streets and making it difficult for residents to park. 2. People driving on Waverly Way drive way, way too fast. Not everyone, but there are examples of people driving 60+ MPH on Waverly in some cases. We tried to have the City address this, but they didn't do anything. 3. The City's tree policy makes it very difficult to open up views to the lake. Two examples: Heritage Park could have amazing views of the lake but for some reason the City has adopted a plan that blocks 90% of the view and directs people to view corridors which are themselves overgrown and partially blocked. It doesn't make sense to have a park with the potential for amazing views, only to block the views with poorly managed overgrowth. Similarly, Waverly Way is overgrown, blocking potentially amazing views that could be enjoyed by the community.
- 1. Create safe driving without accidents: a) enforce sight lines at intersections and require vegetation to be removed in sight lines. b) speed limits established and enforced during warm weather months when Waverly Beach Park is in high use. c) 4 way stop at 16th Ave W and 6th Street W. 2. Create a gravel or paved path from 9th Street W to the wetlands park as an alternate route for bikes since Market bike lanes are now shared with buses. 3) Signage for an Alternate Scenic Bike Route through West of Market between downtown and Juanita.
- Throughput on Market street limits on McMansion lot coverage
- 1. Too much traffic on Market Street 2. Kirkland Urban traffic will make it very difficult to get from Market Neighborhood to the I-405 3. Open up the views at Heritage Park
- Restrictions on oversized-for-the-lot, boxy, imposing monolith houses that overtake neighbors and are an eyesore for the neighborhood Traffic along the Market Street Corridor is a nightmare - allow bus only lanes to encourage alternatives to driving and reward people who make the choice to ride the bus Restrictions on oversized-for-the-lot, boxy, imposing monolith houses that overtake neighbors and are an eyesore for the neighborhood (yep, I said it again)
- More parking near the waterfront Wider streets
- Less development in wetlands and open space, less dividing lot in subplots for two or more houses

- 1. Sidewalks on all streets on all frontages 2. Enforce all front and rear yard setbacks, including eliminating all corner averaging and "narrow lot" variances 3. Enforce tree removal codes consistently, quickly, and forcefully if needed
- STOP the development of houses that are TOO BIG for lot size. Also-design review before building can occur- Across the street from us is a massive house that looks more like a commercial bldg than residential. Located at 1822 9th St W
- Improved connectivity across freeway / to other neighborhoods, particularly for bikes and pedestrians Would like to fill in the missing sidewalk gaps, would love more inter-neighborhood pedestrian "shortcuts" like there are to access Spinney Homestead Park I think there's a gap in income / class diversity that I believe would be helped by more ADUs / encouraging lots to split into two smaller homes versus rebuilding one giant home
- 1. No more storage units on 7th 2. No short term rentals in neighborhood 3. More cottage development
- Reduce speeding on 6th St W and 16th Ave W Sidewalks on all streets Powerlines buried
- Finish sidewalks Keep trees under control to maintain views
- Add sidewalks along major streets to improve safety and aesthetics. Install underground power. Residents pay a premium to live in this neighborhood and the infrastructure should be commensurate with other similar neighborhoods on the east side.
- We need a traffic light to get from the Market neighborhood onto Market Street. It is IMPOSSIBLE to turn north during rush hour or even to get onto the flow of Market Street traffic heading south.
- More sidewalks. They should all be concrete—not asphalt which is tacky and looks cheap. Wherever possible, sidewalks should be cut in from street with tree lined median strips to encourage safe walking, not put right next to the street. Also, there should be more strict building codes...no giant stucco box houses, no gated driveways, more porches and front doors that face the street. 7th Street has too many tacky McMansion houses that are oversized and have tasteless facades. More craftsman style homes, less hodgepodge of architecture styles! We should restrict architectural styles to tasteful vernaculars that are consistent with new urbanism principles!!!!

- Parks better cared for Respect for residents living here vs parking for downtown
- businesses have restrictions on their vehiclesparking, 4 window company trucks parked in front of houses, speed slowed down from boat trailer traffic tearing through neighborhood, dog on leash especially waverly park
- better traffic flow from west of market to downtown kirkland and I-5. Better pedestrian vs car cross walks, ensuring people with dogs pick up after their dogs - possible fines if they don't
- 1. More parking in Kirkland. 2. Less traffic in Kirkland. 3. Less discrimination toward dogs and dog owners in public parks.
- Sidewalks on 19th Ave. Paved CKC. Improved / Paved pedestrian cut-throughs.
- traffic on market street prevents access during rush hour. Market street corridor is underutilized and development is unattractive. sidewalks are incomplete and no good walk route for kids
- Remove power lines (place below grade) More consistency in stop, yield signage Speed on Market street - lower.
- Replace yield signs with stop signs west of market. Collision danger outweighs convenience.
- 1. Worried about additional development on Market St 2. Added sidewalks (e.g. 16th) are making streets to narrow (either less sidewalks, or allow for no parking on curb) 3. Too many big modern houses on small lots
- No pesticides Recycling available at all parks Playgrounds that caters to the under 5 crowd and mamas

## QUESTION 5:

What amenities does your neighborhood lack? Why are they important?

## 157 Total Responses

- Traffic calming on 16th Ave West
- Restrooms in the parks should be open year round. Taking walks in the winter can sometimes be challenging due to lack of facilities.
- Sidewalks on 19th Ave because it's a fairly busy street through to Crestwoods and KMS.
- Swimming Pool Juanita pool is an facility which has been ignored - only year round place for children to learn swimming; only year round place for the public for swimming. Drowning is a true hazard where we are surrounded by lakes. Good activity, available to all - supporting those with disability or due to aging cannot do other exercise.
- Sidewalks for walking Better, separate, bike paths
- Dog bag stations.
- Fewer apartments = fewer cars & reduced congestion
- More traffic calming measures to keep cars from racing through the neighborhood and to discourage "pass-through" traffic by drivers who are neighborhood residents.
- Need to slow cut-through traffic. It seems that it is almost a race-track on 15th and 18th Avenues and 1st and 3rd Streets.
- Traffic management. Speed. Parking. Pedestrian safety.
- 1. Better bike access to the Cross Kirkland Corridor in the southern end of the neighborhood. 2. Additional opportunities for smaller homes that "fit in" and can accommodate a wider diversity of people.
- Place overhead power lines underground
- Fast public transportation
- Sidewalks along more streets; walk safely
- Remove utility poles Throughout neighborhood Safety and View improvement

