

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX		
Date/Meeting	Comment	Status
6/2/2020 Email: Robyn Nelson	Supports personal body-cams for police officers. See attachment Q for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/12/2020
6/2/2020 Email: Laura Liao	Comments on police department training, procedures and practices. See attachment R for transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/12/2020
6/2/20 Email: Maxine Beeman	Comments on police department training, procedures and practices. See attachment S for transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/22/2020
6/3/2020 Email: Trisha Jain	Comments on police department training, procedures and practices. See attachment T for transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/22/2020
6/3/2020 Email: Anda Gavrilesco	Comments on police reform and intervention policies. See attachment U for transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/25/2020
6/4/2020 Email: Ben Alberson	Supports investment in mental wellness, domestic violence prevention, and local policies. See attachment V for transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/12/2020

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>6/4/2020 Email: Jack Li</p>	<p>Comments on police department training, procedures and practices. Support reallocation of police funding to education, public health, and social services. See attachment W for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/12/2020</p>
<p>6/6/2020 Email: Darren Caulley</p>	<p>Comments on police budget and practices. See attachment X for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 7/29/2020</p>
<p>6/6/2020 Email: Daniel Achterman</p>	<p>Comment for reconsideration of city metrics for Safety satisfaction rating, Housing and Human Services, Community Court pilot, Police Emergency Services. See Attachment A for full script of written comment.</p>	
<p>6/12/2020 Email: Elise Keim</p>	<p>Comment for establishing indicators for racial equality and expand indicators for safety priority to include social safety net. See Attachment B for full script of email.</p>	
<p>6/12/20 Email: Morgan Lavelle</p>	<p>Comments for racial equality and police reform. See attachment Y for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/25/2020</p>
<p>6/13/2020 Email: Tom Hinman</p>	<p>Support of adding 2 positions, TDM Assistant and Communications Administrator, to focus on the reduction of greenhouse gas and citywide communications and outreach. See Attachment C for full script of the email.</p>	<p>K. Cochran responded by email 06/15/2020</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>6/13/2020 Email: Chelsea Liekhus-Schmaltz</p>	<p>Comment on how the current budget helps to protect and serve the black, brown and indigenous community. See Attachment D for full script of written comment.</p>	
<p>6/15/2020 Email: John Schleicher</p>	<p>Comments for racial equality and police reform. See attachment Z for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/25/2020</p>
<p>6/15/2020 Email: Peder Brakke</p>	<p>Comments for racial equality and police reform. See attachment 1 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/25/2020</p>
<p>6/15/2020 Email: Chelsea Elsinore</p>	<p>Supports taking action on inequality in areas of policing, education and community. See attachment 2 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/19/2020</p>
<p>6/15/2020 Email: Kevin Cogger</p>	<p>Comments for racial equality and police reform. See attachment 3 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/25/2020</p>
<p>6/15/2020 Email: Vickie Arsenault</p>	<p>Support of Redmond Police. See Attachment E for full script of the email.</p>	<p>K. Cochran responded by email 06/15/2020</p>

## 2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX

<p>6/15/2020 Email: Dylan</p>	<p>Comment in supporting funding for Advanced Life Support program, fire department, linemen and arborists. Comment supporting cuts in drug enforcement, police patrol. See Attachment F for full script of email.</p>	
<p>6/15/2020 Email: Lori Moon</p>	<p>Comment supporting a dog park for Hartman park. See Attachment G for full script of email.</p>	
<p>6/15/2020 Email: Pat Vache</p>	<p>Comment to continue to review the five priorities and community engagement. See Attachment H for full script of email.</p>	
<p>6/16/2020 Public Hearing Janet Richards</p>	<p>Support for public assistance for mental health.</p>	
<p>6/16/2020 Public Hearing Aiden Mitchell</p>	<p>Support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divestment of police funding to community safety, health and wellness</li> <li>• Expanding shelters.</li> <li>• Community land trust for more housing choices.</li> <li>• City funding for healthcare infrastructure.</li> <li>• Community Court be extended.</li> <li>• Community-based foodbanks, outdoor markets for social distancing and grocery coops</li> </ul>	
<p>6/16/2020 Public Hearing Caroline Nawrocki</p>	<p>Supports for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divestment of police funding to community safety, health and wellness.</li> <li>• Funding for social services and mental health services.</li> <li>• Affordable housing.</li> </ul>	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defunding three School Resources Officers (SRO) and community policing and investing in more human services programs.</li> </ul>	
<p>6/16/2020 Public Hearing Written comment David Bowling</p>	Letter from King County Alliance for Human Services advocating for human services. See Attachment I for full written comment.	
<p>6/16/2020 Public Hearing Written comment Susan Cozzens</p>	Question if Redmond is considering moving budget from police to social services? See Attachment I for full written comment.	
<p>6/16/2020 Public Hearing Written comment AJ Venturato</p>	Comments on the cohesive approach to the issues of equity and social/environmental justice and support for Office of Equity & Environmental Justice or Equity & Sustainability Manager. See Attachment I for full written comment.	
<p>6/16/2020 Public Hearing Written comment Harold Evans</p>	Comment in support of alternatives to police funding for human services, affordable housing and out community. See Attachment I for full written comment.	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

6/16/2020 Public Hearing Written comment Kirk Hovenkotter	Comment from Greater Redmond in support of investments in sidewalks, trails and bus passes. See Attachment I for full written comment.	
6/16/20 Email: Jeffery Guptil	Comments regarding police budget, overtime and practices. See attachment 4 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 7/22/2020
6/16/20 Email: Sherry Bupp	Comments for racial equality and police reform. See attachment 5 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/25/2020
6/16/2020 Email: Matthew Boguske	Comments for racial equality and police reform. See attachment 6 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/25/2020
6/20/2020 Email: Gary Smith	Supports funding Green Redmond Partnership Program. See Attachment J for transcript of email.	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>6/25/2020 Email: John Schleicher</p>	<p>Support for reinvestment of police funds for affordable housing, healthcare, and alternative emergency response systems. See Attachment K for transcript of email.</p>	
<p>7/12/2020 Email: Melina Sparks</p>	<p>Comments for racial equality and police reform. See attachment 7 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 6/25/2020</p>
<p>7/13/2020 Email: Nancy Feinerman</p>	<p>Support of police funding. See attachment 8 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 7/15/2020</p>
<p>7/15/2020 Email: Gary Lawrence</p>	<p>Supports fully funding police department. See attachment 9 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 7/16/2020</p>
<p>7/15/2020 Email: Arnold Tomac</p>	<p>Supports fully funding police department. See attachment 10 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 7/16/2020</p>
<p>7/16/2020 Email: Phil Hutchinson</p>	<p>Supports more funding to police for officers, traffic patrols, bike patrols, detectives, support staff, reserve officers, volunteers and mental health professionals. See attachment 11 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 7/16/2020</p>
<p>7/16/2020</p>	<p>Support for full funding of the police department. See attachment 12 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

Email: Barb		email on 7/17/2020
7/20/20 Email: Clarke Jewell	Support for full funding of the police department. See attachment 13 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 7/21/2020
7/21/20 Email: Andy Sharpe	Support for full funding of the police department. See attachment 14 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 7/21/2020
7/30/2020 Email: Anna Lanz	Supports exiting police programs and partial reinvesting police funding. See attachment 15 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 7/31/2020
8/13/2020 Email: Ani Babian	Supports funding the Redmond Police Department. See attachment 16 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 8/19/2020
8/21/2020 Email: Jay Olsen	Support for police department. See attachment 17 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 8/31/2020
9/14/2020 Email: Sara Herrera	Supports resources for Diveristy, Equity and Inclusion manager be used to house people who need it. See attachment 18 for full transcript of email.	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>9/19/2020 Email: Lea Ellis</p>	<p>Support for funding police department. See attachment 19 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 9/21/2020</p>
<p>9/21/2020 Email: Nancy Laswell</p>	<p>Supports shifting positions from police to mental health professionals. See attachment 20 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 9/22/2020</p>
<p>9/26/2020 Email: Forest Treppe</p>	<p>Support for dash cameras and body cameras. See attachment 21 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 9/30/2020</p>
<p>10/7/2020 Email: Brenda Larson</p>	<p>Supports body and dash cameras for officers. See Attachment L for transcript of email.</p>	
<p>10/17/2020 Email Sandy Marion</p>	<p>Supports funding a Senior Center Replacement building and Parks Department staff. See Attachment P for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>10/20/2020 Email: Linda Nguyen</p>	<p>Support for Pedestrian and Bike Program. See Attachment M for transcript of email.</p>	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>10/20/2020 Public Hearing Kelly Reefer</p>	<p>Support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation Master Plan update Budget Offer 343,</li> <li>• Go Redmond residential program</li> <li>• Budget Offer 222, curb ramp Infrastructure</li> <li>• Sustainable transportation for environment</li> </ul> <p>Concern for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike/ped service decrease</li> <li>• Budget offer 224 reductions in police would impact the city with the arrival of light rail</li> </ul>	
<p>10/20/2020 Public Hearing Tom Hinman</p>	<p>Support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Forestry and carbon reduction and tracking.</li> <li>• Resiliency in emergency preparedness and filling positions.</li> <li>• Ground and surface water management.</li> <li>• Communications and public engagement.</li> <li>• Expanding City Council ombudsman and performance measure.</li> </ul> <p>See Attachment N for full written comment.</p>	
<p>10/20/2020 Public Hearing David Morten</p>	<p>Supports reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	
<p>10/20/2020 Email Brenda Larson</p>	<p>Supports funding for body and dash cams for police officers. See Attachment O for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>10/20/2020 Email:</p>	<p>Supports Human Services funding at minimum current level and develop budget that build over time upon the history of support. See Attachment 46 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Kritzer responded by</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

Jack Edgerton Rachel Krinsky		email on 10/29/2020
10/23/2020 Email: Tom Hinman	Supports Overlake CIP for safe access to light rail and coordinated park planning. See Attachment 22 for full transcript of email.	
10/24/2020 Email: Kate Gonzales	Support for funding the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 23 for full transcript of email.	
10/25/2020 Email: Nicole LaBrie	Support for funding the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 24 for full transcript of email.	
10/25/2020 Email: Conor Glassey	Support for funding the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 25 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020
10/25/2020 Email: Robert Swenson	Support for funding the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 26 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/27/2020
10/25/2020 Email:	Support for funding the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 41 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

Amy Bower		email on 10/29/2020
10/25/2020 Email: Guiomar Basualdo	Support for funding the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 42 for full transcript of email.	
10/25/2020 Email: John Wallent	Support for funding the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 43 for full transcript of email.	
10/25/2020 Email: Amber Duan	Support for funding the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 44 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020
10/25/2020 Email: Liv Victorino	Support funding and staffing for the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 45 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 11/4/2020
10/26/2020 Email: Susan Selby	Supports funding position reduced in Parks Department. See Attachment 27 for full transcript of email.	Director Hite responded by email on 10/27/2020
10/26/2020 Email: Jamie Bram	Support for funding for Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 28 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

		email on 10/27/2020
10/26/2020 Email: Ethan McGhee	Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 29 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/26/2020
10/26/2020 Email: Todd Andrews	Support for funding the Old Firehouse Teen Center. See Attachment 30 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020
10/26/2020 Email: Rachel Krinsky	Supports Human Services Commission funding recommendations for LifeWire. See Attachment 31 for full transcript of email.	
10/26/2020 Email: Enrica Hampton	Supports Human Services Commission funding recommendations for Kinderling. See Attachment 32 for full transcript of email.	
10/26/2020 Email: Vanessa Kritzer	Inquiry on proposed plan for the Old Firehouse Teen Center change in hours of operations. See Attachment 47 for full transcript of email.	Director Hite responded by email on 10/26/2020
10/27/2020 Email: Kathy Fleming	On behalf of Attain Housing: Supports funding for human services. See Attachment 33 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

		email on 10/29/2020
10/27/2020 Email: Lois Ralph	Support for funding Kindering’s Parenting Plus program. See Attachment 34 for full transcript of email.	
10/27/2020 Email: Lily Anderson	Supports funding the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 35 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020
10/27/2020 Email: Chad Simer	Supports funding the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 36 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020
10/27/2020 Email Soren Hixenbaugh	Supports funding the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 37 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020
10/27/2020 Email: Dakota Miller	Supports funding the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 38 for full transcript of email.	Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>10/27/2020 Email: Zachary Benzaoui</p>	<p>Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 39 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020</p>
<p>10/27/2020 Email: Sarah Herrera</p>	<p>Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 48 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020</p>
<p>10/27/2020 Email: Frankie Casto</p>	<p>Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 49 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>10/27/2020 Email: Lex Spahr</p>	<p>Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 50 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020</p>
<p>10/27/2020 Email: Levi Casto</p>	<p>Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 51 for full transcript of email.</p>	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>10/28/2020 Email: Kirk Hovenkotter</p>	<p>On behalf of Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association (GRTMA): Support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investments for Transportation Master Plan,</li> <li>• Go Redmond Residential Program,</li> <li>• Environmental Sustainability Climate Equity Vulnerability Reports, Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, Budget Offer 000220</li> <li>• Diversity Equity and Inclusion program manager, Budget Offer 000323</li> <li>• Supports CIP investments at Willows Road Improvement phase 1, NE 70<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements, future funding to complete Redmond Central Connector Phase III.</li> <li>• Safe accessible and inclusive transit without armed police patrol and response, Budget Offer 000224.</li> </ul> <p>Concerns for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuts to walking/biking infrastructure.</li> <li>• Cuts to ADA curb ramps, Budget Offer 000222</li> </ul> <p>See Attachment 40 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 11/2/2020</p>
<p>10/28/2020 Email: Shilpa Shyamsundar</p>	<p>Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 52 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020</p>
<p>10/28/2020 Email: Zach Elkhafaifi</p>	<p>Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 53 for full transcript of email.</p>	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>10/28/2020 Email: Rebecca Smith</p>	<p>Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 54 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 10/29/2020</p>
<p>10/29/2020 Email: Brian</p>	<p>Supports Senior Center/Senior Programs. See Attachment 61 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 10/29/2020</p>
<p>10/30/2020 Email: Bob Yoder</p>	<p>Comment on the topic of furloughs and staffing reductions. See Attachment 55 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 11/2/2020</p>
<p>10/31/2020 Email: Roy Seliber</p>	<p>Supports funding and staffing for the Old Fire House Teen Center. See Attachment 56 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Kritzer responded by email on 11/2/2020</p>
<p>11/2/2020 Email: Ralph Trieselmann</p>	<p>Supports the proposed 2021-22 budget. See Attachment 57 for full transcript of email.</p>	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>11/2/2020 Email: Tom Hinman</p>	<p>Supports efficiency in transportation, retention of Green Redmond Partnership \$50,000. See Attachment 58 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>11/2/2020 Email: Joy Randall/Eastside Coalition</p>	<p>Support for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Mental Health Collaboration program</li> <li>• Diversity Equity &amp; Inclusion Manager</li> <li>• Redmond Police Community Equity Action Team</li> <li>• Reinvest School Resource Officer funds into Community Wellness programs</li> <li>• Two more homeless program coordinators</li> <li>• De-escalation and mental health training for law enforcement</li> </ul> <p>See Attachment 59 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>11/2/2020 Email: Ngaya, Eliana, and Trey</p>	<p>Support for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Mental Health Collaboration program</li> <li>• Diversity Equity &amp; Inclusion Manager</li> <li>• Redmond Police Community Equity Action Team</li> <li>• Reinvest School Resource Officer funds into Community Wellness programs</li> <li>• Two more homeless program coordinators</li> <li>• De-escalation and mental health training for law enforcement</li> </ul> <p>See Attachment 60 for full transcript of email.</p>	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX		
Date/Meeting	Comment	Status
11/2/2020 Public Hearing Anna Preyapongpisan	Support for Human Services Commissions recommendation for funding and YMCA.	
11/2/2020 Public Hearing David Morten	Support for Supports reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.	
11/2/2020 Public Hearing Rosemary Ives	Request that public hearing be kept open as budget deliberations continue.	
11/2/2020 Public Hearing Mary Ellen Stone	Support for Human Services Commission recommendation for funding to King County Sexual assault resource center.	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX		
Date/Meeting	Comment	Status
11/3/2020 Email: Rosemarie Ives	Request that public hearing be kept open as budget deliberations continue. See attachment 64 for full transcript of email.	
11/5/2020 Email: Tom Hinman	Support and comments for Parks 2021-22 budget proposals including details on budget comments regarding the Overlake CIP. See Attachment 62 for full transcript of email	
11/10/2020 Email: Rosanne Carter	Support Human Services Commission recommendation for funding for Kinderling, Families in Transition program. See Attachment 63 for full transcript of email.	
11/12/2020 Email: Rosemarie Ives	Comments on citizen input, staffing, Capital Improvement Program, city facilities, community center, public facilities/parks, property tax increase, affordable housing. See Attachment 65 for full transcript of email.	
11/16/2020 Email: Tom Hinman	Comments and suggestion for civic engagement. Support for budget performance metrics. See Attachment 67 for full transcript of email.	
11/17/2020 Email: Timothy Spurgeon	Comment for no tax increases, no emergency fund use, financial accountability for departments, staffing levels. Supports Redmond police department, school resource officers. See Attachment 66 for full transcript of email.	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>11/17/2020 Email: Devon Kellogg</p>	<p>Supports efforts to address climate change through the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and the 2021- 22 Budget. See Attachment 68 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>11/17/2020 Email: Scott Axworthy</p>	<p>Support for sidewalk projects project 189, the stairway to Redmond Way and Project B96/GL184, sidewalks on 151st Ave NE. See Attachment 69 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>11/17/2020 Email: Jim Jernigan</p>	<p>Sidewalks on 151st Ave NE, also known as 'Homestead Drive'. See Attachment 70 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>11/17/2020 Email: Garth Gillespie</p>	<p>Support for sidewalk projects on 151<sup>st</sup> Ave NE. See Attachment 71 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>11/17/2020 Email: Tom Hinman</p>	<p>Comments to support park projects in Overlake, urban pathways and recreation facilities. (offer #247). See Attachment 72 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>11/17/2020 Email: David Morton</p>	<p>Supports reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. See Attachment 73 for full transcript of email</p>	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX		
Date/Meeting	Comment	Status
11/17/2020 Items from the audience: David Morton	Supports reduction of greenhouse gas emissions	
11/17/2020 Public Hearing: Neil Mizushima	Supports for Human services recommendation for funding to Hopelink.	
11/17/2020 Public Hearing: Elise Keim	RCHEA comments for staffing and labor upheld to bargaining agreement during pandemic.	
11/17/2020 Public Hearing: Jim Jernigan	Support for sidewalk projects on 151 <sup>st</sup> Ave NE.	
11/17/2020 Public Hearing: Joy Jernigan	Support for sidewalk projects on 151 <sup>st</sup> Ave NE.	
11/17/2020 Public Hearing: Carol Gee Zarbock	Support for sidewalk projects on 151 <sup>st</sup> Ave NE.	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

11/17/2020 Public Hearing: David Morton	Supports reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.	
11/17/2020 Public Hearing: Timothy Spurgeon	Comments for not defunding police, no tax increase, financial accountability.	
11/17/2020 Public Hearing: Devon Kellogg	Comment so support efforts to address climate change through the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and the 2021- 22 Budget.	
11/18/2020 Email: Jim Jernigan	Support for sidewalk projects on 151 <sup>st</sup> Ave NE. See Attachment 74 for full transcript of email.	
11/19/2020 Email: Tom Hinman	Provided compilation of his comments over 2021-2022 budget. See Attachment 75 for full transcript of email.	
11/26/2020 Email: Beth Kelly	Support for sidewalk projects on 151 <sup>st</sup> Ave NE. See Attachment 76 for full transcript of email.	
12/3/2020 Email: Phil Hutchinson	Comment to not support council deliberation proposal for funding additional council staff for intern and council policy analyst. See Attachment 77 for full transcript of email.	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/2/2020 Email: Kevin Carder</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 78 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020. Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Kelly Rau</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 79 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Christine Cordes</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 80 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX		
Date/Meeting	Comment	Status
12/3/2020 Email: Paula Palkon	Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 81 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.
12/2/2020 Email: Miriam Johnson	Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 82 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.
12/2/2020 Email: Liz Luecker	Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 83 for full transcript of email.	Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/3/2020 Email: Pete and Bette Osman</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 84 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Jan Mcclurg</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 85 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Alan Chen</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 86 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/2/2020 Email: Peter Sarrett</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 87 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Jodi Seitz</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 88 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Eric Rohrbach</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 89 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/2/2020 Email: Mehta</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 90 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020.</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Mikah Mathews</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 91 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020.</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Jackie Duffy</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 92 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/2/2020 Email: Mette Clarke</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 93 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Susann Wilson</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events and staffing. See Attachment 94 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020.</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Lei</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 95 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020.</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/2/2020 Email: Mary Ann Powers</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 96 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020.</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Cristi Spurgeon</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 97 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Sandra Merhej</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 98 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020.</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/3/2020 Email: Amanda Karim</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 99 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Sucheta Karoor</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 100 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Mauro Rizzi</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 101 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/2/2020 Email: Sophie Kong</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 102 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Phillip Daaga</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 103 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Madeleine Wiley and Rick Putnum</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 104 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/3/2020 Email: Amy Myoraku</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 105 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>
<p>12/2/2020 Email: Dana Z</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 106 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/2/2020</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Ed Musch</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 107 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/3/2020 Email: Monica Hinman</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 108 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Kim Yates</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 109 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/3/2020</p>
<p>12/4/2020 Email: Greg McNaghten</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 110 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>12/4/2020 Email: Carol McNaghten</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 111 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Don Estberg</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 112 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>12/6/2020 Email: Rosemarie Ives</p>	<p>Comments regarding the McKinstry Report analysis for city buildings. See attachment 113 for full transcript of email.</p>	

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/7/2020 Email: Tim Nappen</p>	<p>Comments to reconsider the proposed financial policy regarding debt. Support for Redmond Senior Center. See Attachment 114 for full transcript of email.</p>	
<p>12/7/2020 Email: Darryl &amp; Patty Estes</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 115 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>J. Lybeck responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/7/2020</p>
<p>12/7/2020 Email: Julia Goldstein</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 116 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/5/2020</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/4/2020 Email: Helen Bodkin</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 117 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/5/2020</p>
<p>12/4/2020 Email: Victoria Neumeier</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 118 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/5/2020</p>
<p>12/7/2020 Email: Greg McNaghten</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 119 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/5/2020</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/7/2020 Email: Carol McNaghten</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 120 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/7/2020</p>
<p>12/4/2020 Email: Sandra Maffeo</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 121 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/5/2020</p>
<p>12/4/2020 Email: Nancy Logan</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 122 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/5/2020</p>

**2021-2022 BUDGETING BY PRIORITIES  
PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX**

<p>12/5/2020 Email: Amol Agarwal</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 123 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/5/2020</p>
<p>12/3/2020 Email: Don Estberg</p>	<p>Support for Redmond Recycling events. See Attachment 124 for full transcript of email.</p>	<p>Mayor Birney responded by email on 12/7/2020 Councilmember Forsythe responded by email on 12/7/2020</p>

---

**From:** Daniel Achterman <[dachterm@gmail.com](mailto:dachterm@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 3:02 PM  
**To:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Budget questions for June 16th Redmond city budget hearing

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

My name is Daniel Achterman, and I've been a Redmond resident for nearly 15 years. Recent protests inspired me to look into how Redmond invests in public safety, so I reviewed last year's budget and was generally quite pleased. I'm happy that the city has specific metrics for measuring success, and invests in programs like housing services and youth programs.

