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**CITY OF REDMOND
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING THE KROGER -
ALBERTSONS MERGER

WHEREAS, Kroger and Albertsons, two large grocery store corporations, have announced an intent to merge; and

WHEREAS, Safeway is a grocery market chain, and subsidiary owned by Albertsons which could be negatively impacted by the merger; and

WHEREAS, QFC is a grocery market chain, and a subsidiary owned by Kroger which could be negatively impacted by the merger; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of these corporations would eliminate competition between Redmond's largest grocers and negatively impact grocery budgets for Redmond residents; and

WHEREAS, Redmond's grocery stores are cornerstones of the local community and one of the city's large employers, particularly union jobs; and

WHEREAS, earlier this month Kroger and Albertsons released a list of grocery store locations they intend to sell as part of the merger; and

WHEREAS, Washington has more grocery stores to be sold than any other state - 124 in total, including two QFCs and a Safeway in the City of Redmond; and

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WHEREAS, ensuring a thriving local economy, job opportunities, and convenient shopping options for the community are priorities for the City of Redmond; and

WHEREAS, approval of the merger would almost certainly lead to store closures, could undermine thousands of unionized grocery jobs, would likely increase prices for consumers, and worsen food deserts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Redmond City Council adopts this resolution to express its official position in opposition of the Kroger-Albertsons merger.

Section 2: The Redmond City Council will send a copy of this resolution to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) asking the FTC to oppose the merger.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this _____ day of _____, 2024.

APPROVED:

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL XANTHOS, MMC, CITY CLERK

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