- Playgrounds for kids. Juanita bay park (not the beach park) needs one, and/or a park in northern west-of-market. It's important because I have young kids and we have to drive to a playground. We shouldn't have to do that. The lack of one also decreases community since we can't meet neighbors at playgrounds.
- 1. New neighborhood signs 2. Traffic speed reduction on Waverly Way 3. Open up the view all along Waverly Way
- I'd like to see more sidewalks and safely walkable streets. More connections to downtown More pocket restaurants. (British neighborhood concept.) The intersection at 112th and 87th with the added factor of the CKC can be difficult. The flashing lights help, but it can be hard to see bikers/walkers/joggers on the CKC. It would be nice to see speed mitigation on 87th and added safety at that location. More people are trying to avoid 85th, so 87th has become congested. It can be hard in the morning to come out of the highlands on 116th and turn left on to 114th. It would be worth considering a 4 way stop at the 114th/87th intersection. As a neighborhood we stand to be impacted the most by bus rapid transit at 85th or future light rail on the CKC. It is important for our neighborhood to have added considerations for noise mitigation, air quality, and access to the new modes of transportation. For example: 1. Safe, pedestrian access from a future 90th street pedestrian overpass to the BRT station at 85th and to the Rose Hill Neighborhood 2. Frequent stops for future light rail along the CKC. We can't allow Kirkland to be a pass through for riders from the North or South. Rather stops should be frequent in our area. (Gold's gym, PK Elementary, 85th/87th, Google/Chainline/MetMarket, Carillon Point, South Kirkland Park and Ride. Our stops should be frequent so Kirkland is not just one stop on the way from Bothell to Bellevue.
- Underground Power lines. Minimize power outages during storms. Maximize views.
- Sidewalks on 19th ave between Market and 3rd street. This safely enhancement would promote visibility of walkers and improve community connectivity for 1st and 2nd street residents.
- A larger park with separate structures for younger and older kids near the south end of the Highlands neighborhood would be great. (Most of the parks in the Highlands are closer to the north end of the neighborhood.)
- Sidewalks or speed bumps on 16th Ave W, a busy street that cars race down because it is a throughway.
- 1. Senior Center, located in Norkirk (younger residents have natural contacts with school and school families. Seniors without children in town have none) 2. A local newspaper that is written by Kirkland people for Kirkland residents. The current Kirkland Reporter is totally inadequate, focuses more on King County.
- Pickleball courts!
- Public transportation to downtown would be awesome
- Restaurants, grocery, and other common, daily, storefront retail is needed within walking distance farther north along the Market corridor.
- The shopping area at the top of Market is the most pressing need for redevelopment. A strong second is a plan for splitting cost of new sidewalks
- Bike trail/sidewalks so kids can bike safely - there are lots of blind turns that are unsafe Dog park - lots of people have dogs here and there's nowhere to take them to run around and play
- Bike Lanes, walking trails
- Swing set at Waverly, clean sidewalks and parks (i.e. free from dog waste), buffer from high density on Market St
- Burying pole lines throughout the neighborhood. Because they look hideous
- Child swings at the parks. More than 1 swing. Because more younger families are moving in.
- Utility poles under ground because it adds to the serene beauty and safety.
- More sidewalks, speed bumps and 20 mph zones. Neighborhood is in danger of becoming and easement to Juanita and Finn Hill, need traffic funneled to 405
- Would love more businesses on market that are gathering spots for the community like coffee shops and restaurants. The increase in traffic and pedestrians downtown makes it crowded...it feels like new ventures could be sustainable
- We need to have the telephone lines buried. It's dangerous and inconvenient during storm seasons.
- Bury the powerlines to improve views and protect against power outages
- Speed controls (turtles?) along 1st street.
- Safe sidewalks that are continuous. You have to jog back and forth to stay on sidewalks here in the Highlands..
- Sidewalks. Needed on the cross streets Safety
- Missing a dog park as we don't have one in Norkirk
- More old growth trees - why do you think they are important??
- Bury all power lines. Looks better and avoid the 3-6 power outages a year. All of West of Market.
- Above ground lines should be buried to reduce risk of failure and injury and improve aesthetics
- Traffic control/green barriers between Norkirk and the light industrial district to prevent through traffic on very small residential streets and to direct it to designated arteries. Green barriers to differentiate between people's beautiful homes and yards and important but unsightly businesses.
- None. I feel our neighborhood is fully developed with all necessary amenities
- More parking; downtown limited and not free anymore
- Stop sign at 114th & 87th
- Market is a great neighborhood already. It would be nice if power and communications lines were underground.
- It would be nice to have more Police patrols to keep speeding down on market.
- More sidewalks where they don't exist
- We're missing sidewalks in some areas, though I understand some of the neighbors on those streets feel their streets are too narrow to accommodate.
- Before/aftercare at Peter Kirk for all enrolled students who want it.
- Sidewalks: Sidewalks are not consistent throughout the neighborhood. Many only run for short distances or not at all. They are needed to children can walk safely.
- Maintenance of overgrown properties to help with pest/rodent/rabbit/raccoon and coyote management.
- Walkable restaurants. Dog park.
- I would love a decent trail from the NW corner of the neighborhood to Forbes Creek Drive. A quiet walk to Juanita Bay and back would do wonders for a winter day.
- Due to our central location, amenities are available downtown, on Market St, Juanita Village and the light industrial area (Kirkland Animal Hospital, Jay Auto, Brown Bear.) Would prefer to keep the majority of Norkirk residential.
- 1. Four way stop at 19th Ave and 3rd St to help pedestrians get to sidewalks on diagonal corners where school buses, park vehicles, and other large equipment turn for safety of drivers, bikers and walkers. 2. Sidewalk on at least one side of 19th Ave from 3rd St to Market St as this is the School Bus route to KMS and there is not a safe walking path to school or transit.
- Paved alleys All unpaved alleys Cut down / eliminate dusty / dirty areas
- Sidewalks, attractive street lamps, landscaping would make neighborhood feel more like a community, underground wiring.
- Sidewalks - seriously, if you don't know why ...
- SIDEWALKS. Important so people aren't dodging cars!!!
- A better sidewalk to downtown Kirkland.
- Honey Buckets on the CKC
- Off-leash dog park. Without continuous sidewalks, people and dogs risk their lives walking in the road in spots.
- Sidewalks on 19th Avenue; encouraging more people to walk and cycle while building and the construction traffic means more cars through the neighborhoods means we need a sidewalk on 19th...So many cars cut through plus the traffic to school and park means it's not safe to do the walking the City encourages.
- More sidewalks. 116th both east and west sides, 112th both east and west sides, 87th both north and south sides
- No real bookstore and movie theater, although that may change with Kirkland Urban. Also, other than library parking, it's impossible to park in down town Kirkland. Given that I live near Market Street and walk around there a lot, I think the trees in the Market street planting strip are too large and the bicycle lane is a safety hazard. One more thing: there is excessive speeding through the side streets and routine running of stop-signs.
- I think we are doing well here but traffic and road safety needs to be improved especially with the expansion of downtown Kirkland.
- Underground wiring
- A sidewalk is needed on the west side of 116th between 100th and 97th. We might also need stricter rules with regard to cutting down trees as I see people cutting down huge, old growth trees all the time (sometimes up to four of them at once!). It breaks my heart. Also, the tennis court off of 116th needs to be repaired!

- Shelter Gathering place for neighborhood. Similar to the gazebo at North Rose Hill Woodlands Park. Shelter where City could distribute emergency supplies when there is a natural disaster.
- Basketball hoops, swings, more police monitoring of parks due to drug use (spinney homestead seems to have a significant amount of drug activity)
- Public transit!
- Calming circles/ Waverly Way, 7th Ave West, 8th Ave. West, 10th Ave West/ cars speed through these areas and on a daily basis endanger our children.
- Lacks speed bumps in the neighborhoods
- Speed bumps or calming circles on both Waverly and 7th Ave West, to slow down drivers cutting through West of Market neighborhood to avoid traffic jams on a Market during Rush Hour!
- Somebody please please update/upgrade the Zip Market strip mall- could be so much better.
- More public benches. Along 3rd Street because it's steep.
- Sidewalks. Kids are walking in the street. Basic safety!
- 1. SIDEWALKS: People have to walk in the street many places, which is particularly risky for kids, elderly, disabled, etc. This is BASIC infrastructure for a city and it's shameful that our infrastructure is so lacking. 2. Bike lanes: For commuters, kids, or just weekend riders, people need some dedicated lanes to connect to bike routes as it significantly improves safety not to have to share a lane with cars, trucks, buses, etc.
- Small child playground other than Waverly Beach Park.
- More small businesses, such as restaurants, that within walking distance
- Coffee shop bakery
- Better cell phone towers for WiFi. Service is spotty at best.
- It would be great to have a community center & or a community pool!
- Direct bus transportation from Market Street to the Bellevue Park & Ride. A grocery store at Juanita Village. Underground utility lines to improve views. Better traffic control to stop people from using Market Street as an alternative to the freeway.
- I am happy with current amenities.
- Traffic signal at 132nd Ave NE and 100th St
- More and larger and more visible red and white signs in parks regarding dogs to be on leashes and no dogs in kids play areas. The signs are almost invisible and the parks are getting very dirty and unhealthy for people and many local people do not use our local parks because they are afraid of dogs and most of the dogs are off leash in Heritage and other parks and there is no enforcement even if we complain. People say they don't see the signs because they are small and almost don't exist. Why? Also, more mature natural open areas and native tree preservation. This will help offset the over building and noise along Market Street and downtown. Neighborhoods must provide vistas that create a rest and respite from the overcrowding and traffic that is occurring in Kirkland. More natural beach environments with walking trail only access similar to Kiwanis Park. Clean drinking water fountains in neighborhood parks as was always the case up until recently. Enforcement of dog leash requirements in public areas and parks, including dangerous breed policy
- A small upscale grocery store.. not the beer and wine convenience center
- Traffic control on Market street, attractive small local food sources h the
- Juanita bay park needs a play structure for kids
- Sidewalks. Needed on most streets. They are an important part of not getting run over by a car.
- Walk-to market w/produce in Juanita Village
- Pickleball courts
- Walkable grocery or convenience store. On or near the Cross Kirkland corridor. In and effort to make the neighborhood more walkable and require less driving out of neighborhood.
- Walkable corridor to Kirkland Urban. The sidewalks down 7th are uninteresting and not in good shape.
- Connected sidewalks, corner of 4th and 18th, 19th street, trail down 20th street ROW from 3rd to Market street
- Less traffic and population density. This is a landlocked neighborhood with limited ways to exit. We don't need more population; we don't need more multi-family dwellings cramming lots where only one single family house existed before.
- Businesses accessible by a short walk, including groceries, small shops. Needed at north end of hood. I live in NE corner. Sidewalks and pedestrian paths at north end. Connect pedestrian paths from 5th to Market along 20th Ave
- Sidewalks and paved alleys
- Speed bumps on Waverly Way. People go way too fast down that street and there's many pedestrians.
- Sidewalks.
- 1. Traffic is getting worse and worse in downtown Kirkland area and through our neighborhood. 2. Too many newly built large houses on small lots. Though tax revenue increased, the quality of life in Kirkland has been reduced.
- Smaller homes vs lot size.
- Spray park.
- Sidewalks. All streets where currently missing. Safety and walkability.
- A neighborhood coffee shop might be nice (independent, small, not a restaurant). Don't know where, though.
- Sidewalks on all residential streets to be more pedestrian friendly- to increase a sense of connectedness for the community by allowing more people to walk in the neighborhood and to be safe from drivers. More cross walk signals and paved cross Kirkland corridor.
- Outdoor showers at Waverly Beach (to prevent swimmers itch); more sidewalks; more speed traffic controls
- Some of the streets up around 13th Ave. W and north lack sidewalks and the streets are narrower than other parts of the neighborhood. The sidewalks provide safety for kids walking to their buses/schools and around the neighborhood. The neighborhood would also benefit from some very select small neighborhood oriented businesses - a couple of cafes, a local (not big box) hardware store and garden store, a small grocery mart, a bakery.
- Sidewalks, especially along 6th Street West.
- More affordable homes
- Sidewalks up 19th to the middle school.
- Sidewalks - safer walkability
- Sidewalks. Safe pedestrian transportation
- Small Hardware store in downtown
- More single family homes.
- Diversity of retail businesses other than manicure shops and fitness places. Kirkland was know as a artist town but is no longer the case
- Sidewalks in the neighborhoods now that there are so many cars and so much traffic.
- Sidewalks
- Traffic safety! Again, cars and bikes speeding on Market, safe crosswalks,easier access getting out onto Market from side streets - I honestly don't know how parents safely walk or drive their children to school in this heavy, fast traffic.
- Hello - consistent sidewalks!!! For anyone with limited mobility it's a travesty!!! Never mind a complete eyesore
- Market neighborhood needs better speed control on Market, especially at Central, and more flashing beacon crosswalks across Central.
- It would be great to restaurants, coffee shops in the commercial section along market street (between 6th and 8th)
- Drinking fountains at parks. Being in a neighborhood with no stores, fountains allow you to stay hydrated while you play, and walk up these steep hills.
- Signage coming South on Market Street, we need a neighborhood sign there. You are entering a neighborhood, please drive slowly, watch for children, etc...
- Road safety improvements to address increased traffic and speeds. E.g., a crosswalk w/flashing beacon on Waverly Way near (or north of) the tennis courts at Heritage Park.
- More sidewalks. In front of our house, there are no sidewalks and reduces the safety of walking, especially for children.
- 1. More parks 2. Radar signs on high speed streets 3. Bike lane on Waverly Way
- Functioning water fountains. Less congestion!
- A fenced dog park, needed because there is currently no proper space dedicated to dogs. Many Kirkland residents have dogs and deserve a place to let them romp and play without danger of running into the street.
- View corridor along Waverly to improve views across the lake with a pedestrian walkway to enjoy a promenade.
- 1. Waverly Way is falling apart and needs to be repaved. 2. Marked bike lane on Waverly Way - this is a commonly used bike lane that is not formally marked. 3. 16th, 17th, and 18th are all losing on-street parking because developers are putting in sidewalks that remove existing off-street parking spaces. In some cases, these roads are effectively one-lane roads at this point. 4. Radar speed signs on Waverly Way - to control speeds 5. New neighborhood signs (e.g. "Welcome to Market Neighborhood") 6. Pedestrian safety on Market Street