I do have four questions I'd like to submit for consideration, about how we could better measure success, and about what impact we would see from investing more in some services. Thank you so much.

1. Safety satisfaction ratings in the citizen survey are broken down by gender and age group, but not by racial demographic groups. Can we analyze survey results to see if different race groups perceive their safety in the community differently? It seems like we should target all groups feeling safe in the city, instead of using an average that may hide dissatisfaction in underrepresented communities.
2. Housing and Human Services is only aiming to house 60% of outreach participants, but there are no funding proposals to increase spending in this category to target increasing those results. Perhaps I'm misunderstanding the success metrics, but what would be the likely outcomes of investing more heavily in Housing and Human Services? It's currently only 1% of the city budget, and just 1/10th of police spending.
3. What metrics are being used to evaluate the success of the Community Court pilot, which is aimed at helping low-risk misdemeanor offenders outside the traditional court system? If the program is currently successful, what would be the possible impacts of increasing funding of it? Criminal Justice Services are currently only 1% of the city budget.
4. The performance measures for Police Emergency Services are crime rates and percentage of citizens in the survey who say they are satisfied with police and feel safe. But most citizens don't interact with police, and thus don't have an informed view of their performance, and many factors influence "feeling safe" beyond just the police. How can we more directly measure the success of police, and how can we better identify areas the police should aim to improve? Should their performance measures include statistics like number of complaints against officers?

**From:** Elise Keim <[elise.keim@gmail.com](mailto:elise.keim@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Budgeting by Priorities - Public Hearing Comment

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear City of Redmond Mayor and Council,

The City's process of budgeting by priorities and engaging residents in the budget process is admirable, and I hope we will continue to budget by the community's priorities now and into the future. City budgets have tremendous impact on the lives and wellbeing of residents, and cities have the responsibility to make sure those impacts are equitable. City budgets are not equitable by default, so we must put in the work to make them equitable.

**My requests to help bring equity to the city's budget are as follows:**

- 1. Establish an indicator of racial equity for all city budget priorities**
- 2. Expand the indicators of the safety priority to include the social safety net**

Many people in this country are awakening to and reckoning with the realities of systemic racism perpetuated through the policies and practices in established institutions, resulting in the exclusion or promotion of designated groups. Systemic racism need not have an individual malicious intent, but its outcomes negatively affect those groups not in power. Predatory lending, police brutality and disparate health outcomes in communities of color emanate from systemic racism.

Municipal budgets are not exempt from systemic racism. In a budget, racism can look like inequitable infrastructure and education investments, over-policing and under-serving vulnerable members of our community, and locating noxious or hazardous uses in poor and minority neighborhoods. In order to avoid inequitable outcomes of budgets, cities must actively reflect and engage in work to improve equitable outcomes.

Redmond's six priorities for our budget are well-considered; however, reading through the 2019-2020 adopted budget there is little mention of equity, and none of race. With the new budget cycle beginning, this is an excellent opportunity for Redmond to add measures of racial equity to all of the budget priorities, not just the diverse and connected community and responsible government priorities.

I would like to speak particularly to the budget priority of safety. For the 2019-2020 budget, the indicators of safety all surround law enforcement and fire services. Safety deserves a broader set of indicators. It need not be solely a matter of law enforcement. What about the social safety net of our community?

Improvements in human service outcomes deserve a place in the safety priority. It is a measure of safety that a family does not lose their housing when an income is lost. It is a measure of safety that everyone in Redmond has food security. It is a measure of safety that people of all backgrounds feel welcomed and included in this community. With such a narrow list of safety indicators in Redmond's current

budget allocations, it is not surprising other department programs do not offer proposals related to this budget priority. By expanding the city's understanding of safety and adding an indicator of the social safety net to this priority, other programs can seek much needed funding.

Please pursue equity in budgeting by establishing an indicator of racial equity for all city budget priorities and by expanding the indicators of the safety priority to include the social safety net.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elise Keim, Resident

**From:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 2:25 PM  
**To:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Budget Comments

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Please accept these written comments in lieu of oral testimony at the June 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing on the subject.

I have two initial recommendations for this budget cycle, both of which entail addition of FTEs. Given the current constraints due to reduced City revenue, I suspect that they may be difficult to accommodate but perhaps the functions could be incorporated within existing staff resources.

TDM Assistant - I note that one of the positions that might remain vacant in the modified current budget is a TDM assistant. If Redmond is going to pursue a greenhouse gas reduction strategy that targets auto emissions (as may be a Climate Action Plan recommendation by the Environmental Sustainability Stakeholders), additional resources may be needed. Alternatively, tasking GRTMA with more emphasis on cutting single occupant vehicle usage by the community at large might be appropriate.

Communications Administrator – This position was proposed as Offer #65 in the previous budget but went unfunded. Please see my statement of support of that Offer provided most recently in my September, 2019 response to the Strategic Plan Community Survey as extracted in the attached document.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tom Hinman



**REDMOND STRATEGIC PLAN COMMENTS**  
**(extracts of Community Survey response provided September, 2019)**

**What else should the Council consider as an additional community priority (block 1)?**

**Community Engagement/Outreach – Development Awareness**

Better communication coverage of development projects in Redmond and the opportunity for the community to “influence City policy and direction” is a long standing need that deserves to be addressed as a stand-alone element of the Strategic Plan. Citizen Surveys consistently list transportation and growth/overdevelopment/overpopulation as their top concerns, yet it is difficult to perceive responsiveness to public comments on these critical topics. The following is adapted from testimony germane to this glaring Strategic Plan flaw that I provided to the Council in the context of the last budget cycle:

To quote the Community Involvement Consultant Findings presented to the Council on November 27, 2018, the “Community Poll top response (65%) was not being certain that giving their input matters in decision-making.” I have to say that, with the exception of tree canopy, that has certainly been my experience in dealing with the City of Redmond for over six years. The accountability and transparency of public process in Redmond would be much more evident if there is actual two-way dialogue rather than soliciting public comment on land use and budget issues which are then listed on a matrix and not addressed in substance.

As the Consultant Findings state, the City does great on the “fun stuff” but has weaknesses where the “hard stuff” is concerned to include “closing the loop after community provides feedback and communicating how public input will be used in decision making.” Further, a staff poll in the same report states that inputs are “most often shared with Council vs. sharing back with the community” and that there is internal confusion over who is leading public engagement. (See also recommendations in the Redmond Community Involvement Guidebook, page 2, particularly item 7 “Community members should know how their input and feedback was used in the decision-making process.”)

These findings justified my strong recommendation that the Communications and Marketing Administrator position proposed in Offer #65 (Community Engagement/Outreach portion of Diverse & Connected Community) be created and funded. To wit “The need for all City Departments to engage more effectively, dynamically and innovatively with the public is consistent with feedback received from the community and the City Council. This additional position will provide the community with neighborhood outreach and project-specific engagement for the Overlake, Downtown and Marymoor Village neighborhoods....This will allow the City to have one main point of contact both internally and externally for communication.” Filling this position would assist the Planning Department (who does the minimum amount of required public notification) and supplement the Communication Division’s historical emphasis on “softer” communications announcements that focus on matters of Citywide interest. (For example, much could be learned from the public comment process regarding the proposed Seritage development.) As suggested in the Offer and in the above findings on community involvement, such an emphasis is overdue.

Beyond the staff communications function, the Council, as the public-facing portion of Redmond’s leadership, needs to be more dynamic and interactive in responding on-the record to matters addressed in public comment. I know that Council members recognize this issue based on entries in the last

budget “parking lot” and on remarks when the community engagement report was received. I have similarly provided (unaddressed) inputs on how Council Procedures/Public Participation could be improved, to include use of the ombuds function beyond “customer service.”

**Cultural Inclusion**

A welcoming attitude engaging our diverse cultural community is central goal worthy of emulation by others. But, the Program Vision also includes means to “influence city policy and direction,” which is a distinctly different topic and out of place per initial comments above.

**Any other comments or question on Strategic Plan to share? (final block)**

Citizen Surveys can be useful tools in determining sentiments among self-selected members of the public. I am presuming that these responses, plus those of the more formal telephone surveys, are the data that is intended to drive decision making. How many meaningful responses constitute a threshold for decision? What is the statistical validity of this data, particularly since it is cited as Performance Measures of many budget items? How is the budget process linked to the Strategic Plan?

**From:** Chelsea Elizabeth Liekhus-Schmaltz <[cliekhus@uw.edu](mailto:cliekhus@uw.edu)>

**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 12:04 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Upcoming city council budget meeting question

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

I would like to ask the city council how their current budget helps to protect and serve the black, brown and indigenous community members in our city.

Thank you,  
Chelsea Liekhus-Schmaltz

**From:** Vickie Arsenault <[vickiearsenault02@gmail.com](mailto:vickiearsenault02@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Budget

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi,

I love our Redmond Police, please continue to fund them properly.

Vickie

-----Original Message-----

From: dylan <[antigenomicron@gmail.com](mailto:antigenomicron@gmail.com)>

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 12:54 PM

To: BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>

Subject: City budget priorities

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

I would like to express my priorities as a citizen of Redmond regarding funding.

Most importantly I want to make sure that the Advanced Life Support program has everything it needs to deal with Covid-19.

I also care about the fire department, linemen, and arborists that keep our community safe from fires. I don't want this place to end up like Paradise CA, and these people defend us from that.

What I object to, are frivolous expenditures in law enforcement. Like 64,000 for drug enforcement? Get real, nobody cares about prohibition during a time like this. I don't want to pay for it.

I want us to make budget cuts to Redmond PD.

They patrol around looking for things to do and it doesn't make me feel any safer. I was pulled over by them once for a warning. Got my registration out of the glove box and the officer put his hand on his gun! What kind of wild west wet dream do you have to live in, to think a reminder to put your lights on will end in a shoot out??

The people who pick up the garbage keep my home safe from bears, give them a raise for a change.

Sincerely,

And fuck the police,

Dylan

**From:** Lori Moon <[moonloria@gmail.com](mailto:moonloria@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 1:30 PM  
**To:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** city budget

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I would like to propose adding a dog park to the hartman park area for the next budget session. What do i need to do?

Thank You,  
Lori Moon

**From:** [pat@thevaches.com](mailto:pat@thevaches.com) <[pat@thevaches.com](mailto:pat@thevaches.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 6:48 PM

**To:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Budget Hearing June 15

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Comment intended for the June 15,2020 Public Hearing

Pat Vache

**REDMOND STRATEGIC PLAN COMMENTS**  
**(extracts of Community Survey response provided September, 2019)**

**What else should the Council consider as an additional community priority (block 1)?**

**Community Engagement/Outreach – Development Awareness**

Better communication coverage of development projects in Redmond and the opportunity for the community to “influence City policy and direction” is a long standing need that deserves to be addressed as a stand-alone element of the Strategic Plan. Citizen Surveys consistently list transportation and growth/overdevelopment/overpopulation as their top concerns, yet it is difficult to perceive responsiveness to public comments on these critical topics. The following is adapted from testimony germane to this glaring Strategic Plan flaw that I provided to the Council in the context of the last budget cycle:

To quote the Community Involvement Consultant Findings presented to the Council on November 27, 2018, the “Community Poll top response (65%) was not being certain that giving their input matters in decision-making.” I have to say that, with the exception of tree canopy, that has certainly been my experience in dealing with the City of Redmond for over six years. The accountability and transparency of public process in Redmond would be much more evident if there is actual two-way dialogue rather than soliciting public comment on land use and budget issues which are then listed on a matrix and not addressed in substance.

As the Consultant Findings state, the City does great on the “fun stuff” but has weaknesses where the “hard stuff” is concerned to include “closing the loop after community provides feedback and communicating how public input will be used in decision making.” Further, a staff poll in the same report states that inputs are “most often shared with Council vs. sharing back with the community” and that there is internal confusion over who is leading public engagement. (See also recommendations in the Redmond Community Involvement Guidebook, page 2, particularly item 7 “Community members should know how their input and feedback was used in the decision-making process.”)

These findings justified my strong recommendation that the Communications and Marketing Administrator position proposed in Offer #65 (Community Engagement/Outreach portion of Diverse & Connected Community) be created and funded. To wit “The need for all City Departments to engage more effectively, dynamically and innovatively with the public is consistent with feedback received from the community and the City Council. This additional position will provide the community with neighborhood outreach and project-specific engagement for the Overlake, Downtown and Marymoor Village neighborhoods....This will allow the City to have one main point of contact both internally and externally for communication.” Filling this position would assist the Planning Department (who does the minimum amount of required public notification) and supplement the Communication Division’s historical emphasis on “softer” communications announcements that focus on matters of Citywide interest. (For example, much could be learned from the public comment process regarding the proposed Seritage development.) As suggested in the Offer and in the above findings on community involvement, such an emphasis is overdue.

Beyond the staff communications function, the Council, as the public-facing portion of Redmond’s leadership, needs to be more dynamic and interactive in responding on-the record to matters addressed in public comment. I know that Council members recognize this issue based on entries in the last

budget “parking lot” and on remarks when the community engagement report was received. I have similarly provided (unaddressed) inputs on how Council Procedures/Public Participation could be improved, to include use of the ombuds function beyond “customer service.”

**Cultural Inclusion**

A welcoming attitude engaging our diverse cultural community is central goal worthy of emulation by others. But, the Program Vision also includes means to “influence city policy and direction,” which is a distinctly different topic and out of place per initial comments above.

**Any other comments or question on Strategic Plan to share? (final block)**

Citizen Surveys can be useful tools in determining sentiments among self-selected members of the public. I am presuming that these responses, plus those of the more formal telephone surveys, are the data that is intended to drive decision making. How many meaningful responses constitute a threshold for decision? What is the statistical validity of this data, particularly since it is cited as Performance Measures of many budget items? How is the budget process linked to the Strategic Plan?

*Public Comment from Daniel Achterman*

Hello,

My name is Daniel Achterman, and I've been a Redmond resident for nearly 15 years. Recent protests inspired me to look into how Redmond invests in public safety, so I reviewed last year's budget and was generally quite pleased. I'm happy that the city has specific metrics for measuring success, and invests in programs like housing services and youth programs.

I do have four questions I'd like to submit for consideration, about how we could better measure success, and about what impact we would see from investing more in some services. Thank you so much.

1. Safety satisfaction ratings in the citizen survey are broken down by gender and age group, but not by racial demographic groups. Can we analyze survey results to see if different race groups perceive their safety in the community differently? It seems like we should target all groups feeling safe in the city, instead of using an average that may hide dissatisfaction in underrepresented communities.
  2. Housing and Human Services is only aiming to house 60% of outreach participants, but there are no funding proposals to increase spending in this category to target increasing those results. Perhaps I'm misunderstanding the success metrics, but what would be the likely outcomes of investing more heavily in Housing and Human Services? It's currently only 1% of the city budget, and just 1/10th of police spending.
  3. What metrics are being used to evaluate the success of the Community Court pilot, which is aimed at helping low-risk misdemeanor offenders outside the traditional court system? If the program is currently successful, what would be the possible impacts of increasing funding of it? Criminal Justice Services are currently only 1% of the city budget.
  4. The performance measures for Police Emergency Services are crime rates and percentage of citizens in the survey who say they are satisfied with police and feel safe. But most citizens don't interact with police, and thus don't have an informed view of their performance, and many factors influence "feeling safe" beyond just the police. How can we more directly measure the success of police, and how can we better identify areas the police should aim to improve? Should their performance measures include statistics like number of complaints against officers?
-



*Public Comment from Elise Keim*

Dear City of Redmond Mayor and Council,

The City's process of budgeting by priorities and engaging residents in the budget process is admirable, and I hope we will continue to budget by the community's priorities now and into the future. City budgets have tremendous impact on the lives and wellbeing of residents, and cities have the responsibility to make sure those impacts are equitable. City budgets are not equitable by default, so we must put in the work to make them equitable.

**My requests to help bring equity to the city's budget are as follows:**

- 1. Establish an indicator of racial equity for all city budget priorities**
- 2. Expand the indicators of the safety priority to include the social safety net**

Many people in this country are awakening to and reckoning with the realities of systemic racism perpetuated through the policies and practices in established institutions, resulting in the exclusion or promotion of designated groups. Systemic racism need not have an individual malicious intent, but its outcomes negatively affect those groups not in power. Predatory lending, police brutality and disparate health outcomes in communities of color emanate from systemic racism.

Municipal budgets are not exempt from systemic racism. In a budget, racism can look like inequitable infrastructure and education investments, over-policing and under-serving vulnerable members of our community, and locating noxious or hazardous uses in poor and minority neighborhoods. In order to avoid inequitable outcomes of budgets, cities must actively reflect and engage in work to improve equitable outcomes.

Redmond's six priorities for our budget are well-considered; however, reading through the 2019-2020 adopted budget there is little mention of equity, and none of race. With the new budget cycle beginning, this is an excellent opportunity for Redmond to add measures of racial equity to all of the budget priorities, not just the diverse and connected community and responsible government priorities.

I would like to speak particularly to the budget priority of safety. For the 2019-2020 budget, the indicators of safety all surround law enforcement and fire services. Safety deserves a broader set of indicators. It need not be solely a matter of law enforcement. What about the social safety net of our community?

Improvements in human service outcomes deserve a place in the safety priority. It is a measure of safety that a family does not lose their housing when an income is lost. It is a measure of safety that everyone in Redmond has food security. It is a measure of safety that people of all backgrounds feel welcomed and included in this community. With such a narrow list of safety indicators in Redmond's current budget allocations, it is not surprising other department programs do not offer proposals related to this budget priority. By expanding the city's understanding of safety and adding an indicator of the social safety net to this priority, other programs can seek much needed funding.



Please pursue equity in budgeting by establishing an indicator of racial equity for all city budget priorities and by expanding the indicators of the safety priority to include the social safety net.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elise Keim, Resident



*Public Comment from Chelsea Liekhus-Schmaltz*

Hello,

I would like to ask the city council how their current budget helps to protect and serve the black, brown and indigenous community members in our city.

Thank you,  
Chelsea Liekhus-Schmaltz

**Public Comment from Tom Hinman**

Please accept these written comments in lieu of oral testimony at the June 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing on the subject.

I have two initial recommendations for this budget cycle, both of which entail addition of FTEs. Given the current constraints due to reduced City revenue, I suspect that they may be difficult to accommodate but perhaps the functions could be incorporated within existing staff resources.

TDM Assistant - I note that one of the positions that might remain vacant in the modified current budget is a TDM assistant. If Redmond is going to pursue a greenhouse gas reduction strategy that targets auto emissions (as may be a Climate Action Plan recommendation by the Environmental Sustainability Stakeholders), additional resources may be needed. Alternatively, tasking GRTMA with more emphasis on cutting single occupant vehicle usage by the community at large might be appropriate.

