

There was insufficient time to ask several questions from the Newport Hills Community Club board and from the forum audience. Please make a brief response to the questions below and limit your response to five sentences or less.

CANDIDATE NAME: Conrad Lee

1. **Public Safety** –

A) How do you see the city's and council's roles in preparing for large scale public emergencies such as earthquakes, quarantines, and mass evacuations. In your answer, please comment upon our city's current state of preparedness

Emergency response - is best and most effective with first responders and communication. Bellevue has a very effective communication network (SPAN) among volunteers throughout neighborhoods to communicate with and assist people. We have identified many public facilities (have to remain confidential) where people can be evacuated to. The City is prepared with a command center to coordinate with Federal, State, and local community and residents to ensure that we are prepared in our communication and response.

Audience Question) Is there a role for city government to ensure safety of the underground utilities located in "The Pipeline" right of way that runs through our neighborhood.

Yes. We are working at Federal and State level and with the Utility company to ensure better safety.

2. **Traffic and Speeding** –

A) Several of our major streets with bus stops are without sidewalks, and are likely to remain that way for some time. Are the city's sidewalk funding programs sufficient?

The City has to put in more sidewalks and repair some old ones. We will work closely with private development to put in some new sidewalks, NEP for some. We have requested a comprehensive report on sidewalks from staff to prepare a sidewalk plan.

Audience Question) We talk about traffic calming but the city continues rapid downtown growth and the infrastructure doesn't seem to be able to handle it. What can be done to slow it down or to control it? Do you have any further comments on traffic calming initiatives?

We will continue to make sure traffic does not cut through neighborhoods. As I have suggested that more 4-way stops at neighborhood street intersections should be considered.

3. **Coal Creek Park** –

A) With regard to public use and access to Coal Creek Park between I-405 and Coal Creek Parkway, do you believe it should be left alone, maintained as is, or eventually improved upon?

I'd like to see it improved as part of the Gateway project into Bellevue. But it should be done as part of the City Parks Plan with resident input and approval.

4. **District Boundaries** –

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A) A portion of Newport Hills is within the Renton school district. Residents in the past have petitioned for a school boundary adjustment, but the Renton and Bellevue school boards never could come to an agreement. Since each school district spends almost equal amounts per student, bond debt service is the main sticking point. What steps will you take, if elected, to work with the school boards on resolving this issue?

It makes sense to me. But it is school boards and boundary board decision. As your elected representative, I'd be happy to help lobby and work with the school boards.

B) Would you be supportive of Newport Hills using their neighborhood enhancement project ("NEP") money for this purpose, even if it required the City to obligate future portions of the NEP or other neighborhood investment programs to meet the affected residents' objectives?

If it's what the residents voted to do as a NEP project.

C) A portion of Newport Hills falls into the Valley General Hospital district, and residents must service their latest bond issuance to cover emergency room operating losses and increase pay for doctors and nurses, even though we are not transported to this emergency room to receive these services. What steps will you take, if elected, to work with the boundary review board, hospital district, and the City Attorney's office to revise the Hospital district border so that residents aren't included in future tax/bond proposals?

It makes sense to me. But it is the hospital districts and boundary review board decision. As your elected representative, I'd be happy to help lobby and work with them.

5. **City Support** –

A) What is your opinion of the city's level of community support and distribution of resources to neighborhoods? Would you work to change either during your upcoming term if elected?

We are working on a fair and equitable basis. If the residents feel the resources are not adequate or fair, let's discuss it. Council will look at it in a total City needs assessment and make the appropriate allocations at budget time. This is absolutely Council's responsibility to prioritize and budget to meet our needs.

6. **Vision** –

Audience Question) Please paint your 20 year vision of Bellevue, placing particular emphasis on what is unique and specific about Bellevue that should be preserved.

Bellevue will be a city where we have healthy neighborhoods to raise our families the way we want to. The city will be financial sound that it has the resources to take care of physical infrastructures and take care of our kids and seniors. The residents will be involved and committed to volunteer and participate in their community activities. The businesses will be responsible corporate citizens. Businesses will prosper in Bellevue so they can generate strong revenues to help with paying bills. Bellevue is already unique the way it is. I hope we will preserve what we have and perhaps keep on improving it.

7. **Senior Citizen Issues** –

Audience Question) The senior population of Bellevue is a large percentage of the total. What do you see as your responsibility in their particular problems of transportation, medical services, etc.

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Health care, transportation, recreation are big issues for seniors. Bellevue has a strong program through our Human Services programs, senior centers and family programs. We are doing this on a regional basis with other governments and social agencies like King County and YMCA. We have a warm water pool for health, ARCH in housing and senior centers for activities. Many private senior homes are located here, such as Silver Glen. I am working to help them with circulators to transport people around. Seniors are a resource and asset for our community.