- 4 way stops at some intersections like 16th Ave W and 6th because accidents have happened here. Requiring that if people build mother in law apartments they rent them out. ( or stop giving variances to mother in law apartments)
- Sidewalks, for safety from cars and texting drivers
- 1. Reduced speeds on market street to discourage cut through commuters and to protect the safety of non-car commuters (bike/walk/bus) -safer crosswalks 2. More police presence to crack down on speeders on Market street 3. Bus only lanes to speed bus traffic during rush hours 4. Restrictions on oversized homes that impose on the existing neighborhood and tradition of Kirkland 5. Lighting restrictions on homes that have a lot of windows that overlook neighbor homes 6. Tree protection especially upon redevelopment of lots and hefty fines when developers take down trees illegally
- Close food options without going to Rose Hill
- Can't think of any. Glad we have electric car charging stations available.
- Sidewalks on all streets on all frontages to make walking safe on every block
- There are some missing sidewalks on neighborhood streets. I think some signage on 112th Ave NE and NE 100th that it is the bike route could be helpful both for promoting cycling and reminding folks to drive safely and share the road - or at the least figuring out a better way for cyclists heading up 112th from 7th Ave or the trail to cross the road and get onto the Highlands access bike route safely. Would love a BBQ grill at Forbes Creek Park. Would love a runnel on the 116th stairs down to the CKC. Would love a pedestrian connection between Forbes Creek neighborhood (NE 105th cul de sac) and 119th Ave NE to make getting to the pedestrian overpass at 100th easier and faster.
- Sidewalks! All over the north part of the neighborhood.
- Traffic circles/speed abatement 6th St W and 16th Ave W. People constantly speed up and down 16th Ave W and very few people actually come to a complete stop at the intersection of 16th Ave W and 6th St. W.
- Dog poop bags at parks
- We need speed humps on Waverly.
- Sidewalks please.
- Sidewalks, medians with trees.
- A Grocery store on Market. Fred Meyer is too far away other than driving.
- Seats at the bus stops and around town. They took out the seat at the bus stops and there is hardly any in town, if you are old and want to sit down you can't
- Our neighborhood could use a few more stop signs to get people to slow down.
- The lower park of Kiwanis park needs to be "activated" such as steps, interpretive trail, kayak launch so neighbors use it instead of drug deals going on for safety of all and enhancement of neighbors well being. Sidewalks are needed on 16th and/or 14th and 6th street to provide safe walk/bike routes for students and residents. A play structure at Juanita bay park or Heritage for kids health and wellness. A basketball hoop at Heritage for youth/adult well being. Exercise stations at upper Kiwanis for health/well-being and to deter drug/alcohol use in area.
- A play structure in Juanita Bay Park would be amazing! Better sidewalks in the area would also help as there are a TON of people who walk the neighborhood daily (especially from the south part of Juanita Bay Park down 10th and up 18th). A safer turn set up for people at Market and 18th and 6th (I think it's sixth?). And signs reminding people in the neighborhood that they yield to traffic turning off Market into the neighborhood since I see so many cars turn in front of cars that should technically have the right of way.
- Dog park
- It would be great to accelerate putting all utility services underground and remove the visual clutter of the associate poles and wires. I'd be willing to contribute to the cost of this effort through property taxes.
- Needs to stop poisoning where kids and animals play! Needs some kind of climbing statue more central to keep kids occupied! More picnic tables Nets to prevent foul balls from hitting anyone

## QUESTION 8

The City is studying Zoning Code amendments related to the size and scale of home. Are you concerned about the size, scale or look of new homes? If so, what limits or design features would you like to see

### 183 Total Responses

- Not particularly fond of all the box style houses. Not sure they should be regulated, but do find them as interesting as a cardboard box.
- Houses being built are too big for the lot size
- Please no more McMansions! They are ugly, they destroy trees, and the builders seem to be able to do whatever they want, whenever they want -- building a single house can take two years (yes, true), during which time there is lots of noise and mess
- I am concerned. We are turning into a city of McMansions! I think the huge cube houses should be banned in favor of more traditional designs like ranch homes and bungalows.
- Lot line limits should be in place. They were 30-40 years ago but today it seems that houses are built very close to lot lines and are big.
- Houses are too large/ yards & green too small
- The new "Cheap box" look is hideous.
- When new especially large homes go in magnificent trees get cut down. We NEED those trees - carbon footprint mitigation! No homes over 2 floors More open space around new homes to allow for better ground absorption of water in the winter.
- Restrict house sizes in Norkirk to 3500 square feet. Keep current height restrictions.
- Yes I'm concerned - I do not want big or even medium sized apartment buildings added. The area is too dense already. Single family homes are fine.
- 1. Do not extend the allowable height of houses/buildings. We do not want our residential streets to become a downtown "tunnel" that seems to be happening in downtown Kirkland. 2. Encourage green spaces..yards, medians, trees, etc. 3. Discourage flat-roofed housing [box housing]; instead, encourage some diversity of styles.
- Yes! Do NOT reduce the minimum lot size and shut down the widespread abuse of the ADU loophole!
- Stop with trying to be like Seattle and think we need density. Density is AWFUL. Stop with the thinking that squashing multiple housing and people on to a property is a great idea. Stop with the up zoning. Keep Kirkland Kirkland. Don't even consider giving developers the right to not include parking. The City seems to think cramming people in with all these housing changes or new 'opportunities' will be good. It would be awful. Traffic. People. Density. It's ridiculous to even think about it. Walk around Ballard. Walk around Columbia City. Again, do not think that this is what would be good for Kirkland. It would change in multiple negative ways.
- I would like to see some of the exceptions to floor area limited, especially the below grade exceptions that are visible from the front of the house. I do not like developers changing the existing grade of a property in order to build bigger. We do not need bigger!
- I am concerned about the large box houses. How does this affect the adjacent homeowners.
- Don't like boxes; like interesting profiles and garden spaces
- Not concerned
- As long as building heights are not increased, I am not concerned
- I'm concerned that height limitations combined with the "need" for builders to maximize square footage due to lot costs is creating flat roof neighborhoods. I understand the need to preserve views and don't know the solution but the "modern" house is rarely being done correctly and the aesthetic is becoming boxy. Don't know what can be done but open to your suggestions
- Please do not continue to subdivide the larger residential lots.
- More similar to current and not so many ugly modern boxes looking homes. Go door to door to inform them of possible changes. Don't be coy and under the radar. Not ok!