Communications Administrator – This position was proposed as Offer #65 in the previous budget but went unfunded. Please see my statement of support of that Offer provided most recently in my September, 2019 response to the Strategic Plan Community Survey as extracted in the attached document.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tom Hinman

**REDMOND STRATEGIC PLAN COMMENTS**  
**(extracts of Community Survey response provided September, 2019)**

**What else should the Council consider as an additional community priority (block 1)?**

**Community Engagement/Outreach – Development Awareness**

Better communication coverage of development projects in Redmond and the opportunity for the community to “influence City policy and direction” is a long standing need that deserves to be addressed as a stand-alone element of the Strategic Plan. Citizen Surveys consistently list transportation and growth/overdevelopment/overpopulation as their top concerns, yet it is difficult to perceive responsiveness to public comments on these critical topics. The following is adapted from testimony germane to this glaring Strategic Plan flaw that I provided to the Council in the context of the last budget cycle:

To quote the Community Involvement Consultant Findings presented to the Council on November 27, 2018, the “Community Poll top response (65%) was not being certain that giving their input matters in decision-making.” I have to say that, with the exception of tree canopy, that has certainly been my experience in dealing with the City of Redmond for over six years. The accountability and transparency of public process in Redmond would be much more evident if there is actual two-way dialogue rather than soliciting public comment on land use and budget issues which are then listed on a matrix and not

addressed in substance.

As the Consultant Findings state, the City does great on the “fun stuff” but has weaknesses where the “hard stuff” is concerned to include “closing the loop after community provides feedback and communicating how public input will be used in decision making.” Further, a staff poll in the same report states that inputs are “most often shared with Council vs. sharing back with the community” and that there is internal confusion over who is leading public engagement. (See also recommendations in the Redmond Community Involvement Guidebook, page 2, particularly item 7 “Community members should know how their input and feedback was used in the decision-making process.”)

These findings justified my strong recommendation that the Communications and Marketing Administrator position proposed in Offer #65 (Community Engagement/Outreach portion of Diverse & Connected Community) be created and funded. To wit “The need for all City Departments to engage more effectively, dynamically and innovatively with the public is consistent with feedback received from the community and the City Council. This additional position will provide the community with neighborhood outreach and project-specific engagement for the Overlake, Downtown and Marymoor Village neighborhoods....This will allow the City to have one main point of contact both internally and externally for communication.” Filling this position would assist the Planning Department (who does the minimum amount of required public notification) and supplement the Communication Division’s historical emphasis on “softer” communications announcements that focus on matters of Citywide interest. (For example, much could be learned from the public comment process regarding the proposed Seritage development.) As suggested in the Offer and in the above findings on community involvement, such an emphasis is overdue.

Beyond the staff communications function, the Council, as the public-facing portion of Redmond’s leadership, needs to be more dynamic and interactive in responding on-the record to matters addressed in public comment. I know that Council members recognize this issue based on entries in the last budget “parking lot” and on remarks when the community engagement report was received. I have similarly provided (unaddressed) inputs on how Council Procedures/Public Participation could be improved, to include use of the ombuds function beyond “customer service.”

### **Cultural Inclusion**

A welcoming attitude engaging our diverse cultural community is central goal worthy of emulation by others. But, the Program Vision also includes means to “influence city policy and direction,” which is a distinctly different topic and out of place per initial comments above.

### **Any other comments or question on Strategic Plan to share? (final block)**

Citizen Surveys can be useful tools in determining sentiments among self-selected members of the public. I am presuming that these responses, plus those of the more formal telephone surveys, are the data that is intended to drive decision making. How many meaningful responses constitute a threshold for decision? What is the statistical validity of this data, particularly since it is cited as Performance Measures of many budget items? How is the budget process linked to the Strategic Plan?



*Public Comment from Vickie Arsenault*

Hi,

I love our Redmond Police, please continue to fund them properly.

Vickie



*Public Comment from Dylan (no last name provided)*

Hello,

I would like to express my priorities as a citizen of Redmond regarding funding.

Most importantly I want to make sure that the Advanced Life Support program has everything it needs to deal with Covid-19.

I also care about the fire department, linemen, and arborists that keep our community safe from fires. I don't want this place to end up like Paradise CA, and these people defend us from that.

What I object to, are frivolous expenditures in law enforcement. Like 64,000 for drug enforcement? Get real, nobody cares about prohibition during a time like this. I don't want to pay for it.

I want us to make budget cuts to Redmond PD.

They patrol around looking for things to do and it doesn't make me feel any safer. I was pulled over by them once for a warning. Got my registration out of the glove box and the officer put his hand on his gun! What kind of wild west wet dream do you have to live in, to think a reminder to put your lights on will end in a shoot out??

The people who pick up the garbage keep my home safe from bears, give them a raise for a change.

Sincerely,  
Dylan



*Public Comment from Lori Moon*

I would like to propose adding a dog park to the hartman park area for the next budget session. What do i need to do?

Thank You,  
Lori Moon



*Public Comment from Pat Vache*

Comment intended for the June 15, 2020 Public Hearing

Pat Vache

Comments

2021--2022 Redmond Biannual Budget

Public Hearing June 15, 2020

The Redmond City Council is currently engaged in a critically important diversity and social equity conversation. Interwoven into the conversation are questions on policing, public safety, social changes driven by the Coronavirus and the budget impact of these issues.

As you enter the 2021 –2022 biennial budget process, I hope that you will begin with a reflection on Redmond’s current budget process and the Community Priorities. The Community Priorities are the foundation of the City of Redmond Budget. These five priorities were established by and with the community’s extensive participation. The Community Priorities were developed with a goal of aligning the budget with citizen priorities. There is no better time than now to enhance the connection between citizen expectations and the City of Redmond budget.

The budget process and the Priorities present the Council with the perfect process for creating and sustaining lasting change. As you move forward I hope you will start with a review of the five priorities and the community engagement that led to their adoption.

At least two paths are available, both focused on including the Redmond Community in your preparation of the budget. The first path is to undertake a review of the Community Priorities and the associated success indicators each of which was developed to ensure that the City understands and meets citizens expectations. Ask the question does this priority cover question of diversity and social equity, or can it be modified to be responsive?

The second longer path is to engage the community in a conversation with the intent of considering a sixth priority, one to address diversity and social equity.

I recognize that in current Covid environment substantial community engagement is difficult, but citizen participation must not be overlooked. Please take the time to understand the budget process that matches community expectation and city services.

Thank you  
Pat Vaché

Suggested reading: [The Price of Government](#) David Osborn & Peter Hutchinson  
[Budgeting for Outcomes: Better results for the price of government](#) ICMA IQ Report  
volume 36/number 11

*Public Comment from David Bowling*

Hello Mayor Birney, Brooke and Alaric,

Thank you for everything you are doing to support the vulnerable residents of Redmond. CFH stands with you in this work. Attached is a letter from the King County Alliance for Human Services advocating for sustained and thoughtful funding for human services during these unprecedented times.

Thank you again for your leadership during this time. Please reach out with any questions or comments.

June 16, 2020

Dear Mayor Birney and City Council Members,

Thank you for all that you are doing for your residents and neighbors as we face the unprecedented challenges of Covid-19. Our region has never seen such a quick onset of challenges. It has been incredible to experience the community coming together to care for each other.

In this time of uncertainty, we all have a role to play in building and supporting community well-being. Nonprofits are proud to partner with business and community members, the public sector and elected officials to identify strategies, design policies, and provide supports to develop the strengths, connections, and capacities needed across our lifetimes. We are confident in the future of our region, as we all pitch in together to achieve our shared goals.

We are all in this storm, but we are not in the same boat. Many individuals and families throughout our region are facing unemployment as they comply with the directive to isolate at home in order to protect all of us. This all too often results in food and housing insecurity.

One of the most direct ways policymakers foster well-being is through their planning and development of city budget policy. We recognize that cities are facing revenue decreases in the near future. However, we also recognize that Redmond's current investment of local resources for human services are critical to residents' well-being and even more so as the economic impacts of the pandemic impact those already facing the greatest barriers. Understanding that during times of adversity, we must strengthen our network of support, we recommend that Redmond:

- Maintain at least the current level of human services funding to support community members through this period of crisis.
- Develop budget blueprints for 2021 and beyond that build over time upon Redmond's history of support.

We are confident in the future of our region. If we all pitch in together we will achieve our shared goals. Together we are building a strong, resilient community. Together we can meet our residents and



neighbors where they are, pitch in to reinforce strengths and build skills, and provide opportunities for everyone to reach their full potential.

We appreciate your service and your consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

David Bowling, ED Congregations for the Homeless,  
*Jack Edgerton*, ED Eastside Baby Corner, Eastside Advocacy Team Convener  
And the Eastside members of the King County Alliance for Human Services



*Public Comment from Susan Cozzens*

Please share this question both with the budget hearing this afternoon and with the City Council meeting this evening.

*Is Redmond considering moving any budget from the police to other social services?*

Thank you, Susan Cozzens



*Public Comment from AJ Venturato*

I am aware that the City has various activities going on in terms of meeting the various titles of the civil rights act (e.g., Title II, Title VI), ADA, cultural inclusion and welcoming initiatives.

What I'd like to see as a resident, though, is a more cohesive approach to the issues of equity and social/environmental justice. I see various reports on the City website, but do not understand the connections between Parks ADA plan, EEO, Human Services, Cultural Inclusion, Title VI and the efforts of the Police department.

The City should consider a formal Office of Equity & Environmental Justice or an Equity & Sustainability Manager to better coordinate these various groups, ensure that staff are appropriately trained and following civil right requirements, and serve as a community resource for the important discussions that are going on now and into the future.

I know budgets are tight, maybe this could be done by streamlining the various groups or having the new Environmental Sustainability program include Equity as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Public Comment from Harold Evans*

Ms. Mayor and Members of the Council

I am Harold Evans currently of Redmond, WA. I served in the US Army for seven years prior to making my way to Redmond to support my significant other's career opportunity. As a former member of the US Army I have been granted the opportunity to travel across the entire United States making my way initially from Connecticut. It is because of that that I plead with you today to explore alternatives to any further funding of the police department. In its stead we need to be spending a considerable portion of our budget on human services, affordable housing, and our community. I currently have the pleasure of living downtown and have been since I moved here. I work locally in a retail chain (although I am furloughed now) and cannot afford to live within 20 miles of what my customers tell me "is a staple of the community" without substantial financial assistance. Expand human services, affordable housing, and parks and recreation. I believe if we can solve our humanitarian issues we can end the need for policing and I challenge you to see how feasible that is. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
Harold Evans



**Board of Directors**

**June 16, 2020**

Natural & Built  
Environments  
Angela Rozmyn  
*President*

Stryker  
Mia Jarreau  
*Treasurer*

Redmond Town Center  
Courtney Klein  
*Secretary*

City of Redmond  
Sarah Pyle

Honeywell  
Heather Bore

Microsoft Corporation  
Jeff Aumell

DigiPen  
Charles Duba

**To:** Mayor Birney, Council President Padhye, & Redmond City Council Members

**From:** Kirk Hovenkotter, GRTMA Executive Director

**Subject:** City of Redmond 2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing Comments

The Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association urges City leadership to propose and approve a 2021-2022 budget that makes significant investments in sidewalks, trails, and bus passes to make Redmond an easier place to walk, bike, and take transit.

When weighting allocations in a difficult budget climate, we ask the Mayor and City Council to prioritize affordable investments that encourage walking, biking, and transit over investments that make it easier to drive.

Our members represent over 100,000 people who come to Redmond every day for work or school. These commuters are asking for streets that are safe to cross, trails that make biking to work stress free, transit signals and bus lanes that speed up bus service, and affordable transit passes. Bike ridership is at all time highs. Transit ridership has doubled in the past 10 years and 12% of Downtown Redmond residents do not own a car.

Prioritizing these investments not only answers the call from our commuters, but helps the City achieve its goals and recover more quickly.

The majority of Redmond's emissions come from cars. If the City is going to meet its climate goals, it needs to significantly increase the investments it spends on sidewalks, trails, and transit passes this budget cycle.

Redmond's residents and commuters who have been hit the hardest by the recession are the more likely to walk, bike, and take transit to work. They are also more likely to be people of color. Prioritizing these investments will help those who have been squeezed the most and help make Redmond a more accessible inclusive community.

The lack of investment in the past to support this has pushed the cost onto our member companies and Redmond's employees. Many spend hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to subsidize shuttles or vanpools for their staff. Employees spend thousands a year on bus passes. Expanding funding for transit passes is a start to making Redmond a more affordable place to work and get the City light rail ready.

The real priorities of a city are reflected in its budget, not in its plans. When faced with budget proposals that fund left turn lanes, expand roadways, or add overpasses, we ask you to consider the sidewalks, bike paths, and transit passes that they could fund instead.

On behalf of our members, I encourage the leadership of Redmond to propose a budget that makes significant investments to prioritize walking biking, and transit.

Kirk Hovenkotter, Executive Director, Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association

**From:** Gary <[gandksmith@gmail.com](mailto:gandksmith@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Comment on preliminary budget

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Lots of negative news in the proposed 2021-22 budget, but I just want to argue against one small cut. The item in question is on page 58 of the preliminary budget, to quote:

Below Baseline Reductions: 5% Below Baseline

Green Redmond Partnership Program

- Description: Reduce Green Redmond Partnership funding for contract services to recruit and support volunteers.
- Amount: \$50,000
- Service Impact: Fewer volunteer hours and slower progress toward bringing forested parkland into active management.

Council should recognize that saving that small amount will result in 1 of 2 negatives:

The forested areas of parks will soon be overrun with invasives

OR

Parks Maintenance will have to devote more staff time to deal with the situation, including new plantings as well as invasive removal

It's penny-wise, pound-foolish, to quote the Brits.

GARY SMITH  
4805 162nd Avenue NE  
Redmond, WA 98052-5258

**From:** John Schleicher <[johnschleicher@gmail.com](mailto:johnschleicher@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:23 PM

**To:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Abolish the Police

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi, I was encouraged to send this email by Mayor Birney. I would like to request that all police funds be reinvested somewhere more useful. The police are a significant net negative on our society and fundamentally unreformable (I mean the police killings have been going on for decades...). The money saved by removing the police department can be reinvested in affordable housing, healthcare, and alternative emergency response systems to name a few. I'm certain that having a huge cost reduction on the budget is something that would ultimately make city planning much easier.

Thank you,  
John Schleicher

**From:** Brenda Larson <[bjplarson@gmail.com](mailto:bjplarson@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 10:31 PM

**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; Darrell Lowe <[dlowe@redmond.gov](mailto:dlowe@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Redmond Police have a responsibility to prioritize budgeting for and use of Body Cams and Dash Cams

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Angela Birney, Chief Darrell Lowe and Redmond City Council Members:

I am astonished that at this time in history our very well funded police department has not made it a priority to implement body and dash cams for officers.

The Redmond police's website cites two primary reasons for this: lack of funding and cost of monitoring it to preserve privacy. I believe - and studies show - that the benefits far outweigh the cost, especially in relation to improving trust of Redmond citizens in our police and making officers accountable for their behavior. In terms of privacy, the ACLU does a good job of reviewing the risks and protocols that can be put in place to protect the public ([https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/assets/police\\_body-mounted\\_cameras.pdf](https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/assets/police_body-mounted_cameras.pdf)).

A third justification is how it often assists in shining a light on and unraveling the sequence of events and facts in complex cases.

Additional benefits cited in research are, "[...] a surveillance tool to promote officer safety and efficiency and prevent crime." (<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/252035.pdf>)

In addition there are significant unexpected benefits which were noted, such as increased community contact by police.

Given the need for transparency in policing, I do understand that policing is complex, and that officers may feel the burden of increased scrutiny with cameras. Police encounters can be subject to different interpretations. Ariel discusses many of the difficulties in drawing conclusions and designing studies that can effectively parse out the effect of body cam usage on public perception, on police use of force, and on complaints of police misconduct by the public.

(Barak Ariel, Police Body Cameras in Large Police Departments, 106 J. Crim. L. & Criminology (2016)(<http://scholarlycommons.law.northwestern.edu/jclc/vol106/iss4/3>)

Body cams and dash cams need to be accompanied by careful police hiring practices, as well as education and training to use them effectively. Policing is a hard enough job, and we need to lift up and support our officers, demonstrate how body and dash cameras can benefit them, while also increasing community trust and holding them responsible for their actions.

I believe the time has come for the City Council of Redmond, it's Mayor and Police Chief Darrell Lowe to seriously consider the implementation of body and dash cams for our police department and initiate a town hall type discussion that includes police officers, residents, our city leaders and council members.

Please let me know how I can assist in moving this request forward.

Thank you,

Brenda Larson  
425-765-1987  
16618 NE 91st St.  
Redmond, WA 98052

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Nguyen <[gelinstar@yahoo.com](mailto:gelinstar@yahoo.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 12:18 PM

To: BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>

Subject: Budget for 2021-2022 comment

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

To Whom It May Concern:

For the 2021-2022 budget year I would like everyone to reconsider making cuts to the Pedestrian and Bike program under "Vibrant and Connected". Making a cut to this type of program goes against what the city has been espousing for years for a multi-modal, connected city. We need more investments for bike and pedestrian safety especially during these harsh times when buses aren't running and people are out walking and biking more for health and physical activity. There have been numerous reports of vehicle speeding and dangerous driving, especially during the beginning of COVID, some within small neighborhood streets. To make any type of cut of this nature goes against what the city has been promising and the idea of "Vibrant and Connected" city.

Thank You,  
Linda Nguyen  
Redmond Resident  
2113 182nd Ave NE  
Redmond WA 98052

## **Public Hearing Testimony on Redmond's Preliminary 2021-22 Budget by Tom Hinman, October 20, 2020**

Good Evening Mayor and Council Members –

Let me first acknowledge the challenges ahead of Redmond as revenues have declined and services have been discontinued as result of Covid-19. The reduction in staff is appalling as a result, but I hope that those services and activities can be resumed as the earliest possible moment. Accordingly, some of my recommendations may not be feasible for implementation in the near term. I request that these comments remain available for future reference and incorporated when appropriate.

I have appended my comments in the 2019-20 budget cycle two years ago with annotations where progress is evident but also to where attention is still warranted in dealing with Environmental Sustainability, Community Engagement and the development of Overlake. As a general comment, I support both the Urban Forestry and Environmental Sustainability budget offers and urge strong enforcement of measures proposed.

There are four overarching areas to which I invite your attention:

**Carbon Reduction and Tracking** – Moving Redmond to a carbon neutral position by 2030 demands close attention to green-house gas (GHG) sources and mitigation – the critical need driving Redmond's Environmental Sustainability Action Plan. GHG emission totals are Program Measures cited in Environmental Sustainability and Solid Waste Management. By implication, mobility improvements (mode shift from single occupant vehicles, TDM/CTR and bike-ped programs, Walking Schoolbus, shift to alternate fuels in the City fleet, etc) all contribute to GHG reduction, not just less traffic congestion. Where and how are these improvements captured? Those mobility dots need to be connected and target GHG reductions established as performance measures.

**Resiliency** - Clarification is appropriate in use of the term "resilient." There are two ways to view this topic, both of which have resource implications. The first is more like Emergency Preparedness (flooding/drain clearance, ice/snow removal, wildfires, pandemics and community/business recovery) with the human dimension of training and coordinated operational response as is evident under Safe & Resilient. I note there that an Emergency Management Programs Coordinator is unfunded.

The second component is care of the natural systems (augmented by built stormwater infrastructure) and is addressed within the Healthy & Sustainable proposals. I note that a Senior Engineer position was contained in that budget offer (but not funded) with responsibilities for "implementing restoration projects and developing comprehensive policies around resiliency and habitat enhancements in support of the Sustainability Plan". Both of these important positions should be reconsidered when possible.

**Ground & Surface Water Management and Stormwater Management** – Related to Resiliency comments above are natural system improvement programs that can reduce flooding by caring for Redmond's watersheds. Both of these budget offers contain unfunded entries like volunteer plantings, in-stream flow control, environmental and post-project monitoring that bear upon both potential flooding and overall health of Redmond's natural environment. I hope some of these functions can be accommodated within existing staffing until the programs can be renewed.

**Citywide Communications and Community Outreach & Involvement** – Strategic and Responsive Objective #2 is to “connect with the local and regional community through broad and inclusive communication and public engagement strategies.” I applaud this emphasis and the new Community Satisfaction Rating that accompanies it which builds on some Performance Measures in the last budget cycle. The Environmental Sustainability budget offer plus the Executive Leadership and City Council offers also rely upon engagement and outreach for effective response to community aspirations. Cross-program coordination is essential.

As a related matter, I recommend another Program Measure under the Development Services offer related to outreach regarding new project proposals. The number of community responses to Invitations for Public Comment or attendance at project meetings is an indicator of public outreach effectiveness within the Planning Department and should be added.

Further, I would expand City Council Program Measures beyond the percentage of Ombuds issues acknowledged, closed and reported within established time frames. I recommend some metric for the number of public comments received on policy/program matters and inclusion of a citizen voice on future updates to Council Procedures.

## **Annotated Extracts from 2018-20 Proposed Budget Testimony** **by Tom Hinman – October 16, 2018**

(update annotations are in **bold** and labeled “**TH 2020 Comment**”  
to accompany my public comments of October 20, 2020)

Good Evening Mayor and Councilmembers –

My comments on the draft budget this evening will focus on three topics about which I have spoken on many occasions – Environmental Sustainability, Community Engagement, and the development of Overlake.