- Yes, I am very concerned about the large “boxy” homes. These are often built very close together and feel very imposing. I would like to see 1. Disallowing overly long and narrow lots (e.g. “circle” rule in Redmond), 2. Increasing the setback needed for higher floors, 3. Penalizing flat roofs
- Some of the rebuilds are huge and over-power other homes nearby. I think they should be limited to the size of the rebuild.
- Yards are non-existent because houses have gotten so big, especially with their ADUs. It's all building, and little landscaping. Very ugly.
- Only concern is if size is increased or limit on how close to lot line the house can be is decreased
- More limits on height and scale to the lot size. New builds are out of proportion
- Ration of home footprint to lot size regulated to prevent large houses built on small lots
- We already have enough limits to the houses.
- Yes. Our neighborhood is losing its soul and character with the boxy monstrosities that are popping up all over Norkirk.
- No concern
- Encourage shared use of impermeable surface for driveways
- 4-5 story not allowed
- Yes. Limit size of house to be appropriate for size of land.
- Homes that blend with the surroundings and don't end up blocking views of existing homes
- Reward those that build a more traditional style WOM home
- Current height restriction should remain
- No change or intervention needed. The diversity of the neighborhood is due to the various single family houses developed over the last 100 years.
- No multi family. Too many people and no parking. Ugly buildings.
- Smaller homes are great, but subdividing lots to build small homes devalues the neighborhood. I support a smaller home on a larger lot should the owner/buyer prefer, but am concerned to see builders cram two homes onto a medium-sized lot.
- Current limits are sufficient -- increasing density is not the answer to improving Kirkland
- No concerns
- No multi-family development West of Market
- Norkirk currently has an architecturally diverse neighborhood due to the current code. I'm not concerned...there's a balance of modern and classic home designs near me. Builder incentives to produce greater pitched-roof designs might work.
- I would like to see less of the 'box style' homes that have been erected to make that 3rd floor.
- Yes, The homes are getting too big and look like boxes.
- 1. Like to see different house styles (more variety) for new build. 2. Like the idea to promote building smaller sized homes to leave space for yard / space between houses
- Yes, more variety would be great and the recently built houses are often too big for the properties. There is too few space between the houses.
- I'm not fond of new flat top housing. Peaked housing would be better.
- Smaller homes, no old growth tree removal. Stop destroying perfectly good homes!
- People who live in the market neighborhood have invested a lot of money to do so. We have played by a set of rules to protect our views and corridors. To make changes to the zoning and building codes now, puts everyone at risk who I has invested in their property. I would just suggest that making building code, traffic flow, more sense housing, could hurt property values and cost existing homeowners a lot of money.
- Reduce amount of lot covered by buildings--more green space required. Reduce hight limit to 20 feet.
- Not huge home on small lots where there is no yard.
- I support only single family residences in the Market Neighborhood. The open sidewalks, views and homes with yards are the charm of the neighborhood. I support the existing building setbacks and am shocked at the variances that pass. No multi units, no duplexes, no town homes should ever be allowed in The Market Neighborhood. All setbacks and height restrictions should be set in stone.
- Height limits to prevent blocking out the sun or dwarfing existing one and two story homes. Must have enough parking to accommodate number of people in home.
- If box style require higher energy efficiency and solar panels
- I would like to keep what we have today and not increase development in our neighborhood
- Homes keeping in style with the existing neighborhood. No more modern are blocks, McMansions or cement bunkers. Colors are not a concern to me, just structure style.
- Limit box homes, continue to see single family homes build/renovated to keep a neighborhood feel and not turn into a congested city
- Minimum lot sizes and setbacks to ensure green space around homes; no increase in density/ multi-family homes.
- Yes, I'm very concerned about outgrowing our current transportation infrastructure and destroying the feel of our hometown. I wouldn't want to see height or density restrictions expanded without a better plan to deal with the impacts of growth.
- Do not increase size and lot coverage requirements. Do not increase height. Do not allow ADU as changes feel of neighborhood.
- Absolutely! Very concerned. We have to get away from incentives to build boxes - just about every new home looks the same; where is our diversity of style?! We don't need bigger homes, or smaller lots, or higher roof lines in Market - let's focus our density in the areas that best support that rather than destroying the fabric of what makes Market special. Also, don't expand ADUs in our neighborhood.
- Some of the new homes in the Highlands look like something you'd find in an office park. I don't care so much about size, but they don't even look residential, and it seems like buyers respond accordingly. They are sitting on the market for a long time.
- We need less density. No splitting lots for multiple smaller homes. Concerned about too many smaller homes crowding the area. Opposed to cottages.
- Yes, flat roofs are visually unappealing. Large block style homes are incongruent with the Norkirk neighborhood character and history.
- Yes! I am concerned that homes are too big for their lot. In addition I am concerned that multiple large homes are being placed where one home was going in. I would support stopping this.
- The new houses are massive. The energy and resource use seems unsustainable and leaves no room for tree canopy.
- Design of home is personal choice which can vary by trends, methods and styles. As long as the lot coverage, FAR, yards, and height are enforced, any one should be able to build the design the prefer within that envelope.
- New homes should not be higher than 2 story.
- Concerned with making sure each house is attractive looking from the outside. Not concerned with square footage. Nice landscaping done especially around new modern homes as these buildings are often not attractive and really need nice landscaping to make up for it.
- The modern flat roof houses and too big for the lot houses are taking over and blocking out the sky and our views through the neighborhood
- Yes I am concerned about current development trends. Would like to see more human scale homes rather than tract mansions; favor a variety of architectural styles and natural landscaping; encourage native vegetation and trees (no arborvitae loophole in lieu of fences); Protect sunlight of neighbors when building new homes and maintain buffers between houses; Support ADUs and smaller home lots; avoid front fences in line with sidewalks that present a blank face to the street (e.g.. 1413 & 1415 on 1st St.) Market St. is a good place for two level townhomes (designed so not to be uniform...see Trilogy Redmond for some creative designs.) Also, there seem to be a lot of variances allowed to the codes - could just be perception but seems to be common. Affordable housing is a major challenge in our region.
- Yes I'm concerned, there should be greater limits on the size of house you can build proportional to the lot (bigger setbacks, so retain more open space)
- No more box houses
- We're getting a bit tired of the shoe-boxes being built all over Kirkland, and would like to see more diversity.
- Yes. The homes are built too large for lots. The uniqueness of Kirkland homes has turned into office building looking structures, too boxy and contemporary. More Craftsman, Ranch, Farmhouse and Cottage style.
- I hate the big modern boxes that are being built to maximize square footage yet keep to the height restriction. Does Kirkland really want to be known for having these houses similar to architecture from the 70s? I don't think we do want to be infamous for.
- Fewer of the flat-roofed same style in one area
- The city should let the market decide the size and scale. One size does not fit all
- I'm disappointed in all the “box” style homes. I would like to see more diverse styles.

- We need some way to reduce the size/quantity of BOX houses.
- No, the existing codes have been around largely unchanged for too long.
- All the new houses being built are modern box houses while older smaller houses are being torn down at a fast rate.
- "Cereal boxes" may not stand the test of time the way a Craftsman might.
- No limits on sizes of individual family homes! Too much government control if you start dictating this too!!!!!!
- Smaller homes that preserve trees
- The "box" homes are an eye sore and will look dated in a few years. They stick out like scars in an otherwise beautiful neighborhood.
- Not allowed to block existing views.
- Height restrictions in residential neighborhoods, nothing higher than 2 stories/Do not allow buildings to just about totally cover the lot, leave some space for the moisture to soak in and not have a total run off the property.
- The houses are too big and they take up the entire property- there should be a size limit
- Prevent the removal of large trees being cut down in residential neighborhoods to remodel or build larger homes.
- Concerned about large homes and large buildings without traffic being addressed
- Yes, seems some homes are quite large as far as lot coverage- nobody has a yard anymore!
- Avoid box look
- The tall flat roof houses block light and there are so many now. No more flat roof development.
- 1 The box houses (flat roofs at/near max height) are blocking daylight from neighboring lots and changing the tone of the neighborhood. 2 Single family homes should have a back yard; almost all the new development lack yard space for people to be outside, kids to play... 3 Remove the garage setback requirement on small lots as it usually means an increase in lot coverage and decrease in yard space.
- Zoning should be used to force small single family houses on single (approx 50' wide) lots.
- I don't like the "big box" homes that are going up everywhere
- Too big, massive looking, boxy, block shaped, built to sidewalk no no no
- These copy+paste, flat roofed, box houses are atrocious. Where's all that rain going to go?
- Number of floors
- Greater setbacks between and around homes for daylighting and view corridor. And more green or permeable surfaces in front and backyards, without variance options. And maintain height at 25ft max. Require minimum of 2 car spaces on site parking included on the building lot for 3 bed home. More bedrooms would require more parking spaces on the lot. No wood burning fireplaces or devices due to air stagnation problem in Kirkland.
- If wanted could subdivide larger lots to no less than 5000 sq ft
- A reduction in flat-roofed box type homes with minimum setbacks that eliminate views for surrounding homes. Homes larger than a particular sf (3500 sf?) Should require larger side setbacks. Zoning should also favor two small homes on a large lot to create more housing options.
- Avoid palaces. Limit block-cube structures.
- Kirkland has become insanely upscale and should maintain that consistency among SINGLE FAMILY homes and limit/cease any further small, multi-family development that will further drive over crowding.
- YES! Too many boxy looking houses that don't fit the look of our neighborhood and only are maximizing for square footage and nothing else.
- Reduce minimum lot size to 6000 sf. Keep FAR and lot coverage ratios the same.
- I would like to see incentives for maintaining and remodeling homes built before mid-century and to encourage smaller footprints and maintaining tree canopy
- Box houses are ruining the classic feel of Kirkland. Zero lot line splitting of 2-3 short plat houses are a poor use of space. Encourage apartments or attached town homes with larger capacity in these spaces.
- Yes. Protect trees, keep scale smaller. Hate flat roof houses!
- I would rather see more smaller units than single gigantic houses
- I think our current regulations are doing a fairly good job with the exception of steep driveways. I do think more ADU housing a multi family dwelling made to look like single family dwelling should be increased. Look will be dictated by the market.
- Greater setbacks, smaller homes, more green space, more architectural diversity; optimized for quality of neighborhood lifestyle, rather than developer profits.
- Yes. I support FAR <<50%
- I do not support allowing people to build on smaller lots and decreasing lot lines. I do not support ADUs.
- On market - I would like to encourage the historical "look" of new small scale businesses. Locally run shops - no chains.
- Yes. They should be smaller. Or multi family like a duplex or town home.
- No. I just don't want 2 homes built where 1 once stood. Too much traffic
- It seems that height restrictions and the desire to maximize square footage have led to the ugly box homes that are being built in our neighborhood. Perhaps some kind of incentives could be provided for those who build more aesthetically appropriate homes for the NW.
- Just the sidewalk requirement where it doesn't make sense to have a sidewalk.
- Smaller in size in relation to lot size
- Lot size and impermeable space limits should be kept big and 50%. Overcrowding is changing the feel of the neighborhoods.
- Yes, I am concerned as mentioned above. TOO many large new constructions on small lots. Can't let developers' greed determines the future of our neighborhood. Reduce the footprint and height of the new homes, increase required green areas and the space between the houses. Kirkland is not Seattle.
- Too many modern looking homes
- Sizes are way too big for lot size!!
- Allow for taller homes. Stop forcing builders to go down (digging into plot) to get 3 stories.
- I am concerned about the drive to build smaller houses that are tightly spaced.
- Smaller and make any demolition about mandatory recycling "environmentally it has already come to this, we are just in denial" - renovation always first choice
- Not concerned. Believe it is best to let the market dictate.
- Most new homes are taking advantage of every square foot of land and the homes seem too large for the lot. I'd like to see more space on each side of new houses
- Encourage variety - One square monster is OK, but many on the same block aren't. We need places for people to live who don't want/need huge homes. Some attractive new flat-roofed ones we have are angled to the street, so they're not as oppressive or monotonous, and the fronts have landscaping, not just view of the driveway.
- Less box like structures.
- No mega mansions or ADUs that aren't used for affordable housing
- Yes, too many homes being built are McMansions that are oversized for the lot on which they sit. We need to enforce existing setback requirements and height limitations (perhaps allow some exceptions or room for peaked roofs) and reduce the allowable FAR. There are too many flat topped uninteresting, ugly, and poor building quality houses being built.
- Limit how close a new home can be built to the lot line. Houses should not be in extremely close proximity. Too many boxy-looking modern homes that are poorly designed and unattractive.
- Limit houses to 3500 square feet. Increase the setbacks between houses.
- Homes are too large for the lots
- More articulation, rather than a big box taking up nearly the whole lot.
- Yes, concerned - too much lot square footage devoted to the building erected.
- Limit the size of new build single family homes
- Allow enough space between structures for small trees and permeable surface for drainage and soil stability. Building proportionate to the lot; integrate with the neighbors; more traditional style with pitched roof as the heritage neighborhood.
- Yes needs to be a smaller footprint. In addition the gradient to the driveway garages need to be changed because currently there is a steep gradient and cars are parking on the streets instead of the drive ways
- Smaller ratio of house to lot size.
- I actually don't care for the new style of industrial type homes. However, the people who like those homes probably don't like my house either. It seems that two homes are being built on one lot... why? It's not so much the size of the home it's the lot size. The city should encourage the combining of lots which will result in more open space surrounding the home.
- Not concerned with the current residential development