### ***Clean & Green***

For the benefit of new faces on the dais and as a reminder to those old hands, when sustainability was raised as a community value highlighted in the *Livable Redmond Conversation* of November, 2010 and captured in the ensuing Redmond Comprehensive Plan of 2030, yours truly was Chair of the Planning Commission and worked closely with staff to embody Environmental Sustainability wherever appropriate in that updated City planning document. It is, therefore, gratifying to see the attention given to Redmond’s sustainability practices through devotion of staffing resources<sup>1</sup> and development of an Environmental Sustainability Study to advance understanding and future programs treating greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability in general.

*Question – How will community members be encouraged to provide input and otherwise be engaged in this important environmental study?* **TH 2020 Comment: The ESAP Stakeholder Group was the first step.**

Before leaving the Clean & Green priority, I’d like to applaud the City’s recognition of tree canopy as a vital element of Redmond’s community character. On my own behalf and as a member of Sustainable Redmond, we have advocated tree canopy as an indicator metric since 2011 and repeatedly fought to retain or expand tree cover. **TH 2020 Comment: The Tree Canopy initiative in the 2021-22 budget is another step forward.**

*Question – What is the prognosis for incentivizing plantings on private land?*

### ***Vibrant Economy/Connected Community/Responsible Government***

These three budget priorities bridge a range of community engagement issues.

Within Community Development and Development Services, offers can be found that reference “regular, transparent and supportive two-way communication with the community” (supporting public interests) and references to an efficient and predictable development process (supporting development interests). These are two separate sets of customers whose goals can be in conflict when a hasty project approval procedure impacts the public’s right to understand complex projects that could impact their daily lives.

*Recommendation - Scheduling and quantifying “Number of community planning engagement opportunities” is a valid performance metric supportive of Community Development (Offer 178).* **TH 2020 Comment: Although there is a new emphasis on community engagement in the current budget, specific attention to early planning notification processes, like the Invitations for Public Comment, needs to be more proactive. (See next item.)**

---

<sup>1</sup> Please do not let the broad range of potential environmental projects dilute the Program Manager’s focus on greenhouse gas assessment and mitigation initiatives. Leave recycling, mobility and water quality to others, for example. **TH 2020 Comment: I strongly support the new Environmental Sustainability Program Administrator position for this reason.**

Within Connected Community, the Community Engagement and Outreach Budget Offer contains a hopeful but ultimately unfunded position that would fill a long-needed gap in the City’s communications structure,<sup>2</sup> to wit “The need for all City Departments to engage more effectively, dynamically and innovatively with the public is consistent with feedback received from the community and the City Council. This additional position will provide the community with neighborhood outreach and project-specific engagement for the Overlake, Downtown and Marymoor Village neighborhoods....This will allow the City to have one main point of contact both internally and externally for communication.” Filling this position would assist the Planning Department (who does the minimum amount of required public notification) and supplement the Communication Division’s historical emphasis on “softer” communications announcements that focus on matters of Citywide interest. (For example, much could be learned from the public comment process regarding the proposed Seritage development.) Inclusion of 3D visualization tools to encourage community feedback would augment the capabilities of this outreach function. **TH 2020 Comment: Improvements have been noted in redmond.gov’s treatment of neighborhood projects, the Property Viewer, and the brief “how to” video on the projects page. There is still a need to “push” project notifications to the community so neighbors are aware of an impending project and can make meaningful public comments in the limited time allowed.** <sup>3</sup>

*Comment – The existing and proposed performance measures below certainly point to a need to better understand and quantify the sense of the community. Over-reliance on subjective survey metrics throughout the budget to quantify performance can impact the credibility of the logic models and the budget in general.*

Performance Measure	Actuals			Target		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Percentage of internal and external stakeholders satisfied with the quality of creative services, products, timeliness and collaboration measured by an annual internal survey*	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%	80%	85%
Percentage of community members engaged with the City through face to face meetings (Neighborhood Conversations), online platforms, and social media*	N/A	N/A	N/A	20%	25%	30%
Percentage of Redmond residents very satisfied or satisfied with their overall sense of connection to the community	76%	77%	51%	70%	70%	70%
Percentage of community members responding they feel that the City is listening and responding positively to their feedback*	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%	65%	70%
Percentage of community members responding they feel informed regarding City programs, initiatives, projects, and issues	65%	63%	60%	63%	65%	67%

\* New performance measure

Within Responsible Government, performance measures for the City Council (Offer 98) include “Percentage of Ombudsman issues that are formally acknowledged, closed and reported within established timeframes” which allegedly has a 100% success rate. I have had the occasion to deal with Council Ombuds-people and Councilmembers (largely through email) over the last year and have not been satisfied with Council responsiveness. The topics have addressed both procedural issues where process improvements are warranted and program-specific matters. My concerns were acknowledged but were not dealt with in a meaningful fashion. Transparency and accountability is important throughout City operations.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> See my budget comments of June 17, 2014 recommending a line item for a planning communications effort to improve the public notice and outreach process in Redmond.

<sup>3</sup> I have had an email exchange with staff in Jan-Feb, 2020 upon which additional improvements could be implemented, particularly the LAND linkage to the Property Viewer for better understanding of specific project details. I look forward to a continued dialogue on this important subject.

<sup>4</sup> I have had several email exchanges through the Ombuds function as recently as July, 2020 upon which additional improvements could be implemented. I look forward to continued dialogue on this important subject as well.

Lest I be considered a solitary disgruntled citizen, let me cite performance measures regarding Community Engagement displayed in the table above that document the declining percentage of residents satisfied/very satisfied with their sense of connection to the community (down to 51% from 76% since 2015) or feeling informed regarding City affairs (down to 60% from 65%). The proposed new performance measure “Percentage of community members responding they feel that the City is listening and responding positively to their feedback” goes to the heart of this issue and should be a point of continued emphasis among City leaders.

**TH 2020 Comment: Can the actuals for 2020 be provided and compared to the relevant Target percentages?**

*Recommendation – Include citizen voices in any Council Procedures update that may be under consideration.*

Finally, let’s talk about the **Overlake CIP**

The Main Street improvement project for 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE will create the signature element of Overlake Village. To support these significant investments, the public should better understand the timeline and programmatic interrelationships along that corridor from Bel-Red Road through the EastLink Light Rail Station at Route 520. The proposed Overlake Access Ramp and bike-ped bridge link over 520 to the light rail station are key mobility elements at the north end of 152<sup>nd</sup>. Less clear are the public safety improvements needed for pedestrians trying to access the station by crossing a busy and congested 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Recommendation - I strongly recommend that the intersection upgrade on 24<sup>th</sup> include a footbridge over the west side of that intersection as a means to reduce ped-vehicle conflict or potential accidents and improve vehicle throughput.*

North Overlake Village Parks/Stormwater Vaults represent significant infrastructure investments in Overlake, occasionally with participation from the private sector or agencies such as Sound Transit. North of 26<sup>th</sup> Street and west of 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will be one park and another green space will be built over the vault adjoining the light rail station. These two projects are listed as a total investment of \$32 million but that does not apparently include the cost of developing the two parks with necessary amenities.

South Overlake Village Park/Stormwater Vault are a similar set of complementary projects. The vault has been built and paved over by the City and a park feature is included in the Seritage development proposal. Investment in a “signature” park suitable for large scale community events allegedly totals over \$4 million.

*Questions – Can the respective public and private contributions to the actual park features and amenities (less the stormwater vaults) be more clearly stated? (Seritage was responsible for the South Overlake/DeVinci Park as I understand it.) Please describe an integrated Overlake Parks planning effort in terms of timing, scope and opportunities for community engagement.*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

## Kelley Cochran

---

**Subject:** FW: Supplemental Budget Comments 2021-22 (and 2019-20)  
**Attachments:** Public Comment 10-20-20 with 10-18.docx

**From:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:21 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Supplemental Budget Comments 2021-22 (and 2019-20)

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Greetings -

This email restates my testimony of October 20, 2020 with appended public comments I provided in the previous budget cycle -- some of which seem to have made progress and others which have not. In the interest of time, I did not restate these points from two years ago but urge your consideration of them along my public testimony of last night.

Your attention is particularly invited to the **bold** TH 2020 Comments on the material from October, 2018 which is provided for continuity.

With best wishes for stamina in the coming weeks as you work through the budget process,  
Tom Hinman

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

## Kelley Cochran

---

**Subject:** FW: Redmond Police have a responsibility to prioritize budgeting for and use of Body Cams and Dash Cams

**From:** Brenda Larson <[bjplarson@gmail.com](mailto:bjplarson@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 7:14 PM

**To:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; Darrell Lowe <[dlowe@redmond.gov](mailto:dlowe@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Redmond Police have a responsibility to prioritize budgeting for and use of Body Cams and Dash Cams

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi Vanessa:

I apologize for not responding sooner. I went through the archives and saw the presentation in June 16th meeting and reviewed the cost of body cams presented. Not sure if Chief provided updated presentation to Council?

Unfortunately I became aware of this issue late in the budgeting process, after the Chief decided not to include in the upcoming budget. I do wonder why they have not chosen to do a study or trial run of body/dash cams - at a much lower cost. Also, I think a more detailed analysis of the budget justification for 10 new officers vs priority of cams? I believe use of force can be assisted by cams, but there are so many other reasons - training, etc. I will send a few of these questions in, but would need more time to gather info and study. Even help Council members with research.

Thank you for supporting this issue, see you soon,

Brenda Larson

On Oct 19, 2020, at 5:11 PM, Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ms. Larson,

Thank you for this thoughtful feedback on a very important issue. I am responding as council ombudsperson for the month of October and will report your comments at our next business meeting.

Our council has discussed this topic at past Public Safety Committee of the Whole meetings and we are continuing to look into this policy decision. If you want to weigh in on it as part of our budget process this fall, we have our second public hearing on the budget tomorrow night, Tuesday, October 20, at 7:30pm if you would like to call in to share your thoughts. We will also have another public hearing on the budget November 2 and a community listening session on racial equity issues on November 6.

I am copying [bpquesitons@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquesitons@redmond.gov) so that your comment is logged in the matrix of public input we will consider as we deliberate on the 2021-2022 budget. You can send an email there if you want to speak at either of our public hearings. You can watch all our budget deliberations at [www.Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctlive), on City of Redmond's facebook page livestream, Comcast Channel 21,

Frontier Channel 34, or listen at 510-335-7371. To see the schedule, check out our extended agenda here: <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11845/100920-extended-agenda?bidId=>

Please let me know if you have further questions and thank you again for the input.

Best,  
Vanessa

<image001.png> **Vanessa Kritzer**  
Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

<image002.png>

<image003.png>

<image004.png>

<image005.png>

<image006.png>

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Brenda Larson <[bjplarson@gmail.com](mailto:bjplarson@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 10:31 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; Darrell Lowe <[dlowe@redmond.gov](mailto:dlowe@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Redmond Police have a responsibility to prioritize budgeting for and use of Body Cams and Dash Cams

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Angela Birney, Chief Darrell Lowe and Redmond City Council Members:

I am astonished that at this time in history our very well funded police department has not made it a priority to implement body and dash cams for officers.

The Redmond police’s website cites two primary reasons for this: lack of funding and cost of monitoring it to preserve privacy. I believe - and studies show - that the benefits far outweigh the cost, especially in relation to improving trust of Redmond citizens in our police and making officers accountable for their behavior. In terms of privacy, the ACLU does a good job of reviewing the risks and protocols that can be put in place to protect the public ([https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/assets/police\\_body-mounted\\_cameras.pdf](https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/assets/police_body-mounted_cameras.pdf)).

A third justification is how it often assists in shining a light on and unraveling the sequence of events and facts in complex cases.

Additional benefits cited in research are, “[...] a surveillance tool to promote officer safety and efficiency and prevent crime.” (<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/252035.pdf>)

In addition there are significant unexpected benefits which were noted, such as increased community contact by police.

Given the need for transparency in policing, I do understand that policing is complex, and that officers may feel the burden of increased scrutiny with cameras. Police encounters can be subject to different interpretations. Ariel discusses many of the difficulties in drawing conclusions and designing studies that can effectively parse out the effect of body cam usage on public perception, on police use of force, and on complaints of police misconduct by the public.

(Barak Ariel, Police Body Cameras in Large Police Departments, 106 J. Crim. L. & Criminology (2016)(<http://scholarlycommons.law.northwestern.edu/jclc/vol106/iss4/3>)

Body cams and dash cams need to be accompanied by careful police hiring practices, as well as education and training to use them effectively. Policing is a hard enough job, and we need to lift up and support our officers, demonstrate how body and dash cameras can benefit them, while also increasing community trust and holding them responsible for their actions.

I believe the time has come for the City Council of Redmond, it’s Mayor and Police Chief Darrell Lowe to seriously consider the implementation of body and dash cams for our police department and initiate a town hall type discussion that includes police officers, residents, our city leaders and council members.

Please let me know how I can assist in moving this request forward.

Thank you,

Brenda Larson  
425-765-1987  
16618 NE 91st St.  
Redmond, WA 98052

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

This message has been scanned for malware by Websense. [www.websense.com](http://www.websense.com)

## Kelley Cochran

---

**Subject:** FW: Redmond Senior Center and Staffing Request

---

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 2:34 PM

**To:** Sandy Marion <[findlaygirl@hotmail.com](mailto:findlaygirl@hotmail.com)>; MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** Marty Boggs <[MBOGGS@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:MBOGGS@REDMOND.GOV)>; Karen Phillips <[KPHILLIPS@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KPHILLIPS@REDMOND.GOV)>; Sara Bouwman <[sbouwman@redmond.gov](mailto:sbouwman@redmond.gov)>; Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; Jeff Hagen <[JHAGEN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:JHAGEN@REDMOND.GOV)>; Deanna Francis <[deannafrancis@gmail.com](mailto:deannafrancis@gmail.com)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Redmond Senior Center and Staffing Request

Dear Sandy,

Thank you for sharing your support for council moving forward with a decision on rebuilding our senior center and for your input on our budget decisions around staffing support for seniors. I am responding as council ombudsperson for the month October and will note your comments in my bi-weekly report at our next business meeting.

Our council is aware of how important the senior center space and staff are to so many in our community. In regards to your budget input, I have copied [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov) so that your feedback will be added to the matrix of public input we are compiling to help guide our budget decisions. If you would like to share any feedback with us verbally, you can email that same address to sign up to speak at our Budget Hearing on November 2. We are also having a budget hearing tonight, October 20, at our 7:30pm business meeting. You can watch that meeting at [www.Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctlive), City of Redmond's [Facebook](#) livestream, Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 34, or listen by calling 510-335-7371.

On the Senior Center building, so far Council has authorized the old senior center to be demolished and took a step forward related to contractors so that we can start building a new facility as soon as the decision is made on the size and scope of the new building. We will be considering that decision this Thursday, October 22, at 7pm during a special meeting on our budget. You can watch that meeting at on the same channels I mentioned above. That meeting starts at 7:00pm with budget deliberations and will be followed by the Redmond Senior and Community Center discussion scheduled to begin around 9:00 pm.

Personally, I truly understand the urgency. In past conversations on this topic, I have urged my fellow councilmembers to move forward with the [recommendation from our community stakeholder group](#) and not delay any longer in providing such an important space to our seniors. I have also let our staff know that as we construct this new center we must ensure that Redmond's seniors are involved at every step of the development process to make sure it is a dedicated space for them that can effectively replace what has been lost. I hope you will see us make a decision on October 22 and we will keep your comments in mind.

Best,  
Vanessa



**Vanessa Kritzer**

Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Sandy Marion <[findlaygirl@hotmail.com](mailto:findlaygirl@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 17, 2020 9:15 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Marty Boggs <[MBOGGS@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:MBOGGS@REDMOND.GOV)>; Karen Phillips <[KPHILLIPS@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KPHILLIPS@REDMOND.GOV)>; Sara Bouwman <[sbouwman@redmond.gov](mailto:sbouwman@redmond.gov)>; Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; Jeff Hagen <[JHAGEN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:JHAGEN@REDMOND.GOV)>; Deanna Francis <[deannafrancis@gmail.com](mailto:deannafrancis@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Redmond Senior Center and Staffing Request

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear City Council

Please approve the building a new senior center. Any delay will further impact the well-being of our seniors. So many depend on the senior center for daily contact with friends, for exercise classes, workshops and seminars, and so many other activities and services that are so important to them.

Also, please find funding to keep the senior center staff. The reduction of two of the senior center staff members is devastating and will add to the decline of any contact and services provided to the seniors. The seniors have lost their building, then, the pandemic took away the temporary meeting locations. Two staff members cannot possibly continue providing the virtual meetings (which there are many) and the curbside lunch program. Loss of these will further create hardships for the many seniors who have stepped up to utilize the Zoom meetings. Please find a way to retain Sara Bouwman, a critical asset to the virtual meetings and everyday phone calls, curbside lunch and so many other maintenance issues associated with this pandemic. Losing Sara is like cutting off your left arm.

Please, help our seniors by keeping the current senior center staffing levels!

Respectfully submitted  
Sandra Marion

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Robyn Nelson](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Law Enforcement Body-Cams  
**Date:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:40:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)

---

Robyn,

Thank you for feedback, perspective, and time to send this email. I agree that the safety of our diverse community members is and should always be the top priority. There are a couple of links that I'd like to provide to help answer your questions, direct you to resources to explore more, and share ways that you can submit ideas for the next city budget.

In response to the number of similar messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, Police Chief Darrell Lowe has provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Police Department, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community available [here](#). Should you have additional questions after reviewing the FAQs, please contact [RPD@redmond.gov](mailto:RPD@redmond.gov).

Through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process, the community helps us prioritize city spending. The City is hosting the first of three public hearings on the 2021-22 budget on June 16. Information on that hearing is available [here](#). I encourage you to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget. You can visit [redmond.gov/Budgets](http://redmond.gov/Budgets) for more information on that process and to learn more about how you can get involved.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Robyn Nelson <[nelson.robyn@outlook.com](mailto:nelson.robyn@outlook.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 6:54 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Law Enforcement Body-Cams

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Angela Birney and our Redmond City Council Members,

“The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police existence, actions, behavior and the ability of the police to secure and maintain public respect.” - Sir Robert Peel

Thank you for taking the time to read, as I know you are all most very busy during these changing times. I am reaching out to you all today in regards to recent events in our country, which have impacted us here in our wonderful community of Redmond. I have recently learned that Redmond law enforcement does not currently supply our officers with personal body-cams, which was surprising to me since I knew that Seattle supplies their officer with cams, and essentially assumed Redmond would do the same. The Redmond Public Safety Team on Facebook, stated that our current city budget does not account for body-cams, which is something I would like to propose to be accounted for during the next city budget meeting. I believe now more than ever should we keep our police accountable/safe, and keep our citizens protected/safe while we are interacting with law enforcement. Recent studies by the National Institution of Justice show that body cams can offer benefits to law enforcement per their article at <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/body-worn-cameras-what-evidence-tells-us>. Some example of benefits are:

1. Better Transparency
2. Increased Civility
3. Quicker Resolution
4. Corroborating Evidence
5. Training Opportunities

Studies about body-cams are relatively new but I ask that our community be part of a better solution today. So I now ask, what is needed from us the community members, to get body-cams on the budget and this topic on our city leaders forefront. Thank you for time and consideration of my thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Robyn Nelson

- Robyn

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Laura Liao](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: I Want Justice for Black Lives  
**Date:** Friday, June 12, 2020 5:04:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Ms. Liao,

Thank you for reaching out. I agree that the safety of our diverse community members is and should always be the top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and City have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously. As a result, in 2018 the Redmond Police Department formed a new committee to act as an advisory council on issues of equity, transparency, and community relations. This committee is named the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT), and you can learn more [here](#).

In response to the number of similar messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, Police Chief Darrell Lowe has provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Police Department, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community available [here](#). Should you have additional questions after reviewing the FAQs, please contact [RPD@redmond.gov](mailto:RPD@redmond.gov).

In regard to Police funding, the Redmond community will have the opportunity to provide feedback for the City's 2021-22 budget through our Budgeting by Priorities process. Information on how to get involved is at [redmond.gov/Budgets](http://redmond.gov/Budgets).

I want to also add that we as a city stand in solidarity with those in Redmond and around the country who are speaking out against racism, violence, and inequity. The City of Redmond and I affirmed our commitment towards a culturally inclusive community for all, through the 2017 [Resolution no. 1465](#), and identified Cultural Inclusion as a top priority in the 2019 [Community Strategic Plan](#). In addition, city staff and leadership were provided "Deconstructing Our Bias" training in 2019 to help our staff understand and recognize differing perspectives and implicit bias.

Thank you again for your email and your time. I am committed to listening and learning, and I very much appreciate your perspective.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Laura Liao <LauraZLiao@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** I Want Justice for Black Lives

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond Mayor Angela Birney:

My name is Laura, and I am a resident of Sammamish. I attended high school in Kirkland; my father works in Redmond and Bellevue; and many of my friends attend college and/or live in Seattle. The safety of these communities is deeply important to me, particularly the safety of our Black families in this current moment.