- Yes. The square boxes are ugly, poorly constructed for the most part and ruin neighborhoods. Who wants to live next to an office building looking thing covering every available inch
- Aesthetics should fit in with the neighborhood - no more modern boxes with no landscaping. Lot coverage should be non-negotiable!
- Don't apply new rules retroactively on existing home owners. No need to restrict house sizes beyond what exists today.
- Yes. Why do you allow homes to take up an entire lot. The new housing on the corner of 116th Ave NE and NE 84th is ridiculous!
- Size limits. 5,000+ single family homes are way too large. They should restrict to 4k or less, not about lot coverage but the size of the homes.
- Size and scale should not be increased. Need to ensure adequate off-street parking.
- Existing zoning is working well for Market Neighborhood. Do not change.
- Yes! The new houses look like shoe boxes stacked next to each other in a closet. I get the developers need to maximize the land use, but they are killing the "neighborhood feel".
- I like traditional architecture and would like to see the square ultra modern look go away. I think home size is none of my biz as long as it's proportional to the lot.
- Proposed new homes should fit the character of the neighborhood. It shouldn't be cookie cutter, but there should be harmony.
- Single family only
- Build less boxes. Get some variety.
- I am fine with the current zoning requirements for single family homes.
- Include basements in square footage of house for new codes. Do not make any exception for mother in law apartments as they are not used as such. They become work out rooms or offices.
- 1. Limits on McMansions. Builders don't live here, they don't care if they put up huge boxes on every lot. 2. Don't block neighbors access to solar / sunlight because of square roof line.
- Fine as it is - no need to change.
- Reduce the allowed FAR and include basements plus increase setbacks between houses. This should still allow for ample square footage without oversized looking appearance/scale of new homes.
- YES. Good grief. NO MORE OF THESE OVERSIZED SHIPPING CONTAINER BOX HOUSES THAT OVERTAKE NEIGHBORING HOUSES AND HAVE NO AESTHETIC APPEAL. THEY BLOCK DAYLIGHT AND VIEWS, THEY IMPOSE ON EXISTING HOUSES WITH CHARACTER, THEY SHINE WALLS OF WINDOW LIGHT INTO NEIGHBORING HOMES AND YARDS...THEY ARE UGLY TO LOOK AT AND ARE KILLING THE CHARACTER OF KIRKLAND. THE BUILD TO LOT RATIO NEEDS TO BE REDUCED. IF YOU LIVE NEXT TO ONE OF THESE ITS LIKE LIVING NEXT TO A LOW-RATE APARTMENT BUILDING.
- No, people should be able to build what they like. This is why people are tearing down old tattered homes and building new. Otherwise, they wouldn't come to Kirkland.
- Too big, too tall, too close to property lines, too many trees removed and building in wetlands buffer
- No "McMansions" but allow for diverse design/build options. Encourage smaller, affordable homes and some options that allow for density
- Flat roofs are fine; to each his own as far as design. If someone wants houses to look the same, then they should buy in a planned community with an HOA. But get rid of the incentive for ADUs. Few of them are ever rented out, much less to low income tenants. They are a bad experiment that only makes Kirkland look like we're complying with the GMA when in reality they haven't added actual available housing.
- Yes- needs to be design review to ensure scale is appropriate for lot as well as keeping tree removal to a minimum.
- I would prefer to see more, smaller homes, but don't necessarily feel it's necessary to put a limit on what's built - can it be done through incentives? I like the look of the new modern homes for the most part, I don't feel the need to restrict design. I do want to make sure that green spaces and trees are preserved on lots for storm water health.
- Smaller FARs for 3 story houses. Encourage more small houses on large lots to create more homes. Ridiculous to have 4500 sq. ft. homes for 2 or 3 people. I would much rather have 4 1500 sq. ft. homes on the lot next to me than 2 4500 sq. ft. homes when our elderly neighbor sells her lot.
- No limits other than height. Respect private property rights.

- I am concerned, but, this is America, and if people want to build gaudy McMansions, that is their prerogative. Don't want to get into an HOA situation dictating what can and can't happen on private property.
- Don't allow McMansions on small lots
- More tasteful new urbanism designs, more northwest craftsman vernacular. No more giant stucco boxes! No gated entries! No houses built right to the property lines. No more tacky modern designs. 7th ave. looks awful with such a hodgepodge of designs and vernaculars. The building codes need to be far stricter with emphasis on consistent architectural styles, tasteful facades, porches and front doors that you can see from the street. These things help build a sense of place and community!
- It is nice for homes to be varied in size and look, but sufficient parking should always be required. You are kidding yourself to think that a lack of parking in a building means no cars -- it means people park at the neighbors instead
- Follow existing zoning, 25ft limit does not mean variance to 4 story and 50 ft condos 7th and market
- Limit size. Limit flat tops. Keep building styles with neighborhood
- Too many flat roof boxy homes. Small homes on smaller lots ok as long as clustered. A small home next to a McMansion looks silly. Set back and far are sometimes counterproductive
- Not concerned at all. Part of what makes Kirkland unique is the variety of design styles.
- Yes, too many big modern houses on small lots at maximum height. Would like to see limits on house size/lot size ratio and limits on flat roofs
- Not cutting down big trees, leave yards diverse architecture I renovate over demolition

## QUESTION 9

What are some ways we could connect with our neighbors to discuss these topics and find out what is important to them?

### 110 Total Responses

- Market Neighborhood meeting, perhaps at Heritage Hall.
- Community center - with pool, spaces try again the proposal for a community center across from Juanita Beach Park - that space is usually unused or a parking lot. Not a place to bring folks together.
- Town meetings (with numerous options for attending on various days) are the only way to get people talking face-to-face in a democratic exchange. Using social media encourages shouting matches and extremism.
- Encourage the bi-monthly neighborhood meetings...help get out the word of meeting times and topics.
- Open houses.
- At events such as the neighborhood picnics, neighborhood meetings held in the neighborhood, such as at City Hall, one of the churches or at Heritage Hall (close enough!).
- Online engagement with people. Otherwise, come to our neighborhood at convenient times.
- Neighborhood Association meetings, meet up at Kirkland library or at Chainline or a coffee shop
- Meet at park for coffee and Sat morning visits
- Neighborhood meetings
- Come to the Market Neighborhood Association meeting
- Evening meetings at Peter Kirk Elem School or at Town Hall
- Neighborhood meetings, surveys
- Online meetings
- Publish results of survey and set up meetings for interest groups on the topics of most concern to residents