I am writing to you in support of peaceful demonstrations that have occurred in Seattle and across our country. Over 12,000 complaints have already been filed against the Seattle Police department in the last couple days, some including video evidence of officers who placed their knees on the necks of arrested citizens. These situations give us chilling reminders of how George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery were brutally murdered.

I am asking you to fight for more than momentary justice for George Floyd. Platitudes alone will not bring long-term safety and security for Black Americans. Studies show that police departments with clear restrictions on the use of force perpetrate significantly fewer police killings ([Campaign Zero](#), [NAACP](#)). That being said, I urge you to:

- Pressure Governor Jay Inslee and local mayors to withdraw the National Guard from Seattle and Bellevue, as increased militarization will not save Black lives;
- Require all local police departments to provide de-escalation trainings, moratoriums on chokeholds, and comprehensive reporting to the public about uses of force to hold them accountable to Black lives;
- And advocate for the reallocation of police funding into sectors like education, public health, and other social services that benefit and protect all your constituents.

By speaking up and utilizing your position of power, you could save the next Black person at the hands of a violent police officer. #BlackLivesMatter #ICantBreathe

Sincerely,  
Laura Liao  
2004 247<sup>th</sup> PI NE

Sammamish, WA 98074  
[laurazliao@hotmail.com](mailto:laurazliao@hotmail.com)  
(425) 829-7245

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Maxine D Beeman](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Advocate for Justice for Black Lives  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 12:25:03 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Ms. Beeman,

Thank you for your email. I apologize for the delay in responding to you.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is my top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and City have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously. As a result, in 2018 the Redmond Police Department formed a new committee to act as an advisory council on issues of equity, transparency, and community relations. This committee is named the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT), and you can learn more [here](#).

In response to the number of similar messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, Police Chief Darrell Lowe has provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Police Department, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community available [here](#). Should you have additional questions after reviewing the FAQs, please contact [RPD@redmond.gov](mailto:RPD@redmond.gov).

Redmond residents help the City prioritize city spending through our Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is hosted the first of three public hearings on the 2021-22 budget on June 16. You can visit [redmond.gov/Budgets](http://redmond.gov/Budgets) for more information on our budget process.

I want to also add that we as a city stand in solidarity with those in Redmond and around the country who are speaking out against racism, violence, and inequity. The City of Redmond and I affirmed our commitment towards a culturally inclusive community for all, through the 2017 [Resolution no. 1465](#), and identified Cultural Inclusion as a top priority in the 2019 [Community Strategic Plan](#). In addition, city staff and leadership were provided "Deconstructing Our Bias" training in 2019 to help our staff understand and recognize differing perspectives and implicit bias.

Thank you again for your email and your time. I am committed to listening and learning, and I very much appreciate your perspective.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Maxine D Beeman <beeman@mit.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** Advocate for Justice for Black Lives

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Birney:

My name is Maxine Beeman. I grew up in Kirkland, attended elementary through high school in Kirkland, and was a member of the Kirkland Youth Council for 4 years. My family these days lives in Redmond, with multiple members attending or lecturing at local colleges. The safety and wellness of these communities is deeply important to me - and in particular, the safety of our Black families in this current moment.

**I am writing to you in support of the peaceful demonstrations that have occurred in Seattle and across our country.** Thousands of people across the nation are speaking out now over the systemic mistreatment of Black Americans. Over 12,000 complaints have already been filed against the Seattle Police department in the last few days, some including video evidence of officers who placed their knees on the necks of arrested citizens. These situations give us chilling reminders of how George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery were brutally murdered.

**I am asking you to fight for more than momentary justice for George Floyd. Platitudes alone will not bring long-term safety and security for Black Americans.** Studies show that police departments with clear restrictions on the use of force perpetrate significantly fewer police killings ([Campaign Zero](#), [NAACP](#)). That being said, I urge you to:

- 
-

- Pressure Governor Jay Inslee and other local mayors to
- **withdraw the National Guard**
- from Seattle and Bellevue, as increased militarization will not save Black lives;
- 
- 
- 
- Require all local police departments to
- **provide de-escalation trainings, moratoriums on chokeholds, and comprehensive reporting**
- to the public about uses of force to hold them accountable to Black lives;
- 
- 
- 
- And advocate for the
- **reallocation of police funding**
- into sectors like education, public health, and other social services that benefit and protect all members of our communities.
- 

By speaking up and utilizing your position of power, you could save the next Black person at the hands of a violent police officer. #BlackLivesMatter #ICantBreathe

Sincerely,

Maxine Beeman

8500 148th Ave NE Apt R3058

Redmond, WA, 98052

[beeman@mit.edu](mailto:beeman@mit.edu)

(425) 463-8378

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Trishla Jain](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: I Want Justice for Black Lives  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 12:30:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Trishla,

Thank you for your email. I apologize for the delay in responding to you.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is my top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and City have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously. As a result, in 2018 the Redmond Police Department formed a new committee to act as an advisory council on issues of equity, transparency, and community relations. This committee is named the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT), and you can learn more [here](#).

In response to the number of similar messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, Police Chief Darrell Lowe has provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Police Department, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community available [here](#). Should you have additional questions after reviewing the FAQs, please contact [RPD@redmond.gov](mailto:RPD@redmond.gov).

Redmond residents help the City prioritize city spending through our Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is hosted the first of three public hearings on the 2021-22 budget on June 16. You can visit [redmond.gov/Budgets](http://redmond.gov/Budgets) for more information on our budget process.

I want to also add that we as a city stand in solidarity with those in Redmond and around the country who are speaking out against racism, violence, and inequity. The City of Redmond and I affirmed our commitment towards a culturally inclusive community for all, through the 2017 [Resolution no. 1465](#), and identified Cultural Inclusion as a top priority in the 2019 [Community Strategic Plan](#). In addition, city staff and leadership were provided "Deconstructing Our Bias" training in 2019 to help our staff understand and recognize differing perspectives and implicit bias.

Thank you again for your email and your time. I am committed to listening and learning, and I very much appreciate your perspective.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Trishla Jain <trishla.leechi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:38 PM  
**To:** Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** I Want Justice for Black Lives

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi there,

My name is Trishla Jain, and I am a student and resident of King County. The safety of these communities is deeply important to me, particularly the safety of our Black families in this current moment.

I am writing to you in support of peaceful demonstrations that have occurred in Seattle and across our country. Over 12,000 complaints have already been filed against the Seattle Police department in the last couple days, some including video evidence of officers who placed their knees on the necks of arrested citizens. These situations give us chilling reminders of how George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery were brutally murdered.

I am asking you to fight for more than momentary justice for George Floyd. Platitudes alone will not bring long-term safety and security for Black Americans. Studies show that police departments with clear restrictions on the use of force perpetrate significantly fewer police killings ([Campaign Zero](#), [NAACP](#)). That being said, I urge you to:

- 
- Pressure
- Governor Jay Inslee and local mayors to withdraw the National Guard from

Seattle and Bellevue, as increased militarization will not save Black lives;

- 
- 
- Require
- all local police departments to provide de-escalation trainings, moratoriums on chokeholds, and comprehensive reporting to the public about uses of force to hold them accountable to Black lives;
- 
- 
- And
- advocate for the reallocation of police funding into sectors like education, public health, and other social services that benefit and protect all your constituents.
- 

By speaking up and utilizing your position of power, you could save the next Black person at the hands of a violent police officer. #BlackLivesMatter #ICantBreathe

Sincerely,  
Trishla Jain  
Redmond, WA

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Anda Gavrilescu](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: BLACK LIVES MATTER  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:58:47 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Anda,

Thank you for reaching out via email earlier this month and sharing your interest in police reform and intervention policies. Please accept my apologies for this delayed response.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and city have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously.

We are currently working to finalize a plan moving forward to thoroughly and transparently address these topics. In the meantime, here are a few things that we have been working on in Redmond:

- I am pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was recently appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force, which will provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. You can read the press release [here](#).
- At our June 19 City Council meeting, with the help of Councilmember Forsythe, the City Council and I issued a [proclamation](#) recognizing June 19, 2020, as Juneteenth in Redmond, and invited the City and community to join us in committing to take action to address systemic racism in our community.
- We have posted Frequently Asked Question's (FAQs) about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community from Chief Lowe available [here](#). The Police Department welcomes community members to reach out with any questions or concerns via [rpdp@redmond.gov](mailto:rpdp@redmond.gov).
- In 2018, the Redmond Police Department formed a new committee to act as an advisory council on issues of equity, transparency, and community relations. Learn more about the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT) [here](#).
- City staff and leadership were provided "Deconstructing Our Bias" training in 2019 to help our staff understand and recognize differing perspectives and implicit bias.
- The City of Redmond and I affirmed our commitment towards a culturally inclusive community for all, through the 2017 [Resolution no. 1465](#), annually celebrating and promoting Welcoming Week, and identifying Cultural Inclusion as a top priority in the 2019 [Community Strategic Plan](#).

Regarding the police department budget, the Redmond community helps the City Council and I to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and I encourage you to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize

and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [www.redmond.gov/Budget](http://www.redmond.gov/Budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

We as a city stand in solidarity with those in Redmond and around the country who are speaking out against racism, violence, and inequity. I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond, and again, thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective. It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Anda Gavrilesco <[andagavrilesco@hotmail.com](mailto:andagavrilesco@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** Mayor (Internet) <[Mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:Mayor@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** BLACK LIVES MATTER

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Good afternoon Mayor Birney,

My name is Anda Gavrilesco and I am a resident and have lived in Redmond my entire life. I am emailing you today to formally request that you and your team implement immediate emergency police reform and intervention policies to combat the growing issues surrounding police brutality and racial targeting by police.

This is an incredibly serious issue in Redmond, as I'm sure you have seen from the various protests held across the city recently. Here is a list of reforms that I am requesting you take action on immediately:

1. Revise law enforcement policies and training to emphasize de-escalation and alternatives to arrests;
2. Mandate external and independent investigations of police use-of-force incidents resulting in death or injury;

3. Create use-of-force policies that clearly state what information will be released publicly;
4. Establish a Serious Incident Review Board consisting of sworn staff and community members who will review cases involving officer-involved shootings and other serious incidents that have the potential to damage community trust;
5. Partner with the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training to contribute to its National Decertification Index, which collects information about officers who have had their licenses or certifications revoked; and
6. Retain a nationally recognized police department implicit bias trainer who could work with the city's current consultant.

I would also like to request that you make a clear and public stand for the Black Lives Matter movement, and put into place programs/funds that advance this organization within our city. Without these changes, we cannot live a safe and peaceful life in the city of Redmond. I am upset that I would have to send an email like this to my own hometown, one that I cherish as the city that welcomed my immigrant parents from a broken and poor country.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing your public response to these pressing issues.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Ben Alberson](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 21st Century Policing  
**Date:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:06:23 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)

---

Mr. Alberson,

Thank you for taking time to reach out and for your inquiry regarding the 21st Century Policing Task Force report. I can assure you that our Police Department and City have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously. As a result, in 2018 the Redmond Police Department formed a new committee to act as an advisory council on issues of equity, transparency, and community relations. This committee is named the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT), and you can learn more [here](#).

In response to the number of messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, Police Chief Darrell Lowe has provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Police Department, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community available [here](#). Should you have additional questions after reviewing the FAQs, please contact [RPD@redmond.gov](mailto:RPD@redmond.gov).

Through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process, the community helps us prioritize city spending. The City is hosting the first of three public hearings on the 2021-22 budget on June 16. Information on that hearing is available [here](#), and I encourage you to submit your thoughts on how we invest in our next biennial budget. You can visit [redmond.gov/Budgets](http://redmond.gov/Budgets) for more information on that process and to learn more about how you can get involved.

I want to also add that we as a city stand in solidarity with those in Redmond and around the country who are speaking out against racism, violence, and inequity. The City of Redmond and I affirmed our commitment towards a culturally inclusive community for all, through the 2017 [Resolution no. 1465](#), and identified Cultural Inclusion as a top priority in the 2019 [Community Strategic Plan](#). In addition, city staff and leadership were provided "Deconstructing Our Bias" training in 2019 to help our staff understand and recognize differing perspectives and implicit bias.

Thank you again for your email and your time. I am committed to listening and learning, and I very much appreciate your perspective.

Mayor Birney



Angela Birney  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Ben Alberson <balbersondesign@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 8:46 AM

**To:** Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>

**Subject:** 21st Century Policing

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Good morning Mayor Birney, I hope that you are receiving a lot of these messages right now. I'm writing to ask that you add the city of Redmond to the list of cities committed to following the tenets outlined in the 21st Century Policing Task Force report released by the Obama administration in 2015. As a former resident of the city of Seattle, I wish I could be surprised by the videos and news reports coming out to the city, but 8 years after their consent decree their actions are still apparently wanton.

I would like to see Seattle make the same commitment I'm asking for you to make, however, I believe Redmond and all of the cities around Seattle can lead by example. Recent events have made it very clear that every local entity needs to take a stand. We must prioritize equitable treatment for all people of color, not only Black and African American citizens but our First Nations citizens here in the PNW.

I would ask that you promote opportunities to invest in community strengthening initiatives around mental wellness, domestic violence prevention, and local policies to support the economic growth of those communities BEFORE adding funding to direct policing activities. I believe this can be the ounce-of-prevention approach that not only makes our city stronger but keeps officers safer in the long run.

Regards,  
Ben Alberson  
11730 134th Pl NE

DOJ Announcement on release of the 21st Century Policing Task Force Report:  
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-announces-new-guidebook-21st-century-policing>

City Officials guide to Policing in the 21st Century:  
<https://www.nlc.org/sites/default/files/2016->

[12/NLC%20Community%20Policing%20Guide%20updated%2071516\\_0.pdf](#)

Campaign Zero (Reports):

<https://www.joincampaignzero.org/reports>

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Jack Li](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: I Want Justice for Black Lives  
**Date:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:20:36 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Jack,

Thank you for your email. The safety of our diverse Redmond community is my top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and City has and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously. As a result, in 2018 the Redmond Police Department formed a new committee to act as an advisory council on issues of equity, transparency, and community relations. This committee is named the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT), and you can learn more [here](#).

In response to the number of similar messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, Police Chief Darrell Lowe has provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Police Department, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community available [here](#). Should you have additional questions after reviewing the FAQs, please contact [RPD@redmond.gov](mailto:RPD@redmond.gov).

Redmond residents help the City prioritize city spending through our Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is hosting the first of three public hearings on the 2021-22 budget on June 16. You can visit [redmond.gov/Budgets](http://redmond.gov/Budgets) for more information on our budget process.

I want to also add that we as a city stand in solidarity with those in Redmond and around the country who are speaking out against racism, violence, and inequity. The City of Redmond and I affirmed our commitment towards a culturally inclusive community for all, through the 2017 [Resolution no. 1465](#), and identified Cultural Inclusion as a top priority in the 2019 [Community Strategic Plan](#). In addition, city staff and leadership were provided "Deconstructing Our Bias" training in 2019 to help our staff understand and recognize differing perspectives and implicit bias.

Thank you again for your email and your time. I am committed to listening and learning, and I very much appreciate your perspective.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jack Li <jvli.2042@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 8:39 PM  
**To:** Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** I Want Justice for Black Lives

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Angela Birney:

My name is Jack Li, we have met before as I played a small part on the youth team that helped secure your election. Though I currently live in Bellevue, I nevertheless wanted to reach out to you. The safety of these communities is deeply important to me, particularly the safety of our Black families in this current moment.

I am writing to you in support of peaceful demonstrations that have occurred in Seattle and across our country. Over 12,000 complaints have already been filed against the Seattle Police department in the last couple days, some including video evidence of officers who placed their knees on the necks of arrested citizens. These situations give us chilling reminders of how George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery were brutally murdered.

I am asking you to fight for more than momentary justice for George Floyd. Platitudes alone will not bring long-term safety and security for Black Americans. Studies show that police departments with clear restrictions on the use of force perpetrate significantly fewer police killings (Campaign Zero, NAACP). That being said, I urge you to:

Pressure Governor Jay Inslee and local mayors to withdraw the National Guard from Seattle and Bellevue, as increased militarization will not save Black lives;

Require all local police departments to provide de-escalation trainings, moratoriums on chokeholds, and comprehensive reporting to the public about uses of force to hold them accountable to Black lives;

And advocate for the reallocation of police funding into sectors like education, public health, and other social services that benefit and protect all your constituents.

By speaking up and utilizing your position of power, you could save the next Black person at the hands of a violent police officer. #BlackLivesMatter #ICantBreathe

Sincerely,

Jack Li  
Bellevue, WA  
[jvli.2042@gmail.com](mailto:jvli.2042@gmail.com)  
425-443-8196

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [darren.caulley@gmail.com](mailto:darren.caulley@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: We don't need police in our city.  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 1:49:41 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

---

Hello Darren,

Thank you for reaching out in early June to share your comments regarding the police department budget and practices. Please accept my apologies for this delayed response.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we recently launched a [community questionnaire](#). I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). We are committed to carefully reviewing city spending and are working to ensure both the safety of the public and responsible allocation of city funds across all departments. You can visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on that process and to learn more about how you can get involved.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is my top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and city have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously. In 2018, the Redmond Police Department formed a new committee to act as an advisory council on issues of equity, transparency and community relations. This committee is named the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT) and you can learn more [on the City's website](#).

Additionally, on July 8, I signed the Obama Foundation pledge to address police use of force policies. By signing this pledge, the City is committing to the following actions:

1. Reviewing police use of force policies
2. Engaging the community by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in our review
3. Reporting the findings of our review to the community and seeking feedback
4. Reforming our community's police use of force policies

I am currently working with city staff, leadership, and the City Council to finalize a plan moving forward to thoroughly and transparently address this and similar topics and will be sharing with the community very soon. We are also working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

I am also pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was recently appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force, which will provide recommendations

for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. The press release is available [here](#). I am honored to work alongside a Police Chief and a department that chooses to be a part of the solution.

In response to the number of similar messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, we have posted Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a [letter to the community from Chief Lowe](#). The Police Department welcomes community members to reach out with any questions or concerns at [rpd@redmond.gov](mailto:rpd@redmond.gov).

Lastly, I want to also add that we as a city stand in solidarity with those in Redmond and around the country who are speaking out against racism, violence and inequity. The City of Redmond and I affirmed our commitment towards a culturally inclusive community for all, through the 2017 [Resolution no. 1465](#), and identified Cultural Inclusion as a top priority in the 2019 [Community Strategic Plan](#). In addition, city staff and leadership were provided "Deconstructing Our Bias" training in 2019 to help our staff understand and recognize differing perspectives and implicit bias.

Thank you again for taking time to contact me. I am committed to listening and learning, and I very much appreciate your perspective.

Mayor Birney



Angela Birney

Mayor | City of Redmond

☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Darren Caulley <[darren.caulley@gmail.com](mailto:darren.caulley@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:45 PM

**To:** Mayor (Internet) <[Mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:Mayor@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** We don't need police in our city.

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Let's reallocate our resources away from police and invest in our community instead.

Will you defund the police?

What steps do you plan to take to keep citizens of color safe?

Black Lives Matter,

Darren

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Morgan Lavelle](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Request  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:23:55 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out via email earlier this month and sharing your interest in police reform and racial equality. Please accept my apologies for this delayed response.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and city have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously.

I am very pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was recently appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force, which will provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. The press release is available [here](#). I am honored and pleased to work alongside a Police Chief and a department that chooses to be a part of the solution.

Regarding the police department budget, the Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and you are invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/Budget](http://redmond.gov/Budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond, and again, thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective. It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Morgan Lavelle <morgan.lavelle1995@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 12:46 PM

**To:** MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>

**Subject:** Request

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Support black lives matter and condemn the police system, move to defund it, and help end a cycle of white supremacy in Redmond and the greater Seattle area

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [John Schleicher](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Abolish the Police  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:02:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Mr. Schleicher,

Thank you for reaching out last week via email and sharing your interest in racial equality and police reform.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and city have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously and work to continually improve our processes, policies, opportunities, and training in Redmond.

I am pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was appointed this week by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force to provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. You can read the press release [here](#).

Regarding the police department budget, the Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and I encourage you to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). You can also visit [redmond.gov/Budget](http://redmond.gov/Budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond, and again, thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective. It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** John Schleicher <johnschleicher@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:56 AM

**To:** MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>

**Subject:** Abolish the Police

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Members of the City Council,

My name is John Schleicher and I live in Redmond. I am writing because consistent acts of police brutality and violence against Black communities show that these institutions serve only the richest and whitest members of our communities at the expense of everyone else. Please do the right thing for our whole community and abolish the police. You should use the money saved by abolishing the police to invest in Black community-led education, health, and safety programs. Examples of programs to invest in are schools and youth homelessness services, solutions to the opioid crisis, and non-police responders for crises such as mental health response teams and community violence prevention programs.

Thank you,  
John Schleicher

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Peder Brakke](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: End police violence and reimagine public safety  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:09:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Mr. Brakke,

Thank you for reaching out last week via email and sharing your interest in racial equality and police reform.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and city have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously and work to continually improve our processes, policies, opportunities, and training in Redmond.

I am pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was appointed this week by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force to provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. You can read the press release [here](#). I am honored and pleased to work alongside a Police Chief and a department that chooses to be a part of the solution.

In response to the number of similar messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, Chief Lowe has provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Police Department, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community available [here](#). The Police Department welcomes community members to reach out with any questions or concerns at [rpdp@redmond.gov](mailto:rpdp@redmond.gov).

Regarding the police department budget, the Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and I encourage you to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). You can also visit [redmond.gov/Budget](http://redmond.gov/Budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond, and again, thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective. It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney

Angela Birney  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

th



MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85 St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Peder Brakke <brakkepe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 2:00 PM  
**To:** Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** End police violence and reimagine public safety

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Birney,

As a person of faith, I believe police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America's original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for bold reforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now.

As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adopt reforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the [Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Report](#), [Campaign Zero](#), and more.

Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to:

- Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases
- Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force
- Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting
- Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force
- Ban shooting at moving vehicles
- Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers
- Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force
- Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians.

Every city should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by reinvesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the

police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services.

The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally.

Sincerely,

Peder Brakke

16117 NE 100th St

Redmond, WA 980523040

[brakkepe@gmail.com](mailto:brakkepe@gmail.com)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [chelseaelsinore@outlook.com](mailto:chelseaelsinore@outlook.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Systemic racism-- policing, education & community  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 10:06:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

---

Hello Chelsea,

Thank you for reaching out. I appreciate your thoughtful questions and have included answers below in italics.

I am sure you have heard about systemic racism. Mine is not the only voice on this topic, but i want to know how we can take action and make changes in Redmond, to help fight these injustices that have been normal for far too long. Racism is a big problem and the scope goes far beyond our seemingly peaceful suburb. But it is our responsibility to make change on a local level. I would like to know about what we have in place to address issues of inequality. Where can we help, raise awareness, raise funding, take action as a community?

- *Yes, I have heard, and I am committed to continuing to listen and learn. The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. Our Police Department and City have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously. In 2018 the Redmond Police Department formed a new committee to act as an advisory council on issues of equity, transparency, and community relations. This committee is named the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT), and you can learn more [here](#) on how to get involved.*

*At this week's City Council meeting, with the help of Councilmember Forsythe, the City Council and I issued a [proclamation](#) recognizing June 19, 2020, as Juneteenth in Redmond, and invited the City and community to join us in committing to take action to address systemic racism in our community. We will be talking much more about this in the weeks to come.*

*I want to also add that we as a city stand in solidarity with those in Redmond and around the country who are speaking out against racism, violence, and inequity. The City of Redmond and I affirmed our commitment towards a culturally inclusive community for all, through the 2017 [Resolution no. 1465](#), and identified Cultural Inclusion as a top priority in the 2019 [Community Strategic Plan](#). In addition, city staff and leadership were provided "Deconstructing Our Bias" training in 2019 to help our staff understand and recognize differing perspectives and implicit bias.*

In areas like policing and education, system racism ruins lives. Too many racial minorities are targeted by law enforcement in this country. I am wanting to know what we can do in Redmond to protect and amplify Black people, Indigenous people and other people of color? Like many Redmond

residents, I am a supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement. Statically people who struggle in society are more likely to be racial minorities and experience hardships such as police brutality and imprisonment, struggle in schools, low income, struggle with drug abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, and access to medical care. That's not to say that all racial minorities are poor victims and criminals, but rather that our system fails them and they become targets for violence. In the history of the United states, it is obvious that racial minorities have been abused for far too long.

One big issue is police brutality and enslavement in prisons. What alternatives do we utilize instead of arrest and jail time? For youths, for people who are put in prison for drug use and sale, sex work, stealing to feed themselves...? These people don't need jail time. Going to prison means abuse, slave labor and inhumane conditions. What options do we have for rehabilitation that do not include the police? What options do we have to get people OUT of prisons?

- *We have a [Human Services](#) division and a Mental Health Professional here at the City of Redmond that help identify necessary resources for those in need. We also have a Community Court program, and you can read more information on that program [here](#).*

Do we need to have police in schools? Are students arrested and disciplined by the police in their school? How are we holding police officers responsible?

- *Below is some information from the Redmond Police Department on the School Resource Officer program you are referring to:*
- *Police are in the schools to help educate, build positive relationships, and enforce laws if necessary. Student discipline is always handled by the School District, and the responsibility of maintaining proper order and conduct in the school resides with the school administration. School Resource Officers (SROs) make arrests as a last resort, or in incidents of violence that require immediate response. SROs are trained in implicit bias, understanding the school to prison pipeline, youth diversion programs, conflict resolution, restorative justice, and other critical topics set out in [House Bill 1216](#). Please reach out to [rpd@redmond.gov](mailto:rpd@redmond.gov) if you have more questions about the SROs role.*

How big is the policing budget, and can it be better utilized by shifting duties and funds to unarmed specialist workers? For example, in cases of sexual assault and rape, the response from law enforcement is too often ineffective and damaging. There are too many horror stories of police officers blaming the victim, and further traumatizing them with disbelief, invasive exams, and insensitivity, with little hope for justice. In fact, data shows many police officers are abusers themselves and are not held accountable their actions. Even officers who have been fired or have complaints of excessive force are still able to get jobs as police officers in different communities. How thoroughly is the city of Redmond investigating a police officer's past conduct?

- *You can view the current 2019-2020 budget by going to [www.redmond.gov/Budget](http://www.redmond.gov/Budget). The City's budget is broken down into six categories (budgeting priorities), two of which are related to your questions: "Diverse & Connected Community" and "Safety".*

*At this time, the City is in the early stages of preparing the 2021-2022 budget, and we are seeking to gather community input about city issues, priorities, and fiscal matters before the final budget is adopted in December. We encourage you to be involved in the process. You can learn more about the first public hearing that took place on June 16 at this link:*

*[https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAREDMOND/bulletins/28ddd41?fbclid=IwAR1vOGqGgs8A7X-H7VGac4mlhhB9uuBnxhXUbaQomALy8\\_nNYCW\\_ad8s2Es](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAREDMOND/bulletins/28ddd41?fbclid=IwAR1vOGqGgs8A7X-H7VGac4mlhhB9uuBnxhXUbaQomALy8_nNYCW_ad8s2Es)*

- Every police employee (officer or civilian) goes through a very thorough background check where dozens (possibly hundreds) of people are contacted and interviewed about the subject. Officers also go through a psychological exam and a polygraph test. Please reach out to [rpd@redmond.gov](mailto:rpd@redmond.gov) if you have more questions about background investigations.*

In education, LWSD data shows that most students who are in special education are Black, Hispanic or low income. When a learning disability is added in, struggles with education can become impossible and these students experience large gaps in learning and achievement. They are being failed by the community. Are these students being pushed into a life of trouble and disadvantage? How can we help students who are struggling? What options are given to youth? Do they have opportunities for counseling, tutoring, and recreation? Can we put more effort into outreach for these students and their families?

- I would suggest reaching out to Lake Washington School District for these questions. The City of Redmond does have a recreation division, and we do cater to youth and young adults for many of those programs. You can learn more on our website about the recreation activities [here](#).*

Of course the coronavirus has very damaging effects for vulnerable populations. How can we help those who are homeless, or unable to pay their rent and their bills? What about people who have lost their jobs, lost their childcare providers, don't have access to internet, can't work from home? Not everyone has the privilege to "stay home, stay healthy."

- You make great points. The City's [Human Services](#) division and mental health professional are helping to work with many of these vulnerable populations. We have some resources from the City, County, State and federal government listed on our website [here](#).*

When I read about the extremely high budgets for the downtown park, for moving art sculptures, for events like fireworks and derby days... I have to ask... can these funds be better utilized to help those who are suffering? I think parks and art and community events are important but programs to help the homeless, hungry, abused within our population are so much more important.

- Since COVID-19 hit, we are in the process of analyzing and readjusting our budget to accommodate the budget shortfalls related to the COVID-19 response and economic impacts.*
- If you would like to get more involved in the next budget, Redmond uses a Budgeting by Priorities process, where the community helps us prioritize city spending. I encourage you to submit your thoughts on how we invest in our next biennial budget. As mentioned above, you*

can visit [redmond.gov/Budgets](http://redmond.gov/Budgets) for more information on that process and to learn more about how you can get involved.

Again, thank you, Chelsea. I very much appreciate your time and perspective. We will be reaching out and working with the community to address these important issues you raised. I hope you will be involved.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Chelsea Elsinore <[chelseaelsinore@outlook.com](mailto:chelseaelsinore@outlook.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:48 AM  
**To:** Angela Birney <[mayor.redmondwa@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:mayor.redmondwa@public.govdelivery.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Systemic racism-- policing, education & community

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor,

I have reached out to the city council and now I am sending the same message to you.

I am sure you have heard about systemic racism. Mine is not the only voice on this topic, but i want to know how we can take action and make changes in Redmond, to help fight these injustices that have been normal for far too long. Racism is a big problem and the scope goes far beyond our seemingly peaceful suburb. But it is our responsibility to make change on a local level. I would like to know about what we have in place to address issues of inequality. Where can we help, raise awareness, raise funding, take action as a community?

In areas like policing and education, system racism ruins lives. Too many racial minorities are targeted by law enforcement in this country. I am wanting to know what we can do in Redmond to protect and amplify Black people, Indigenous people and other people of color? Like many Redmond residents, I am a supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement. Statically people who struggle in society are more likely to be racial minorities and experience hardships such as police brutality and imprisonment, struggle in schools, low income, struggle with drug abuse, domestic violence,

homelessness, and access to medical care. That's not to say that all racial minorities are poor victims and criminals, but rather that our system fails them and they become targets for violence. In the history of the United States, it is obvious that racial minorities have been abused for far too long.

One big issue is police brutality and enslavement in prisons. What alternatives do we utilize instead of arrest and jail time? For youths, for people who are put in prison for drug use and sale, sex work, stealing to feed themselves...? These people don't need jail time. Going to prison means abuse, slave labor and inhumane conditions. What options do we have for rehabilitation that do not include the police? What options do we have to get people OUT of prisons?

Do we need to have police in schools? Are students arrested and disciplined by the police in their school? How are we holding police officers responsible?

How big is the policing budget, and can it be better utilized by shifting duties and funds to unarmed specialist workers? For example, in cases of sexual assault and rape, the response from law enforcement is too often ineffective and damaging. There are too many horror stories of police officers blaming the victim, and further traumatizing them with disbelief, invasive exams, and insensitivity, with little hope for justice. In fact, data shows many police officers are abusers themselves and are not held accountable for their actions. Even officers who have been fired or have complaints of excessive force are still able to get jobs as police officers in different communities. How thoroughly is the city of Redmond investigating a police officer's past conduct?

In education, LWSD data shows that most students who are in special education are Black, Hispanic or low income. When a learning disability is added in, struggles with education can become impossible and these students experience large gaps in learning and achievement. They are being failed by the community. Are these students being pushed into a life of trouble and disadvantage?

How can we help students who are struggling? What options are given to youth? Do they have opportunities for counseling, tutoring, and recreation? Can we put more effort into outreach for these students and their families?

Of course the coronavirus has very damaging effects for vulnerable populations. How can we help those who are homeless, or unable to pay their rent and their bills? What about people who have lost their jobs, lost their childcare providers, don't have access to internet, can't work from home? Not everyone has the privilege to "stay home, stay healthy."

When I read about the extremely high budgets for the downtown park, for moving art sculptures, for events like fireworks and derby days... I have to ask... can these funds be better utilized to help those who are suffering? I think parks and art and community events are important but programs to help the homeless, hungry, abused within our population are so much more important.

I have asked a lot of big questions in this email. Please know I am working to educate myself on these issues and I know the solutions are not simple. I am looking forward to hearing what you are doing to address these issues and I appreciate your hard work. Please let me know how I can help.

Thank you  
Chelsea Elsinore  
Redmond resident, education hill

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Kevin Cogger](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Reduce Police Funding and Reinvest in Redmond's Black Community  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:05:41 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Mr. Cogger,

Thank you for reaching out last week via email and sharing your interest in racial equality and police reform.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and city have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously and work to continually improve our processes, policies, opportunities, and training in Redmond.

I am pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was appointed this week by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force to provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. You can read the press release [here](#).

Regarding the police department budget, the Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and I encourage you to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). You can also visit [redmond.gov/Budget](http://redmond.gov/Budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond, and again, thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective. It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Kevin Cogger <coggerk@live.com>

**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 11:50 AM

**To:** MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>

**Subject:** Reduce Police Funding and Reinvest in Redmond's Black Community

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Members of the City Council,

My name is Kevin Cogger and I live in Redmond. I am writing because consistent acts of police brutality and violence against Black communities show that these institutions serve some of us -- but not all of us. Please support our Black community and defund the police by making cuts in funding for the police and investing it in Black community-led education, health, and safety programs. Examples of programs to invest in are schools and youth homelessness services, solutions to the opioid crisis, and non-police responders for crises such as mental health response teams and community violence prevention programs.

Thank you,  
Kevin Cogger

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Jivvy101](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 6.16.2020  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 4:50:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Mr. Guptil,

Thank you for reaching out in mid-June to share your comments regarding the police department budget and practices. Please accept my apologies for this delayed response.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we will be launching a community questionnaire soon. I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). I encourage you to send in your comments if you have not done so already. We are committed to carefully reviewing city spending and are working to ensure both the safety of the public and responsible allocation of city funds across all departments.

Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

Additionally, on July 8, I signed the Obama Foundation pledge to address police use of force policies. By signing this pledge, the City is committing to the following actions:

1. Reviewing police use of force policies
2. Engaging the community by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in our review
3. Reporting the findings of our review to the community and seeking feedback
4. Reforming our community's police use of force policies

I am also pleased to share that Chief Lowe was recently appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force, which will provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. The press release is available [here](#). I am honored and pleased to work alongside a Police Chief and a department that chooses to be a part of the solution.

I appreciate you taking time to share your perspective and hope you will continue to provide input and feedback as we move forward with our community involvement and decision making.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jivvy101 . <jivvy101@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:11 PM

**To:** Jeralee Anderson <janderson@redmond.gov>; David Carson <DCARSON@redmond.gov>; Steve Fields <sfields@redmond.gov>; Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>; Varisha Khan <vkhan@redmond.gov>; Vanessa Kritzer <vkritzer@redmond.gov>; Tanika Padhye <tpadhye@redmond.gov>; Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>

**Subject:** 6.16.2020

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

06.16.2020

Council and Mayor,

I have been so disheartened by the most recent conversation tonight with the police chief. It was stated that 4 FTE would be impacted by buying/supporting body cameras, that this is cost prohibitive to implementation. How much is a life worth? How much is justice worth? Are those FTEs so much more important than other services?

Alternatively, we know that the budget of RPD is both bloated and protected in ways that other COR services are not. I have 18-21 employees (seasonal and regular) that open community centers to those experiencing homelessness; I work in a department that helps myriad high-flying, victimized, and at-risk teens develop life skills; I work on teams that distribute meals to the elderly. We have been among the teams most egregiously impacted by slashed interim budgets, while RPD is incredibly protected, and indeed is hiring for well paying, full-time jobs (<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/redmondwa>). Looking at recent council payroll approvals, overtime is disproportionately allowed for public safety and approved, while so much else falls to the wayside. The new police FAQs are a hypocritical surfeit of platitudes that say nothing of the future of policing but instead stake a claim for their necessity in a city that is low-crime, and according to the chief, well supported with auxiliary agents like (a single) mental health professional. Why overtime then? Why support with their RPD uniforms the “unrest” in Seattle--they were visibly blockading peaceful protests in RPD uniforms in another locale. Why? Should Redmond dollars really go toward that?

Do better,

Jeffrey Guptil

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Sherry Bupp](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: End police violence and reimagine public safety  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:13:25 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Ms. Bupp,

Thank you for reaching out last week via email and sharing your interest in racial equality and police reform.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and city have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously and work to continually improve our processes, policies, opportunities, and training in Redmond.

I am pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was appointed this week by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force to provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. You can read the press release [here](#). I am honored and pleased to work alongside a Police Chief and a department that chooses to be a part of the solution.

In response to the number of similar messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, Chief Lowe has provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Police Department, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community available [here](#). The Police Department welcomes community members to reach out with any questions or concerns at [rpdp@redmond.gov](mailto:rpdp@redmond.gov).

Regarding the police department budget, the Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and I encourage you to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). You can also visit [redmond.gov/Budget](http://redmond.gov/Budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond, and again, thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective. It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney

Angela Birney  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

th



MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85 St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Sherry Bupp <sherry\_bupp@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** End police violence and reimagine public safety

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Birney,

As a person of faith, I believe police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America's original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for bold reforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now.

As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adopt reforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the [Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Report](#), [Campaign Zero](#), and more.

Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to:

- Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases
- Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force
- Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting
- Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force
- Ban shooting at moving vehicles
- Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers
- Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force
- Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians.

Every city should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by reinvesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the

police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services.

The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally.

Sincerely,

Sherry Bupp

16075 NE 85th St Apt 404

Redmond, WA 980523579

[sherry\\_bupp@outlook.com](mailto:sherry_bupp@outlook.com)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Matthew Boguske](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: End police violence and reimagine public safety  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:11:53 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Mr. Boguske

Thank you for reaching out last week via email and sharing your interest in racial equality and police reform.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and city have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously and work to continually improve our processes, policies, opportunities, and training in Redmond.

I am pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was appointed this week by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force to provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. You can read the press release [here](#). I am honored and pleased to work alongside a Police Chief and a department that chooses to be a part of the solution.

In response to the number of similar messages and questions we have received about the Police Department's policies on training, procedures, and practices, Chief Lowe has provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Police Department, available at [www.redmond.gov/Police](http://www.redmond.gov/Police), as well as a letter to the community available [here](#). The Police Department welcomes community members to reach out with any questions or concerns at [rpdp@redmond.gov](mailto:rpdp@redmond.gov).

Regarding the police department budget, the Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and I encourage you to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). You can also visit [redmond.gov/Budget](http://redmond.gov/Budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond, and again, thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective. It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney

Angela Birney  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

th



MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85 St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Matthew Boguske <mboguske@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:33 PM  
**To:** Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** End police violence and reimagine public safety

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Birney,

As a person of faith, I believe police violence and brutality against black men and women must end now, particularly in light of the tragic and senseless recent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. Police violence and systemic racial injustice is tied to America's original sin of racism and the abhorrent legacy of white supremacy. The time for bold reforms that ensure equal justice under the law extends to everyone is now.

As your constituent and a person of faith, I am asking you to do away with policies that lead to the unequal treatment of and violence against black, Indigenous, and people of color and adopt reforms drawn from evidence-based recommendations in the [Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Report](#), [Campaign Zero](#), and more.

Specifically, we call on mayors, local officials, and local police precincts to:

- Ban chokeholds and neck restraints in all cases
- Require officers to de-escalate situations when possible, eliminating or reducing the need to use force
- Require officers to give a verbal warning before shooting
- Require officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less-lethal force options prior to resorting to deadly force
- Ban shooting at moving vehicles
- Require officers to intervene and stop the use of excessive force by other officers
- Establish a use of force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force
- Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians.

Every city should adopt these policies immediately. Furthermore, we call on you to begin the process now to reimagine public safety by reinvesting city budgets in programs that expand and enhance restorative justice programs, provide alternatives to incarceration, demilitarize the

police, provide crisis intervention and de-escalation training, increase community engagement, and expand holistic collaborative services.

The time is now to finally fix this broken system, locally and nationally.

Sincerely,

Matthew Boguske

8500 148th Ave NE Apt B1005

Redmond, WA 980523495

[mboguske@yahoo.com](mailto:mboguske@yahoo.com)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Melina Sparks](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE:  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:52:44 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Melina,

Thank you for reaching out via email earlier this month and sharing your interest in police reform and racial equality. Please accept my apologies for this delayed response.

In response to your items listed:

- The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and you are invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). You can also visit [redmond.gov/Budget](http://redmond.gov/Budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.
- Redmond Police have been coordinating with protest planners and have fully supported the peaceful protests in Redmond over the past couple of weeks. No arrests were made.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. I can assure you that our Police Department and city have and will continue to take the threat of bias and unequal treatment very seriously. We are currently working to finalize a plan moving forward to thoroughly and transparently address these topics and will be sharing with the community very soon.

I am very pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was recently appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force, which will provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. The press release is available [here](#). I am honored and pleased to work alongside a Police Chief and a department that chooses to be a part of the solution.

I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond, and again, thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective. It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Melina Sparks <melinasparks@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 8:30 PM

**To:** Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>

**Cc:** campaign@electangelabirney.com; Jeralee Anderson <janderson@redmond.gov>; David Carson <DCARSON@redmond.gov>; Steve Fields <sfields@redmond.gov>; Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>; Varisha Khan <vkhan@redmond.gov>; Vanessa Kritzer <vkritzer@redmond.gov>; Tanika Padhye <tpadhye@redmond.gov>

**Subject:**

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi, my name is Melina Sparks and I live in Redmond, WA.

I'm writing to demand that Mayor Birney and City Council immediately agree to the demands laid out to defund the Redmond police department. These demands are to:

1. Defund the RPD by 50%
2. Re-allocate those funds to community-led health and safety systems
3. Release protestors arrested during this uprising without charges

As a Redmond resident, I believe defending Black Lives in Redmond looks like defunding RPD and reinvesting in Community. RPD shows us again and again that reform and police accountability is not possible. Our Black and brown communities have suffered under police terror, have been disproportionately incarcerated, and have been murdered for no reason.