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- Events downtown Kirkland
- WOM meetings
- Send notices out to every household in the affected neighborhoods. Don't send emails.
- West of market will always meet. Ask west of market home owners to a meeting.
- Communicate to neighborhood social groups.
- PUBLICIZE Town Halls and surveys - quit doing this stuff without telling anyone
- Send these kinds of surveys to residents, rather than our getting them from neighbors. Public forums clearly announced in advance in the neighborhood
- City sponsored neighborhood meet-ups..
- Round tables at City Hall held on weeknights and weekend days
- Talk to Karen Story. She has always been good about connecting with the Highlands neighborhood.
- Town Hall meetings, use Nextdoor, get more public with your plans
- Events, Townhall meetings, Nextdoor website
- This survey is not a bad move, nor was the workshop. But I want to share one thing that's struck me -- you've been asking us to respond to policy ideas before we've learned enough to develop opinions -- what you really want to know what residents want and value -- it's immaterial whether people agree or disagree with 4 stories on market street, it's material why they might be worried. -- Interpret your data that way.
- Town hall meetings.
- Well structure survey like this with the cause and effects of various proposals like out voters ballot.
- Market neighborhood meetings
- Town Hall at Heritage Hall
- Give people opportunity to discuss online but host neighborhood style meetings. Include local business owners!
- I don't attend norkirk meetings, too negative
- Neighborhood meetings at heritage hall
- Walk door to door to get input, strongly encourage meeting attendance
- Neighborhood meetings, email bulletins, on-line discussion forums
- Continue to support Market neighborhood meetings.
- Schools, churches
- Virtual community meeting or even just let folks who can't attend in person listen in and perhaps weigh in after the event.
- Neighborhood meetings work fine
- In-person events and online forum
- Provide incentives to those who participate in neighborhood discussion...i.e. rebates for city taxes, recreation classes, rental of picnic shelters, etc. Acknowledgment of those who are long term residents of Norkirk by including them in decision making around approval of building permits in Norkirk.
- Being available at Wednesday and Friday Market. Being present at local events.
- Have an open house at a new development to let people weigh in. Have open house not just at city hall but at schools and churches. Put surveys in neighborhood council emails. Set up a blog spot.
- Crossing Kirkland, Wednesday/Friday markets & Summerfest events
- Booth at park lane or marina park
- Tough question...There are way too many social media apps and not really one collective place anymore. Used to be a City of Kirkland email & KDA outlet. Many are on Nextdoor. Might be a good place to contact people to organize a town meeting.
- Have a specific agenda or topic that needs to be discussed. Give enough notice via mail. People who care enough about will attend.
- City officials should be more accessible. They don't respond to emails. The process for the 85th st BRT has been an example of WHAT NOT TO DO!
- Maybe have some information-gathering events on Saturdays, like in the parks during the summer.
- Coffee at someone's home
- This survey. Public meetings.
- Neighborhood gathering Shelter
- Facebook group for the neighborhood. NextDoor as well.
- Surveys like this or informal meetings at Heritage Hall
- Send out letters
- Tag on to meetings already happening- walk around at neighborhood garage sale, BBQ's, neighborhood meetings? People won't take time out to attend long meetings. Create a working group? People WILL help electronically- make it easy..
- Use the net
- Neighborhood meetings and picnics, school hosted events, farmers markets..
- Workshops and discussion groups that are fair - the City needs to stop using workshops to force a pre-determined outcome.
- Email correspondence & surveys such as this one
- Neighborhood meetings
- Online survey
- Advertise the meeting, to all invested, taxpaying, voters and residents with a post card notification and link to the survey. It could be the utility billing list for water/sewer/ garbage. Offer two identical meeting dates to make sure everyone has the option to attend. Meet at Heritage Hall with chairs and tables and this survey form and pens. Each table would cover a portion of the survey by topic, then groups rotate through the tables to cover all topics and survey items. Have a table captain who remains at each table to cover topical questions of each new group. Allow 10 minutes per table for filling out forms and some discussion. Everyone who lives and pays taxes and votes in the neighborhood would be notified and have input. This is not for 'visitors but those who pay taxes for the items proposed on this survey. These surveys support a taxable action and therefore require representation of the taxpayer. NOT Visitors or consultants or any non-taxpayer in the city of Kirkland.
- Announcements and signs - market neighborhood and WOM moms email list.. Meetings in parks or heritage
- Monthly neighborhood meetings
- Town hall meetings that are well-publicized. Breaking into small groups for discussion of agenda items.
- More notices of publications.
- Wednesday Market or stand on the corner of Central and Market, 132nd Ave and 100th Street or 124th Ave and 100th on any morning or evening during commute hours. Nobody is going fast enough to miss you.
- Current meetings and notices are working well.
- Facebook, neighborhood picnics
- Neighborhood meetings are great and when city representatives come to speak lots of information is passed along.
- Facebook group, feedback forms like this, neighborhood BBQ.
- Open House at Heritage Hall
- The Neighborhood Association structure should already provide the framework. Probably need to promote those meetings better to get more people to come out.
- Surveys like this are good. Small topical workshops, meetings w planners/council. Reach out to neighborhood associations.
- Town meetings in downtown. Surveys.
- Surveys Neighborhood meetings
- Prove to us that these comments and concerns are actually being taken into consideration.
- Special neighborhood meetings of small groups of people at a time - like a coffee clatch. Could be at homes in the neighborhood with the host inviting the people in their immediate vicinity (a few blocks in each direction), or at some of the local businesses (the Book Nook, Dibble, 1st Rate Insurance, Kirkland Arts Center.), Heritage Hall, or some of the parks - Heritage Park, Waverly Beach Park, etc. The neighborhood association meetings don't attract many people. The opportunity to sit down with neighbors and some city staff (or better yet, a Council member or two) to have a frank discussion about these topics and what people are really interested in seeing happen or what their concerns are would be more likely to attract more people. But there have to be multiple opportunities at different times of the day to allow folks who work or who have evening commitments to participate too. These surveys are ok but are too rigid in many ways to allow people to really express what they feel AND they are not well publicized. I was eventually able to find it through the City's website but it is extremely difficult to do. I still have not located a link on the website to the current Sustainability survey which I only learned about because of a meeting my husband happened to attend. EMAIL - the city has my email address because we have signed up to receive various newsletters or notices but the city has not bothered to directly contact me specifically about these topics. CALL. Go door to door and actually talk to people. But it has to be genuine and not just for show to be able to say you conducted a ton of outreach. The citizenry needs to feel that they are being heard and their concerns and ideas respected - not just being paid lip service. Many people I have spoken with recently don't believe that anything they say or do will actually have any impact on what the City decides because City staff (and maybe Council too) have already made the decisions and are steering this process to reach the conclusions they want.

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- I want to attend the meetings but somehow often missed them. I like this way of survey to collect the input. Newsletters, Kirkland TV are other alternatives.
- Neighborhood input meetings - held at Heritage Hall or Kirkland Library.
- At the Kirkland pool during swim lessons, at the library, at the art walk or at the beach parks in this nice weather.
- Block parties with representatives (actual or volunteer?)
- Promote at Cross Kirkland corridor events, set up booths at summer events
- A willingness to actually listen to the public... at neighborhood meetings.
- Advertise city council meetings in a better way
- Introduce yourself to neighbors. Be responsible for being an open, listening, neighbor.
- Town meetings with lots of notice so people can make it. Online interaction such as poles, emails, social media for those that can't make meetings.
- Already have neighborhood meetings, attend those and/or send or more surveys
- Thank you for reaching out with this survey. The June 19th workshop is one good idea. Maybe hold another meeting at the new Peter Kirk school (shows off the new school and provides a comfortable and productive meeting space). Maybe invite a local food vendor!
- Host neighborhood meetings in residents homes
- Work with the organized groups from Market Neighborhood including MNA chairpersons
- Anything that keeps ideas anonymous so there's no peer pressure to go along with the herd.
- I think your mailer with the directions to log onto this link to learn about the plan is excellent. You can do some in person meetings as you propose on the 19th, but many people can't make those meetings and would still like their voices heard.
- Market Street organizations
- For Market neighborhood, meet regularly with the working team that has been put together to engage with the City on this topic.
- Discuss at neighborhood meetings.
- Spend more time with residents and less time with developers. Come to the neighborhood meetings. Schedule an event on the weekend so it is easier for people to attend.
- Community round tables, micro-community discussions (e.g. neighbors within a few blocks), surveys like this.
- Neighborhood meetings, online surveys
- Emails, surveys accessible on line such as this survey
- Open houses at City Hall and Heritage Hall periodically
- Small scale neighborhood block parties
- Email/social media. Booth at community events like Summerfest? Have a get together at Waverly Beach Park?
- More events; more signs with actual information ; improved info on website
- online webinar so you can listen from home and "comment" over computer neighborhood meetings can be good but few show up. Open house meetings better than set time
- Get schools involved host monthly mingle meetings

## QUESTION 10

If you have any other thoughts about your neighborhood or the plan, please add them here

### 111 Total Responses

- West of Market is a great place to live. Don't screw it up.
- The Downtown Core of Kirkland is being ruined. The Kirkland Urban development is an atrocity that begins the process of turning Kirkland into Bellevue (where automobiles are the ONLY way to get around, where no one sees the water, no one wants to visit after five PM, and no one cares about neighbors, cultural activities or community). Kirkland Urban will create traffic, frustration and crowding. We must begin now to ameliorate this by diverting all OTHER traffic away from the downtown Kirkland area.
- Kirkland is a great place to live. Keep the excellent access to our parks. The Tot Lot is a great example of a well-used park. This is not about our neighborhood; however, I am very concerned with the plan of extending the boat marina at Marina Park.
- DENSITY IS A 4-LETTER WORD!
- Listen to us! There is a real sense from MANY Kirkland residents that the City Council does not and will not listen. They want density and will push it through.
- 1.Providing Some amount of smaller housing stock to accommodate individuals, couples or smaller families is important; especially close to transit lines. 2. Fewer oversized houses - inappropriate for the lots they sit on and intrusive to neighbors. 3.. Increase frequency of the 255 bus, and provide access to the I-405/85th St. express bus station (the last mile kind of stuff). 4. Preserve our green canopy. 5. Norkirk is a wonderful neighborhood! Would like to see more housing options that fit into the SF feel, so more diverse groups of people can enjoy Norkirk too!
- Traffic is abysmal. Adding more density will just make it worse. Don't do that. We need playgrounds for our kids.
- I'm am very concerned about the mismanagement of growth in Kirkland based on the questions on this survey. As a homeowner(1st st) who shares alley access with a large commercial building (on Market St), I am very worried about multistory buildings on Market
- Let's encourage more ADUs and cottage cluster developments; let's encourage functionality of mass transit for residents; lets get more sidewalks
- Routing traffic into Market Neighborhood is not the answer to reducing traffic on Market Street. It just adds additional choke points.
- Market neighborhood is not an appropriate place to pursue affordable housing. It is a stable, affluent, single-family neighborhood. People who live here have chosen it because of these qualities.
- I'm open to small restaurant/pub small commercial in certain residential areas that allow for higher density. I'm concerned about light rail not having enough stops in Kirkland. I'm concerned that a park and ride at 85th would be filled with people from outside the area filling it up. (Think the Island Crest park and ride on MI. Completely filled with people from Issaquah) Love Kirkland!
- Please do not bring more commercial and multi family housing into the residential neighborhoods. Kirkland Urban, the new development that is in the plans for 120th and 85th and for 132nd and 85th, are already bringing in huge amounts of those. I am deeply concerned about how are nice, quiet neighborhoods will be impacted by the traffic and overcrowding of schools that are already at capacity due to the influx of expanding population.
- Not interested in connecting 111th AVE NE
- Please do not let Metro change the 255 route to go to the U-District! It will degrade service and cause longer commutes for all people going to downtown Seattle. And cost more, light link costs more than metro fare.
- Prohibit builders from delaying development of purchased lots (installing ugly chain link fences and leaving them there!)
- Need more monitoring of our parks for drug use and littering of drug paraphernalia
- Need more neighborhood-focused commerce such as restaurants & grocery within walking distance north of downtown Kirkland.
- We are kind caring neighborhoods don't over populate by folks who don't care about our small kind community.