We cannot wait for more Black people to be murdered before we make real change happen. It's time to be the part of the future and Defund the RPD now.

Sincerely,  
Melina  
(*she/her*)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Nancy Feinerman](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Defunding police  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:49:36 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support of police funding. I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we will be launching a community questionnaire next week. I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Feinerman <nancyfeinerman@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:26 PM  
To: MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
Subject: Defunding police

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I am voicing my objection to defunding the police... and I am a moderate liberal!!! Why is this issue not given an open vote by all the people of Washington??

For example if you have social workers going out to address domestic abuse this is a very dangerous situation and sometimes involves people with guns. The inexperienced social workers run the risk of being shot. Also to have 911 calls answered by untrained civilians will result in disaster I believe!!! Especially answering calls with people on the verge of suicide or frightened because of impending violence.

I believe defunding police is a recipe for disaster! Also if salaries are cut to work as a policeman you will attract only a lower quality of candidates.

That is my say on the subject.

A Redmond resident.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Gerry Lawrence](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fully Fund the Redmond Police Department  
**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:06:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Mr. Lawrence,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support of funding the Police Department. I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize City spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we will be launching a community questionnaire next week. I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Gerry Lawrence <[gwlperl@gmail.com](mailto:gwlperl@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fully Fund the Redmond Police Department

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I'd double the Redmond Police Budget if it were up to me. They deserve every bit of it.

Redmond fully supports all of its first responders.

We applaud Redmond PD's great work in the area of community policing and support fully-funding them to keep Redmond one of the safest places in Washington to live.

Say NO to de-funding or under-funding the Redmond Police Department.

Thank you!

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Arnold Tomac](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: We support full funding of the Redmond Police Department...  
**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:09:54 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Arnie,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support of funding the Police Department. I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

As you know, the Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we will be launching a community questionnaire next week. I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Arnold Tomac <[arnoldtomac@gmail.com](mailto:arnoldtomac@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:04 PM  
To: MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
Subject: We support full funding of the Redmond Police Department...

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

We applaud Redmond PD's great work in the area of community policing and support fully-funding them to keep Redmond one of the safest places in Washington to live.

Say NO to de-funding or under-funding the Redmond Police Department.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Phil Hutchinson](#)  
**Cc:** [Bob Reife](#); [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MORE funding is needed for the Redmond Police Department, not less  
**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:12:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Mr. Hutchinson,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support of funding the Police Department. I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we will be launching a community questionnaire next week. I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Phil Hutchinson <[philhut@gmail.com](mailto:philhut@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bob Reife <[bob@rheumatix.com](mailto:bob@rheumatix.com)>

**Subject:** MORE funding is needed for the Redmond Police Department, not less

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Mayor and Council Members,

I have lived in Redmond for almost 28 years. After completing two (well, one and a half thanks to COVID-19) sessions of the Redmond Citizen Police Academy during that time, I am confident that the RPD is a fantastic part of our community. Rigorous hiring practices have built a team of skilled individuals who truly care about the people they are protecting. Any attempt to "defund" this institution would be harmful to the City at best, and criminally liable at worst. Redmond's population is forecast to continue spiking, so reducing RPD's effectiveness is a step in exactly the wrong direction. This whole "defund" movement feels like a misguided knee-jerk reaction to a few overpublicized, overhyped incidents occurring in communities far-removed from Redmond.

If anything, the Council needs to add far MORE funding to RPD and expand policing efforts already in place. We need more officers on the streets. We need more traffic patrols. We need more bike patrols. We need more detectives. We need more support staff. We need more reserve officers. We need more volunteers. We need more mental health professionals like the amazing Susie Kroll. RPD knows what it needs to do to keep our community safe, so please don't harm it and the City of Redmond by decreasing its funding. Instead, please spend your time figuring out how to make it bigger and better.

Sincerely,  
Phil Hutchinson  
15924 NE 95th Way  
Redmond, WA 98052  
425-881-1300

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [barb.cahoon@gmail.com](mailto:barb.cahoon@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: We support full funding of the Redmond Police Department...  
**Date:** Friday, July 17, 2020 7:29:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support of funding the Police Department. I appreciate hearing from residents of Redmond and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we will be launching a community questionnaire next week. I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: [barb.cahoon@gmail.com](mailto:barb.cahoon@gmail.com) <[barb.cahoon@gmail.com](mailto:barb.cahoon@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:57 PM  
To: MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>

Subject: We support full funding of the Redmond Police Department...

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

We applaud Redmond PD's great work in the area of community policing and support fully-funding them to keep Redmond one of the safest places in Washington to live.

Say NO to de-funding or under-funding the Redmond Police Department.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Clarke Jewell](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: We support full funding of the Redmond Police Department...  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:26:10 AM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)

---

Hello Clarke,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support of funding the Police Department. I appreciate hearing from members of the Redmond community and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we will be launching a community questionnaire next week. I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Clarke Jewell <ClarkeJ@olyprecast.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 5:12 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** We support full funding of the Redmond Police Department...

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

We applaud Redmond PD's great work in the area of community policing and support fully-funding them to keep Redmond one of the safest places in Washington to live.

Say NO to de-funding or under-funding the Redmond Police Department.

Thank you!

--

Clarke Jewell

President

Olympian Precast

APA & NPCA Plant Certified

425-868-1922

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Andy Sharpe](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: We support full funding of the Redmond Police Department...  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:32:29 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support of funding the Police Department. I appreciate hearing from members of the Redmond community and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we will be launching a community questionnaire next week. I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Andy Sharpe <[asharpe@sandwichsc.com](mailto:asharpe@sandwichsc.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:41 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** We support full funding of the Redmond Police Department...

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

We applaud Redmond PD's great work in the area of community policing and support fully-funding them to keep Redmond one of the safest places in Washington to live. Say NO to de-funding or under-funding the Redmond Police Department. Thank you!

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Anna Lantz](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#); [Police](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for defunding of Redmond police department  
**Date:** Friday, July 31, 2020 9:58:56 AM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)

---

Hi Ms. Lantz,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your interest in police reform. I am glad you found the Police Department's FAQs helpful, and I appreciate your support of the City's Community Equity Action Team (CEAT), mental health professional, and homeless outreach efforts.

Recently, on July 8, I signed the Obama Foundation pledge to address police use of force policies. By signing this pledge, the City is committing to the following actions:

1. Reviewing police use of force policies
2. Engaging the community by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in our review
3. Reporting the findings of our review to the community and seeking feedback
4. Reforming our community's police use of force policies

I am currently working with city staff, leadership, and the City Council to finalize a plan moving forward to thoroughly and transparently address this and similar topics and will be sharing with the community very soon. We are also working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

I am also pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was recently appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force, which will provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. The press release is available [here](#). I am honored to work alongside a Police Chief and a department that chooses to be a part of the solution.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we recently launched a [community questionnaire](#). I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). We are committed to carefully reviewing city spending and are working to ensure both the safety of the public and responsible allocation of city funds across all departments. You can visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on that process and to learn more about how you can get involved.

Again, thank you for your comments. I will continue to keep your input and feedback in mind as we

move forward with our discussions and plans to review police department policies.

Mayor Birney



Angela Birney  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Anna Lantz <lantz.e.anna@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 11:34 PM  
To: MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>; Police <RPD@REDMOND.GOV>  
Subject: Request for defunding of Redmond police department

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello Mayor, Council, RPD, and interns reading this:

Although I live in Redmond, I have been extremely frightened by the sights of the police brutality that have harmed my friends in Seattle and Portland. (And yes I do live here, my name's Anna Lantz, I live on 182nd Ave NE, Redmond, 98052, etc. etc.. )

Because of this, I think it's more important than ever that we build upon the current Redmond police force's relative improvements in preventing police brutality, such as the methods listed on Redmond PD's site's FAQ section, in order to give a clear case to cities like Seattle and Portland that preventing police brutality does not lead to violent anarchy.

This means highlighting what we are already doing well that other jurisdictions are not, such as boosting the voice of our Community Equity Action Team, employing a full-time mental health officer who deploys alongside patrol officers, and working with the Homeless Outreach Program.

This means partial defunding of the Redmond police force coupled with public support of the defunding motion currently happening in Seattle, and reinvesting that money into known preventive measures for decreasing crime: community outreach, mental health resources, public education, and access to food and shelter. Obviously, this should be accompanied by looking into methods to decrease our community's reliance on cops for nonviolent, non-urgent issues, so the police can focus the money they do have on crimes that are truly best handled by police intervention (as

opposed to that of a counselor or social worker).

It would mean acknowledging that, while statements on when force can be used and encouraging police officers to file internal reports of excessive force on their coworkers are nice in theory, they are meaningless if not accompanied by transparent, independent methods of accountability. The fact that the vast majority of accusations of excessive force against the police department are dismissed is not a good thing - to many voters, it is a sign that investigations are not being taken seriously.

One of the best ways to increase public faith in the police department, in this case, is greater transparency: removing the requirement that IIT Leads must have work experience as a law enforcement officer (a conflict of interest form does not change the inherent conflict of only allowing police officers to lead investigations against other officers, and the difference of power between leads and community representatives hinders your check against these conflicts of interest), eliminate qualified immunity for cases of deadly force and bring disputed cases to a public court, and utilizing tools like body cams as evidence in disputed cases.

In summary: we should be using this political climate to prove that our own police force, by example, is capable of successfully minimizing police brutality, in order to encourage other locations to apply similar techniques.

Thank you for your time.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Ani Babaian](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: I support the police  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 4:00:56 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)

---

Hello Ani,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support of funding the Redmond Police Department. I appreciate hearing from members of the Redmond community and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective. I also appreciate your understanding of the difficult decisions city officials must make.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we recently launched a [community questionnaire](#). I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Ani Babaian <[anib@keystonerei.net](mailto:anib@keystonerei.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2020 5:23 PM  
**To:** Angela Birney <[abirney@redmond.gov](mailto:abirney@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** I support the police

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Miss Birney,

Thank you for your service. My family & I are Redmond residents and I stand for diversity, justice and I stand with the police.

I realize during this time when Seattle is defunding the Police, it may be of interest to the Redmond Council members to think and act the same. Specially if those in support of defunding the police speak loudly.

Would you please read my quick history?

I was born in Iran as an Armenian. I was a Christian minority woman in a country where I felt equal to others. Until 1979 when the King left Iran.

Over night we lost our police, we lost our rights as minorities and I became a commodity as woman less valuable than a car.

When we lost our police, the crowds harmed and killed each other much like I am seeing here in the US. Moreover, the emergency services stopped responding because they didn't feel safe without the police.

Everyone became fearful, hopeless, crime rates & suicide rates went up. Our life turned from thriving into surviving. The criminals took over, after many deaths to family and friends, Iran erected a military system to protect it's citizens. So instead of having the police, we had military with AK-47 protecting us with their guns going off randomly and killing innocent people. Life in Iran was never the same. My family and I sold everything we had and were smuggled out of Iran to become refugees in Switzerland and later in the United States. We came here with the hope that we will be safe!

When you & the council members make the hard decision to listen to those who speak loudly about defunding the police, please also think about all of us immigrants who are now Citizens of US and living in Redmond. We feel safe here, please do not take our "SAFETY" away. I know many other families who feel the same as I do, but do not feel safe to voice their opinions.

My ask of you is to ask us, send a anonymous survey or set it up for vote. You will see, only the minority wants to defund the police, most of us are too scared to speak because we then become targets.

We can educate and help the police to be more diversity & justice minded. But defunding them means we will not have anyone to call if we need help.

Over the last 10 years the police have helped me:

- Catch a gang of thieves who were targeting houses in Redmond which brought strange cars and people to our neighborhood which I reported
- Human traffickers who came into contact with my neighbors children
- Saved me from an accident here in Redmond & reported it
- Rescued and serviced many of our neighbors and friends

These men and women is why many of us immigrant citizens feel safe in the US.

Thank you for your time.

Hugs and I pray for you and the council members as you all navigate these difficult times,  
Ani Babaian

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Jay Olsen](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Police Dept  
**Date:** Monday, August 31, 2020 8:25:17 AM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)

---

Hello Jay,

Thank you for your email. I enjoy hearing from Redmond residents, and I appreciate you taking time to share your experience with the Redmond Police Department. I will pass along your email to Chief Lowe.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and we recently launched a [community questionnaire](#). I hope you will respond. You are also invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [redmond.gov/budget](http://redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Again, thank you for reaching out.

Mayor Birney



**Angela Birney**  
Mayor | City of Redmond  
☎: 425.556.2101 | ✉: [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jay Olsen <[Jay@svmrestoration.com](mailto:Jay@svmrestoration.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 12:11 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Redmond Police Dept

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Greetings,

I wanted to share an experience and my thoughts about our local police dept. We have been residents of Redmond for 32 years, raised our family here, and have operated three businesses within Redmond city limits for the past 27 years. We employ approx. three dozen employees many of whom also live in Redmond. We have substantial investments here and Redmond is our permanent home.

Much of our larger business is disaster restoration/cleaning and the uncomfortable jobs that most contractors refuse to do.

Recently, we were tasked with removing and cleaning up another homeless encampment in the Redmond Town Center area. When these calls come in, results are expected in short order. Part of our logistics and safety plan is to have the occupant gone when our crews arrive. We are not counselors or enforcement.

On this most recent project, the occupant was still present after fair warning that we were scheduled to remove his collection of debris. For scale, the disposal weight was just under 4,000 lbs of contents and garbage/waste. The random contents were stolen goods from neighboring businesses and residential homes and the site was a haz-mat project. This is a serious problem and the 4<sup>th</sup> one (for us) within the last year in Redmond.

We had scheduled with RPD to assist. Two officers arrived on time and quickly removed the occupant from the site. Tho he was visibly agitated and obvious psychologically/drug abuse challenged, the officers proceeded to calmly explain the facts to him and enforce the law. Within 30 minutes, we were back on schedule to complete our job and return the area to a safe environment. This was textbook law enforcement.

I am sure this was just another call for the officers and nothing that they would take notice of. But to a citizen and business owner, it was exactly the day to day policing that keeps Redmond and it's citizens safe. Our crew noticed and I noticed. In fact, I cannot think of a police contact that I or any of my employees have had that was not professional and positive.

Officers Ott and Perlstein were the example of what policing looks like in Redmond. Chief Lowe should be proud that his police dept is setting the bar high.

With the current civil unrest in our society and the call to defund police depts, I find the lack of support for our police discouraging and short sighted.

To be honest, I find it a form of insanity that will lead to further chaos. Never in my life did I imagine city councils and city leadership would actually contemplate reducing law enforcement due to pressure from anarchists that offer only destruction and unfettered crime. Bowing down to those that threaten to disrupt and destroy our cities and livelihoods will only embolden them.

Extortionists will always demand more. Always.

What has happened to Seattle and Portland (for example) should NEVER happen in Redmond. I implore all of you to make sound decisions based on what is in the best interest of Redmond and its citizens.

As you decide the course for our community, please keep in mind that the other 99% of citizens need and appreciate our police department and encourage a stronger department with more resources, not less.

We will continue to do our part to support those that support us.

Thankyou for your time,

Jay Olsen  
J.C. Services Inc.  
Redmond WA 98052

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Sarah Herrera](#)  
**To:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** Redmond's inclusion manager position  
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020 7:26:29 PM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

"Reallocation of a vacant police officer position to fund a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager to support the vision that all Redmond community members can fully and effectively access services, influence city policy, and direction, and feel a sense of belonging"

My name is Sarah Herrera. I am a stay at home mother to two children who have gone to Redmond public schools. We have lived in Seattle since 2001 and downtown Redmond since 2004. My husband is a tech worker.

I'm adding my voice to the people who have been disappointed by the city of Redmond's reaction to a national movement and moment. We don't need more studies or planning commissions or diversity and inclusion managers to explain why black and brown people feel unsafe in Redmond, why people are homeless, why the working poor can't afford to live in Redmond, or how to access meager, privately delivered social services.

Instead of creating another highly paid job for a college educated person, why not use that money to pay Redmond Inn to house people during the winter time? Instead of putting so much money into planning missions and funneling money to nonprofits so the rich can keep making decisions for everyone, put money directly into the pockets of the people who desperately need it? People need rent control, rent relief, real access to jobs and healthcare. Creating a manager of diversity and inclusion does nothing to further that cause.

Why didn't Redmond open City Hall or the library so that people could seek shelter this weekend? How can the city council justify funding multi-million dollar nonprofits like Hopelink with their closed \$13 million dollar office building while human beings are living in their cars? Relying on \$5 Safeway gift cards to get the unhoused off the streets for a few moments during an apocalyptic smoke crisis is not only contemptuous of the unhoused but of the Safeway workers who do not deserve to be volunteered as unpaid social workers

The problems have always been clear and the solutions have always been clear: people need food, jobs, and housing and when they can't get those things the government should give them money. Redmond's budget is enormous and it's astonishing how little of it goes

directly to the people. The federal government has neglected the people and are now watching them suffer and die. The appalling lack of humanity demonstrated by the supposedly liberal Redmond government towards the poor and unhoused, disproportionately black and brown people, during an environmental, economic, and health crisis is equally shameful.

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [lea\\_solutionsinbookkeeping.com](mailto:lea_solutionsinbookkeeping.com)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Police department  
**Date:** Monday, September 21, 2020 9:24:20 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Ms. Ellis,

Thank you for contacting the City regarding your support of funding the Redmond Police Department. I appreciate hearing from members of the Redmond community and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and you are invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [www.redmond.gov/budget](http://www.redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☐ 425-556-2101 ☐ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☐ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** lea solutionsinbookkeeping.com <[lea@solutionsinbookkeeping.com](mailto:lea@solutionsinbookkeeping.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 19, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Police department

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I wanted to write to you to express my feelings about our police department. I am thankful that we have these amazing men and women who have put their lives on the line to serve our community.

I know that the squeaky wheel gets the oil and I have concerns that there might be some loud voices getting your attention. I want to stand up and let you know that there are many, including me and my family, who support our police department. If things need defunded, I suggest you start somewhere else. Our safety and security are paramount to your responsibility and I ask that you recognize that. Do not assume that because you don't hear from us that we don't matter.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lea Ellis  
425.829.8724

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Nancy Laswell](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Death of Woman by Police on Sunday night  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:15:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

---

Hello Ms. Laswell,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your interest in police reform. I appreciate hearing from members of the Redmond community and thank you for taking the time to email and share your perspective.

The safety of our diverse Redmond community is our top priority. De-escalation is a priority for all our police officers, and it is a tragedy when an incident ends in injury or loss of life. The Redmond Police Department strives to deliver police services as efficiently and unobtrusively as possible with minimal reliance upon the use of physical force. Currently, city leadership and Council are working on several opportunities for the community to participate in a conversation regarding the Police Department's policies, procedures, and practices. We will be rolling that out to the community soon, and I hope that you will contribute as these upcoming opportunities arise.

Additionally, on July 8, I signed the Obama Foundation pledge to address police use of force policies. By signing this pledge, the City is committing to the following actions:

1. Reviewing police use of force policies
2. Engaging the community by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in our review
3. Reporting the findings of our review to the community and seeking feedback
4. Reforming our community's police use of force policies

I am also pleased to share that Redmond's Police Chief, Darrell Lowe, was recently appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on a Washington State task force, which will provide recommendations for legislation intended to address issues of policing and racial justice. The press release is available [here](#). I am honored to work alongside a Police Chief and a department that chooses to be a part of the solution.

The Redmond community helps the City Council and me to prioritize city spending through Redmond's Budgeting by Priorities process. The City is currently working on the 2021-22 budget, and you are invited to submit your thoughts on how we prioritize and invest in our next biennial budget to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). Please visit [www.redmond.gov/budget](http://www.redmond.gov/budget) for more information on the Budgeting by Priorities process.

It has certainly been a difficult time for many members of our community, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy and doing well.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Laswell <nlaswell@comcast.net>  
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 3:27 PM  
To: Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>  
Subject: Death of Woman by Police on Sunday night

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Birney

I was shocked that the Redmond police killed a woman after responding to her 911 call on Sunday night. For me, this highlights the need for a diversification in the skill sets for our public safety personnel who respond to emergency calls. The dialogue across the nation has been robust - particularly to ensure that all 911 calls are not responded to in the same manner. When all you have is a hammer than everything looks like a nail. Unfortunately, when it comes to issues of domestic violence and mental illness a hammer/gun response can lead to severe injury or death of a very vulnerable citizen.

A study was done on incoming prisoners to the Washington State penal system. Over 60% had pre-existing traumatic brain injuries. Another 25% have chronic mental illness. For both of these populations, loud demands by police can be disorienting and cause panic. If a cop has a gun, the response to the person's panic can be severe injury to this vulnerable person. A great example is the 13 year old autistic boy in Salt Lake City who was shot 7 times and has lifetime injuries.