- My wife and I have owned our home for 20 years, I'm honestly concerned about my ability to remain when my kids exit the house and I get older due to the tax structure.
- Please add several speed humps to 10th Ave west. People are cutting off of market and speeding incredibly fast down this street. Kids play on this street. Let it be known I warned the city of Kirkland here first. There will be a fatality soon because of speeders.
- I support public transit, but would prefer to see a commuter/light rail to a bus station at I-405 and 85th interchange.
- Kirkland is great because it is a family first community, don't ruin it by trying to urbanize it. People are fleeing big cities again, don't try to copy them.
- Stop adding signs and colors to market street. It's really getting ugly. It's way too much signage and unnecessary information.
- I have a property I plan to sub-divide in the Norkirk neighborhood (front to back) and don't want to see set-back changes or below grade FAR changes.
- Please, please, please DO NOT open up the Highlands northbound section to continue up to Forbes Creek. This would be a disastrous move that would wreck our quiet, peaceful neighborhood. Thank you!
- Please get the traffic situation under control on Market Street by consistent blocking through traffic in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Street during rush hours.
- I don't want more traffic on 1st Street, that's why I don't want bigger apartment buildings in Norkirk or at Market Street. The more commercial and residents, the more traffic. Even if you use 1st Street, the traffic needs to go back to Market Street anyway so that is no improvement!
- I think if you want to get more people involved in decision making on the plan, you'll want to set up further workshops or open houses. Give people something to react to, and then let them mull it over, and then come back on a later date and tell you what they think --> and what they feel.
- Protect our trees and do not put in any through streets, not having those through streets makes the Highlands special.
- Please keep more trees, more property and not cramming houses together. Keep Kirkland quiet
- Save the trees! Since most homes are being built by developers in our neighborhood require electric car charges, permeable driveways
- Since passing ongoing road levy see little improvement in downtown core road quality. Example: Market st. is a disaster. If this is our downtown/living room fix the roads!
- Not to beat a dead horse, but the management, (or lack thereof), of power, cable, and phone lines in the air is truly a travesty. We live in a beautiful view neighborhood, only to see more lines going up every year. I'm willing to pay my fair share to bury the lines, but it would be nice to get the support of our city council on this. With the help of our city, and the coordination of power, cable, and phone companies, I'm sure we could come up with a viable solution to improve our community.
- We live in the most expensive neighborhood in Kirkland and pay the most taxes. It seems like the city doesn't do anything to support our historic, cute beach community and are only interested in increasing density, increase traffic to town and create affordable housing to lower income families. It would be nice to see more improvement to our Market Neighborhood by changing zoning to not allow large mega-homes build on small lots, removal of power lines because we look like we live in a 3rd world country and a neighborhood dog park that we can walk to certain hours of the day to play with our dogs. Kirkland has missed out on what Kirkland used to be and are trying to make it a mini Bellevue. So sad!!!
- I have seen many builders subdivide lot after lot and put up two 3500sf boxes where a fine older home with a yard once stood. It must never be allowed in the Market Neighborhood.
- Growth is inevitable. But we can grow slowly and smartly in order to keep Kirkland a city of neighborhoods with balance between residents and owners, homes and businesses.
- NO condos NO mixed use buildings NO developing of natural areas YES to encouraging remodeling of existing homes
- Neighborhood is flourishing - don't fix what isn't broken, but do keep the nature of the neighborhood intact by holding to zoning codes.
- Please limit growth and do not increase density.
- Market is a wonderful Kirkland neighborhood, but the things that attract people to it are related, in large part, to its historic charm. If we add density, height, size, FAR variances, etc... all the things that developers want, we risk destroying what makes it special. Kirkland has a lot of area now - let's be smart (and slow) with our zoning changes to ensure our treasured neighborhoods are not lost.
- Opposed to cottages.
- Don't ruin Kirkland in a misguided attempt to create another dense urban hub on the Eastside.
- Concerns that personal ambitions of decision makers may interfere with maintenance of the character of the Norkirk area. Concerns about use of city maintenance funds, i.e. last summer a city truck was watering the Cross Kirkland Corridor to keep the dust down! How strong is the oversight of this department?
- Like the North Rose Hill Neighborhood east of I-405, Norkirk Neighborhood is the binding on the west side; however, North Rose Hill has the 132nd and 124th N-S routes, but Norkirk has only Market. Norkirk has the added burden of City Hall, City Maintenance, and Crestwoods Park, and Kirkland Middle School. Market St has four collector routes feeding it from the North (NE Juanita Lane, 98th Ave NE, NE 116th, and Forbes Creek Drive) and four routes feeding it from the south (Lake St S, Sate St S, 6th St. S and Central way) which is causing 1st St, 3rd St and 6th st to be bypasses through the neighborhood because Market is only one lane each way.
- Would like to see land zoned for cottages in highlands area and for lot sizes to be reduced to 7,200 in all of highlands area. That way one lot could be made into 2 and then those 2 houses could each have an ADU. Now instead of housing on family, you could house 4 families. Also, that anything built should look attractive.
- We need sidewalks, we need to keep the old houses, we need to maintain the neighborhood's character. Why don't all the businesses have to have sidewalks in front? Why do some major makeover houses not have sidewalks? Why isn't this a priority for the city? Why can they tear down good houses from 1889?
- I live in central Norkirk and am loving the influx of younger, more diverse and community-minded residents. Like us, many of our neighbors use the CKC & parks heavily and walk to downtown for amenities. Thus issues affecting downtown are important...very happy with the Kirkland Urban development. Safety may become a higher concern for the neighborhood in the coming years.
- We don't have the infrastructure to keep increasing population density. Add small retail centers to other neighborhoods (like Juanita has) so everyone isn't trying to live near Downtown to be in a walkable neighborhood.
- I really wish the Kirkland police would ticket stop-sign runners at 1st and 15th Ave. Thank you.
- It has changed and grown so much that my family and many other "long time" Kirklanders are faced with moving out. Makes me super sad. I think the damage is done with the change of Kirkland Park Place to Kirkland Urban.
- The neighborhood is starting to lose it's historical charm. Encouraging more design flexibility and discouraging "bulkiness" of homes would help.
- Why are there still overhead wires in a Lake view neighborhood?! They worsen the view and cause more power outages. This is like an outdated neighborhood due to the wires everywhere above ground!
- No more traffic! Families NEED cars so please stop shoving public transit down our throats so the city can feel better about increasing the housing capacity. The city of Kirkland is being ruined. The character is going fast.
- Don't turn Kirkland into something like the dying, dangerous Seattle area or the overly commercialized Bellevue area.
- Increasing traffic flow through the neighborhoods instead of down main roads is dangerous for children in the neighborhoods and increases noise in the neighborhoods. Traffic studies need to be better vetted by the city before approving large scale future projects- including the totem lake area. It seems as though collecting tax dollars has trumped common sense
- Add pedestrian cross walks at multiple intersections on Waverly, so West of Market residents are able to safely cross the street to reach Heritage Park or Waverly Beach!
- Using 1st doesn't address the traffic issue and it's poorly designed even for the volume currently driving through at high speeds with frequent near misses of pedestrians
- Makes me sad when businesses close and then it gets re-zoned and more condos go up (for example, The Market St.) - Would love to see great businesses that neighbors can walk to/stop on the way home- seems like Market ST could logically turn into an extension of downtown.
- We should be saving the old houses
- City parks and beaches should be smoke-free. The city should enforce the current no-smoking laws at parks, 25' from building openings (particularly Park Lane), at the bus station, etc. All of Park Lane sidewalks are within 25' of an opening, so this street should be a SMOKE FREE ZONE. Please put up signs and enforce it.
- Keep through traffic and stop lights out of the Highlands. Current traffic patterns work fine.

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- Kirkland needs to 1. Limit all future buildings to 28 feet high throughout the City except for current zoning 2. Return to 1990 rules on parking for multi-family buildings 3. Stop all new development (allow 1-1 replacement to continue) for 5 years so that the impact of current development on schools can be determined
- Don't add more people don't add cars
- Cars cannot be allowed to park along narrow roads and streets where they impede the free and safe flow of two lanes of traffic at the posted speed limit. This is the single most significant problem we have and it was created by the City of Kirkland when they allowed the taking over public right of ways and shoulders which are needed for off street temporary parking, for walking and for road run off and permeable surfaces in our waterfront community. The city has promoted this unsafe and ill considered disruptive practice of abandoning their responsibility to maintain these public right of ways for exactly that. THE PUBLIC USE. Not a homeowner, or a sidewalk or permanent parking.
- It is easy to think that everyone West of Market is wealthy, but we aren't. Many of us have been here over 25 years and we are getting taxed out of our homes and the neighborhood we love. I don't want to live anywhere else in my "golden years". I want to downsize to something else right here, but those options are almost non-existent.
- Never never never allow traffic flow from Highlands through to Forbes Creek or to acres further north. NO cut through!
- Overriding point: I don't know any neighbors or citizens who want more traffic, more congestion, higher density, bigger buildings; no parking... and yet this seems to be the direction that the city is always moving in. City planners believe growth and population density are essential; existing residents are distressed at how you're ruining our beloved city and feel like the developers are in the driver's seat. You need to do a much better job of explaining why the Kirkland we love is not sustainable.
- Add a gateway to NW corner of neighborhood. All gateways are at south end and now that we have annexed to the north, more neighborhood ID is needed. Improve transit in downtown and to Rose Hill. Connect our neighborhood better to Juanita Village. Improve trail access at both north and south ends of Crestwoods to CKC so bikers don't have to use runnels/stairs/steep trail
- Need an indoor pool and spray park.
- I am very concerned the need to add housing will lead Kirkland to ruin our neighborhoods by allowing more density and compromising on zoning.
- Support current residents when it comes to construction and density. Parking, noise, and density is starting to affect are quality of life in Kirkland.
- Love the idea of adding more commercial development to market street but am concerned about the market st traffic and after living here 25 years, nothing has been done to improve it. We have smart people here doing smart things, so if we couldn't fix it in 25 years? What confidence would we have in the city's ability to add more businesses and residences on a heavily trafficked street without adding more traffic?
- Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide input through this survey. Hope there are more (can be shorter) survey for people to give their feedback and suggestions. Can we get a report of the survey result so we know what other people think? Thank you.
- Add some sort of: tear-down only by someone who owns the property and will live there for minimum of 3 years
- Values in the plan are quite good. Step up tree preservation. The houses on subdivided lots with mostly concrete in front change the character of the neighborhood, I value people's landscaping and flowers. I heard people can count arbor vitae as "trees" - if that's true, change it, they're a hedge.
- The commercial areas within norkirk are such an eyesore. Why were they allowed within such prime real estate???
- It's too upper class and too white (not diverse enough); want more density (height) along Market St with retail (restaurants, etc.) on ground floor
- No more multi-story mixed use or apartment/condo buildings along Central Way. Our gateway entry road is becoming closed in and obscuring the great view of Lake Washington and the Olympic Mountains. Growth is inevitable, but don't let Kirkland become like Bellevue!
- Provide real traffic gaps on Market Street during rush hours. Forbes Creek Signal does NOT currently provide usable gaps.
- Disappointed to see no proposed sidewalk on 16th or 14th (instead on 18th) - these streets are in the middle of the neighborhood so work for more and lead right to bus stop and neighborhood
- The biggest pressure I see is vehicle congestion creeping into the neighborhoods, making walking in the neighborhood and playing in the yards an unenjoyable and unsafe experience. I would encourage all planning efforts to retain this neighborhood culture by utilizing existing corridors to the greatest extent and discouraging cut through traffic with traffic calming measures.
- Private development should coordinate better with the traffic interruption of their projects.. A 4-way stop or stoplight at the intersection of 87th street and 114th Ave NE
- PLANNED AREA 7 Goal N-5: Policy N-51: Allow a range of residential densities in Planned Area 7. Medium density is allowed south of 7th Avenue in PLA 7C, while higher densities are allowed in PLA 7A, located between the Market Street commercial corridor and 2nd Street, and PLA 7B, located south of PLA 7C, between 2nd Street and the CBD. Future development throughout PLA 7 should be compatible with the scale of structures in adjacent single-family zones. Specifically PLA 7B, the alley way splits between single family residential and high density without transition in height. I believe it is 30' for the high density structures that extend the width of the property. The residential structures face south to the back of the high density structure is too close. (5th Ave /Alley / 6th Ave). My opinion and preference would be to have a street (not alley) divide these two that would allow for more distance with trees, light, space, and noise. Or there could be a lowered height for the structures at the back of the alley to allow for the transition. 4. Natural Environment Policy N-2.4 Maintain a healthy urban forest by protecting, enhancing and properly managing the tree canopy.... What would it take to establish a municipal heritage tree program? {Heritage trees are set apart from other trees by specific criteria such as outstanding age, size, and unique species, being one of a kind or very rare...} There is mention of a volunteer efforts to encourage preservation of heritage trees. I am unaware of this and see many large disease free trees removed without hesitation and not being replaced. Trees that sit on the perimeter of a property purchased, or only remodeled could be retained. New properties are tightly spaced do not always include permeable pavers nor are trees replaced. The canopy of trees buffered noise, benefited water drainage and stabilize the soil from the lake as well as clean the air. - Is it possible a certified arborist could evaluate the trees on proposed lot, as the civil engineer evaluates the water table and land grade etc?
- Paving alley ways.
- Commuter parking in residential neighborhoods! I completely disagree with people from other towns driving into Kirkland and parking in neighborhoods in order to catch the bus or form the start of a carpool. Our streets should not be used as a park and ride. Kirkland residents can't walk or bike safely with all the parked cars. Children can't play safely on their own block or in their own neighborhood. This problem is getting worse and worse. People are now parking blocks away from a bus stop and walking to the bus. Our children deserve better than this!!
- I'm over you, Kirkland. 16 years here and traffic is awful. Can't even get through downtown Kirkland anymore. Traffic lights, towering, ugly structures. Turning into bleh Bellevue. It's sad.
- Pay more attention to the large number of residents, instead of the small number of Council Members and Planning Commissioners.
- I'd love to see more high quality businesses - fewer gyms and nail salons!!
- Please do not add a stop sign on westbound NE 84th and 114th intersection. Instead add one for those traveling East bound. These people are coming from outside the highlands and are creating a situation where we cannot get out of our neighborhood. Furthering traffic signals for us will add to a huge back up and several minutes to our commute.
- Market Street corridor is 60%+ cut through traffic from Juanita. Develop 116th street as arterial with 2 lanes each way to 405 and connection to get on the 405 car pool from there. Also, bike and pedestrian safety is not adequate, even with improvements last Friday I saw a bike/car accident in progress on the boulevard and a separate car/pedestrian collision within an hours time.
- 1) Need to keep our streets safe. Increased on-street parking and increased traffic (due to increased density) are causing safety issues especially the more narrow streets in the north part of the neighborhood. 2) Need to address impact on surrounding properties of allowing increased density on some lots (e.g., sub-minimum lot size for small homes/increased density). Issues include parking, crowding existing homes, increased non-permeable surface/water issues, tree loss, and others. 3) I am very open to creative ideas for smaller housing units, cottage home w/shared common areas, etc. But we need to be creative and smart about how to fit that into the neighborhood.

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- I served on the planning commission in the 1980's and we had a vision for the corridor along Forbes Creek Dr. to keep the unimproved green space from the lake to the crosswoods from development to provide a place for animals in our city and to create a green corridor for an urban corridor. I feel strongly that this vision should be renewed and strengthened.
- Market neighborhood is a special place. Leave it alone. We like it the way it is.
- Norkirk is great please do not change it too much!
- I love living in the West of Market neighborhood. It would be wonderful if we could develop a pedestrian promenade with view stations from Heritage Park along Waverly to Waverly Beach Park as that is a very popular walking and biking pathway already (and perhaps find a way to transition pedestrian and bike traffic up to Forbes Creek Park). We also need to get our above ground utilities buried and strategically trim some of the trees along Waverly to improve the views across the lake towards downtown Seattle.
- I am strongly opposed to zoning changes that would encourage or require affordable housing in Market Neighborhood. Residents of Market Neighborhood love their neighborhood, with its single family homes, lack of traffic, and quiet environment. Increasing density per lot is not desired. Increasing the height of development in the Market Street Corridor is not desired.
- Protect significant trees. Kirkland could start a registry for significant trees. Have city staff come out to check if there is compliance when citizens are permitted to take down trees on their property. People are cheating because no one is checking.
- We have ONE lane northbound west of 405 - Market. Unless you make market 2 lanes each way don't add high density housing or mixed use residential/commercial. Where are those extra cars going to go?
- Market Street Corridor needs less traffic, not more. Proposing concepts like taller building and less parking will just make the situation worse. I don't support anything that increases traffic or parking problems on Market Street Corridor. I would like to see less traffic, and fewer residential units on Market Street Corridor.
- There needs to be better traffic control and flow at Market and Central -- why can't a roundabout be put in to better handle the u-turns that keep happening?
- Please pave the CKC and install missing sidewalks.
- stores
- I mostly love living in Kirkland. The parks, walkability and charm are second to none. But the development is out of hand. My opinion is that city "leaders" have forsaken the quality of life of a charming town for a money grab to let greedy developers come in and dump enormous eyesore "homes" throughout charming neighborhoods. Kirkland city leaders, you are at a fork in the road. Scale back the huge, ugly construction or be forever accountable for making Kirkland a charmless, run of the mill neighborhood. Save more old growth trees. Do something about traffic from those who don't live in our neighborhoods. incentivize bus riders, walkers and bikers and make it safe for them to commute and get around town. Do the right thing for the people of the community, not for developers and huge corporate interests. Please.
- The streets are not wide enough for parking and cars to pass.
- Control growth without higher density, encourage business in existing business areas
- Kirkland is a gem of a place to live, work, and enjoy life. The biggest problem we have is traffic... Market street daily during commute times is terrible because there is no way to get around a bus when it stops to let someone on/off, the traffic light at Forbes Creek, and no where for traffic to go if someone breaks-down. Not sure how to fix it. Also traffic through Downtown Kirkland along Central and Lake Street got a lot worse when it was reduced to one lane a few years ago. It's great if you're a pedestrian but when I drive I avoid going that way.
- Transit connections will define how well, or how poorly, Kirkland neighborhoods work in the future. Build the bus lanes east and westbound from I405 to 6th St, and get Metro to run frequent shuttles from the Transit Center to the BRT stop. And plan for the future and support Sound Transit's use of the easement on the CKC. Stop listening to the vocal few NIMBY's in Houghton and the Highlands; we're all paying for ST and our next generations already think we're crazy for not building more mass transit
- Please do not allow developers profit motives determine the future direction of Kirkland.
- We need to create some density in our neighborhood without losing the neighborhood feel.
- You can create relatively more affordable housing by allowing smaller lot sizes (for example where 8500 required now change to 7200) or allow duplexes
- Safety flags at all surrounding streets by schools