I would urge the City of Redmond to evaluate the police budget for 2021 to identify how to diversify our capacity for responding to 911 calls. This could include shifting some positions from cops to mental health professionals. That would provide more depth to our public safety response. Hiring mental health professionals who are skilled in dealing with mental illness, autism, head injury, domestic violence will benefit all of us. It will also benefit our police officers who will be under much less stress from situations for which they are untrained or under trained. From a financial perspective it is less costly as study after study has shown. And it avoids very sad and costly lawsuits

when cops over react to a stressful situation.

Thank you for your consideration

Nancy Laswell - a 38 year resident of our fine city.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Forrest Trepte](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#); [Darrell Lowe](#)  
**Subject:** RE: What is needed for body cameras be implemented for the Redmond police department?  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 7:43:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)  
[image010.png](#)

---

Hello Forrest,

Thank you for your email. Given the City's current budget deficit, body worn cameras are not included in the police department's proposed budget. Chief Lowe is continuing to explore possible grant opportunities to assist in acquiring funding to implement a body-worn camera program.

To view Council meeting agendas, materials, and videos, please visit the City's Meeting Information Center at <https://redmond.legistar.com/>. Additionally, you can watch Council meetings live at Redmond.gov/rctvlive, Facebook (@CityofRedmond), Comcast Channel 21, or Frontier Channel 34. You can also listen in by calling 510-335-7371. Discussions regarding the City's 2021-2022 budget will begin on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

I appreciate your engagement with the City, and I hope you and your family are staying healthy during this time.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Forrest Trepte <forrest@microsoft.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 26, 2020 1:16 PM  
**To:** Steve Fields <sfields@redmond.gov>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: What is needed for body cameras be implemented for the Redmond police department?

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello again. Has there been further discussion of dash cameras and body cameras in the upcoming

budget?

I did some searching on the City of Redmond web site, but I wasn't able to find discussion of this topic. This could be because I'm not experienced with how to navigate the meeting information and use the search tools, so I may be missing lots of things. I can understand that amid COVID response and a recession this will be a difficult initiative to achieve, but it feels like we should start planning to put such a system in place. Please let me know if there's a future (or past) meeting that I can view in order to learn more about this topic.

Thanks!  
-Forrest

---

**From:** Forrest Trepte  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** Steve Fields <[sfields@redmond.gov](mailto:sfields@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: What is needed for body cameras be implemented for the Redmond police department?

Thanks for your reply! I'll be interested in following this issue as you discuss the budget later this year. Thank you, council, for serving our community!

---

**From:** Steve Fields <[sfields@redmond.gov](mailto:sfields@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 3:03 PM  
**To:** Forrest Trepte <[forrest@microsoft.com](mailto:forrest@microsoft.com)>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: What is needed for body cameras be implemented for the Redmond police department?

Hello Mr. Trepte,

I am responding on behalf of the entire Council. We very much appreciate the time and work you have done to learn more about policing in the city of Redmond. We also appreciate your recognition of the systems, policies, community oversight, and training we have in place to establish understanding and trust between police officers and the community.

You are correct that Redmond at this time does not use [dash cameras and body cameras](#). Your statements in support of how visual and audio recording of police actions can improve transparency, protection for all involved, and training opportunities is recognized and will continue to be included in our discussions as we go forward. Specifically, to your question for the mayor and council, "what is needed in order to make this happen?". The city council held an initial discussion with the city Police Chief during our June 16, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting on the benefits as well as the cost of dash and body cameras as standard operating equipment. This will most likely be a budget-related item for discussion as we determine our 2021-2022 budget later this year.

We appreciate hearing from you. Thank you. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely  
Steve Fields  
Redmond City Council

---

**From:** Forrest Trepte <[forrest@microsoft.com](mailto:forrest@microsoft.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 4:33 PM

**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** What is needed for body cameras be implemented for the Redmond police department?

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Following the George Floyd killing I have been educating myself about policing and am taking a look at the city of Redmond where I live and vote. I am encouraged to see that in Redmond police officers receive annual de-escalation training, annual implicit bias training, and are expected to use a minimum level of force. Community outreach and transparency via the Community Equity Action Team seems like a great way to build understanding and trust between police officers and the community. Please continue supporting programs like these. To me, it seems worth considering vastly increased time for officers to train for difficult situations and to reflect and grow their skills as [described in this video suggesting 20% training time](#).

I see that [dash cameras and body cameras](#) are not available in the Redmond police department. I can understand that the budget, privacy, and IT management of such a system will be challenging. However, this is essential for transparency and to protect both police officers and the community by being able to establish what really happened in a situation. Even if there isn't a deadly incident, this would also help officers to review what happened after action, learn, and improve their technique and handling of situations. It seems to me that dash cameras and body cameras are becoming an essential tool of modern professional policing. My question for the mayor and council is, what is needed in order to make this happen?

Thanks for your consideration.

-Forrest



**Forrest Trepte**

Senior Software Engineer

Mixed Reality Studios | Cross-Domain Delivery (CDD) | Microsoft Services

Worldwide

W 425.707.3352 | M 425.894.6117 | [forrest@microsoft.com](mailto:forrest@microsoft.com)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

This message has been scanned for malware by Websense. [www.websense.com](http://www.websense.com)

**From:** [Kelley Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Christina Reller](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Overlake CIP  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:36:45 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image011.png](#)  
[image012.png](#)  
[image013.png](#)  
[image019.png](#)  
[image020.png](#)  
[image021.png](#)  
[image022.png](#)  
[image023.png](#)

---

For Public Comment Matrix

### Kelley Cochran

Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond

425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessie R. Morgan <[JRMORGAN@redmond.gov](mailto:JRMORGAN@redmond.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:32 PM

**To:** Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>

**Subject:** FW: Overlake CIP

### Jessie Morgan

Senior Accounting Associate, City of Redmond



☎ 425-556-2196

✉ [jrmorgan@redmond.gov](mailto:jrmorgan@redmond.gov)

🌐 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710



Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:26 PM

**To:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>; Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Overlake CIP

Hi Mr. Hinman,

I am responding as council ombudsperson to acknowledge receipt of these additional comments from you on the budget. Thanks for watching our meeting last week and for the thoughtful comments. These will be added to our public comment matrix and we will keep them in mind as we move forward on CIP decisions!

Best,  
Vanessa



Vanessa Kritzer  
Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Overlake CIP

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Councilmember Forsyth and Council

May I complement you on the depth of questions regarding Overlake CIP in the first budget session last night. The conversation on what project funds are proposed in the current budget and what was proposed in the last CIP was a bit convoluted but necessary.

I have tracked Overlake Village development in some depth since

relocating to Redmond in 2004, including 8 years as the Overlake “specialist” on the Redmond Planning Commission and another 2 years as community member/co-chair of the PSRC’s EastLink Corridor Task Force. It is that background that informs my comments during the prior budget cycle regarding Overlake CIP in my supplemental comment material previously provided and as extracted in the attachment below along with a previous statement from 2014. It was not addressed in my hearing testimony on Tuesday due to time limitations.

### ***Safe Access to Light Rail -***

I strongly believe that safe bike-ped access to ST’s Overlake Village Station needs continued attention and priority. While non-vehicular access to the Station from the north, east and west may be satisfactory given the 520 footbridge connections to 148<sup>th</sup> and overpass on 31<sup>st</sup>, the same cannot be said about access from the south.

I am most concerned about safe connections over the widened, high traffic 24<sup>th</sup> roadway, but also have some question about traffic flow off the new 520 eastbound bypass ramp as bike-ped riders approach the Station. As 151<sup>st</sup> and 152<sup>nd</sup> street designs reach refinement, and private developers make contributions to infrastructure investment, please keep car-pedestrian conflict in mind and minimize barriers to Station access. A conversation with Bellevue on pedestrian corridors northbound from Bel-Red/20th to the Station would seem appropriate.

### ***Coordinated Park Planning –***

As Overlake Village is built out, access to parks and rec facilities need to keep pace with the growing number of residents. I realize that Esterra Park and Seritage are supposed to provide some green spaces within their Master Plans. I also know that there will be an additional park across 152<sup>nd</sup> from the Esterra Park project as well as some sort of amenity/plaza adjoining the light rail station. If I understood staff comments correctly, developing a coordinated plan for development of these parks is presently part of the 2050 effort. In my view, that process is too protracted if we are to shape impending developments in Overlake most appropriately. A conversation with Bellevue would be prudent for collaborative planning of the broader Overlake district needs. (To my knowledge, the last joint meeting of the Redmond and Bellevue City Councils was September 30, 2014. Is it a time to schedule an update?)

Finally, let me note that the character of parks currently under consideration are largely flat green expanses with some amenities. That is why I was among those who hoped to preserve some of the trees in the former Group Health property (now Esterra Park) as an urban forest refuge. The opportunity for a tree refuge still exists, but it lies within the Bellevue jurisdiction. The former Unigard site (now Bellevue Technology Center) has maintained tree cover of the nature I recommend, but it is under up-zoning threat. Again, meeting the needs of the broader Overlake area might suggest some cross-jurisdiction collaboration to see if a joint district park is feasible.

Thank you for your focus on Overlake's long-range development. I have long felt that Overlake was not benefitting from geographic equity relative to Redmond's other Urban Center....the Downtown. Certainly the City has made significant investment in Overlake, but those investments are largely unseen in stormwater vaults. Overlake should not be underserved in the future.

Tom Hinman

PS - I am also participating in Northeast Bellevue's Great Neighborhoods visioning process and making the same recommendations there.

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Kate Gonzales](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Old Redmond Firehouse Funding  
**Date:** Saturday, October 24, 2020 8:45:57 PM

---

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi Council Members,

I'm writing this email tonight to voice my support for the Old Redmond Firehouse Teen Center and concern for loss of its funding. I grew up in Redmond almost 10 years ago (graduating high school and moving out of Redmond in 2012) and through my youth and teens the OFH played a huge role in life.

I made lifelong friends, created hobbies, had intelligent and discussions that challenged me to consider disparities that were hard to see through the upper middle class glasses of Redmond Washington. More than that, the OFH gave me a safe space and a place without judgement. I firmly believe that I would not be alive if it weren't for my involvement at the OFH, and while that statement is dramatic it is the absolute truth. Being a teen is hard, we all know that, and to have a space where I was respected, listened to and supported made a huge difference in my life. Cutting the funding to the OFH would be a huge disservice to all youths and teens in Redmond and I ask that you prioritize funding to support the OFH and this support the teens that use their services.

Thanks for listening!

Kate

**From:** [Nicole LaBrie](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Old Fire House Teen Center  
**Date:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 6:40:43 PM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

Please continue to fund the Old FireHouse Teen Center. We need as many teen spaces in King County as possible. It's crucial for teens to have access to positive environments and the arts.

Sincerely,  
Nicole LaBrie

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Conor Glassey](#)  
**To:** [BP Questions](#)  
**Cc:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Old Firehouse  
**Date:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 11:50:40 PM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

My name is Conor Glassey. My family moved to Redmond when I was a child and I grew up there. From middle school to high school, and even into college, I spent countless hours at the Old Firehouse.

I mostly loved going to concerts there on the weekends, but also attended classes, workshops, and just always knew it was a safe place for my friends & I to spend time. I played in a band in high school and was thrilled when our band got to take the stage there. My friends and I also started our own self-published magazine where we would interview bands that played there and distributed the magazine at the OFH. That led to me wanting to study journalism in college, and I worked as a professional journalist for 7 years.

In addition to promoting the arts, spending time at the Old Firehouse taught me about unity, tolerance, kindness, and cooperation. The employees there were vital resources for youth in the area. I remember some of them volunteering to chaperone a field trip for our class in junior high, and several of my friends and peers knew they could go to the adults there for any kind of advice - which is extremely important when you're that age!

The Old Firehouse has been a staple in Redmond for decades and I would hate to see its funding cut. I know how much it meant to me as a teen, and how much it surely means to the youth of Redmond (and beyond) today.

Please do not cut the budget for staffing or services at The Old Firehouse!

Sincerely,

— **Conor Glassey**  
**(206) 849-6612**

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.



**From:** [Kelley Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Christina Reller](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Upcoming Budget Cuts  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:22:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

For Public Comment Matrix

**Kelley Cochran**

Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond  
425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Anika Van Ry <[avanry@redmond.gov](mailto:avanry@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:37 AM  
**To:** Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Maxine Whattam <[mwhattam@redmond.gov](mailto:mwhattam@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Upcoming Budget Cuts

Thank you!

**Anika Van Ry**

Executive Analyst, City of Redmond

-----  
425-556-2112 | [avanry@redmond.gov](mailto:avanry@redmond.gov) | [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Anika Van Ry <[avanry@redmond.gov](mailto:avanry@redmond.gov)>; Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Maxine Whattam <[mwhattam@redmond.gov](mailto:mwhattam@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Upcoming Budget Cuts

Hi Anika:

Here is a draft response:

-----  
Mr. and Mrs. Selby:

Thank you so much for your email and concerns about the Parks Department budget and staff reductions. This is a direct result of the pandemic.

As part of the Mayor's budget, there are proposed staffing reductions in all areas of Community Recreation and Events. We have had the doors closed on all of our facilities since March and have been unable to provide in person programming. Because of this, we are projecting a significant deficit in our Recreation Activity Fund and needed to propose staffing reductions in order to balance the budget.

The Recreation and Event staff have been providing virtual programs and events, providing customer service, launching a park ambassador program and provided much needed Meals on Wheels and Senior Nutrition Program. Most of these programs will continue, but we will not be able to provide in person programs until we receive guidance from the Governor's office that it is safe to do so.

The City has money set aside in an economic contingency that we will use to recover our Parks and Recreation Program once the City is able to open up under the Governor's guidelines.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

-----  
Thanks Anika!

**Carrie Hite** (she, her, hers)

Parks and Recreation Director, City of Redmond

-----  
425-556-2326 | [cbite@redmond.gov](mailto:cbite@redmond.gov) | [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4SCC • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of

confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Anika Van Ry <[avanry@redmond.gov](mailto:avanry@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 4:57 PM  
**To:** Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Maxine Whattam <[mwhattam@redmond.gov](mailto:mwhattam@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Upcoming Budget Cuts

Hi Carrie,

The Mayor and Council received the email below. Can you draft a response for the Mayor to send? Malisa and Kelley, I'm including you two since this is a budget comment email.

Thanks!

**Anika Van Ry**  
Executive Analyst, City of Redmond

425-556-2112 [avanry@redmond.gov](mailto:avanry@redmond.gov) [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** susan selby <[selby924@comcast.net](mailto:selby924@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>; Varisha Khan <[vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov)>; Steve Fields <[sfields@redmond.gov](mailto:sfields@redmond.gov)>; Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>; Tanika Padhye <[tpadhye@redmond.gov](mailto:tpadhye@redmond.gov)>; Jeralee Anderson <[janderson@redmond.gov](mailto:janderson@redmond.gov)>; David Carson <[DCARSON@redmond.gov](mailto:DCARSON@redmond.gov)>; Mayor (Internet) <[Mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:Mayor@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Upcoming Budget Cuts

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond City Council and Mayor Birney,

I am again writing on behalf of my father Robert Selby, a 20 year member of the Redmond Senior Center.

When we learned of the proposed budget cuts which will eliminate a significant number of employees from the Parks Department (which largely is responsible for staffing and serving the Senior Center and other important programs such as those for Youth etc), we were very upset. Certainly with the Covid 19 crisis, all revenues and therefore budgets have been impacted and it is understandable that creative measures to find funding to support those positions are required.

It is our understanding that most communities have funds (emergency and otherwise) that have been set aside for use in unusual times such as what this year has wrought. Why is it that these emergency funds are not being used to support these critical Parks Department positions? It seems unreasonable that measures aren't being taken to utilize emergency funds in this time of fiscal crisis. If not now, then when?

It is most discouraging that the majority of the proposed cuts are to the Parks Department whose function it is to serve those most needy of Redmond's citizens (seniors and youths, among others). Other communities have found the resources to continue to fund necessary positions; it seems untenable that Redmond is unwilling to do the same.

Please revisit the scope of the proposed job cuts and reconsider utilizing other sources of funding (such as the emergency fund) to keep the majority of these positions filled. Once the Covid 19 crisis has passed, these positions will need to be refilled and those valuable and knowledgeable employees will have found other positions and we will be the losers.

Thank you.

Susan and Robert Selby

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Kelley Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Christina Reller](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment Regarding OFH Budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:37:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)  
[image010.png](#)  
[image011.png](#)  
[image012.png](#)  
[image013.png](#)  
[image001.png](#)  
[image014.png](#)  
[image015.png](#)  
[image016.png](#)  
[image022.png](#)  
[image023.png](#)  
[image024.png](#)  
[image025.png](#)  
[image026.png](#)

---

For Public Comment Matrix

**Kelley Cochran**

Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond  
425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessie R. Morgan <JRMORGAN@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** Malisa Files <mfiles@REDMOND.GOV>; Kelley Cochran <KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV>  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment Regarding OFH Budget

**Jessie Morgan**  
Senior Accounting Associate, City of Redmond



---

☎ 425-556-2196

✉ [jrmorgan@redmond.gov](mailto:jrmorgan@redmond.gov)

🌐 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710



Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 1:52 PM

**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; [jamielijahbram@gmail.com](mailto:jamielijahbram@gmail.com)

**Cc:** Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Public Comment Regarding OFH Budget

Hi Jamie,

Thank you for reaching out to our council. I am responding as council ombudsperson for the month of October and will report your comments at the next business meeting. Your comments will also be officially logged as a part of our budget deliberation process.

I truly appreciate your passion for our Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFHTC) and its programming. I am so glad that our city's programming made an impact on your life. We will take your comments into consideration when we discuss this item during our budget deliberations.

To give some context on this topic, the budget plans presented for this program are primarily related to restrictions due to COVID-19 and the fact that the OFHTC is currently closed. However, to be clear, this is temporary and **there are no plans to permanently close the center or its programming**. In order to keep our community healthy, our City has had the doors closed on all of our recreational facilities, including the OFHTC, since March due to the pandemic and have been unable to provide in person programming since then. As you probably know, RYPAC has continued to operate virtually and we have done some events virtually as well. We will keep doing so until King County Public Health's guidelines change based on levels of infection in our area. Unfortunately, King County safety guidelines have resulted in no large music events or other large gatherings at the OFHTC, no afterschool programs, or evening events since the pandemic began.

**We are working on a recovery plan, and when we are able to provide in person programs again, we plan to reopen the OFHTC and bring staff back so that we can operate fully.** Some of the proposed cuts you see are a result of the fact that these in person programs are not currently running and the staff is usually paid for out of revenue we make from those programs. That said, we will certainly keep your questions and comments in mind as we deliberate on our budget.

If you and other RYPAC members would like to meet to discuss this further, our Parks and Recreation Director Carrie Hite is available and I am also happy to join. Just email us back to let us know. I believe Director Hite is planning to reach out to RYPAC leaders to talk through the plan for the OFHTC and our other teen programming.

We will discuss this part of the budget this Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at a special meeting at 7pm. You can watch our meetings at [www.Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctvlive), on City of Redmond's facebook page livestream, Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 34, or listen at 510-335-7371. If you would like to share any other comments on our budget, we will be having a final Public Hearing to gather community feedback on Monday, November 2. You can send an email to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov) if you would like to sign up to speak or to enter written comments into the record. To find out when all the meetings on the budget are, you can see the current extended

agenda here: <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11845/102320-extended-agenda?bidId=>

Thank you again for your engagement with our city and for your input into our budget decisions.

Best,  
Vanessa



Vanessa Kritzer  
Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment Regarding OFH Budget

This was received in the City Clerk email inbox. Thank you.

**Cheryl Xanthos, MMC**  
City Clerk, City of Redmond

---

☎ 425-556-2191 ✉ [cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov) 🌐 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jamie Judah Bram <[jamielijudahbram@gmail.com](mailto:jamielijudahbram@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 7:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding OFH Budget

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jamie Judah-Bram, and I am a sophomore at Redmond High School as well as an active member of the Old Fire House Teen Center.

Participating in the OFH, like attending RYPAC and Fall Internship meetings, is the best part of my week and all the other members of OFH. I get the opportunity to meet with students of other schools that I wouldn't be able to meet otherwise. This is especially true during this time of social distancing. Besides collaborating with other teenagers, I get to give back to my community and learn efficient ways of doing so.

This past summer, I joined an event put on by OFH's art internship. Our task was making cards for healthcare workers and it opened my eyes to how difficult it must be for those hands-on treating Covid patients. I made almost 40 cards for the internship event and there is a sense of fulfillment one gets from helping their community and I want that feeling to be given to teenagers for more years to come.

I believe it would be regretful to cut the budget of an institution that allows many connections. The relationships teenagers develop with other youth who have similar interests, along with the bonds between teenagers and their community are crucial. Hearing about the budget cuts of 2021-2022, I knew that wanted to show the Redmond City Council how important the OFH has been, and still is, in teenagers' lives.

Therefore, I started a [petition](#) about 48 hours ago and let people in Redmond know about what is happening to the Redmond Parks and Recreation budget. An abundant amount of people in a short amount of time reached out with their stories and thoughts on the Old Fire House (which I have included as a pdf in this email, along with the signatures). The number of signatures, currently, is 955, yet the number is quickly increasing.

This email is a plea to the Redmond City Council to help us keep our teen center, Old Fire House. Please don't cut our budget, help us keep our Old Fire House Teen Center.

Best,  
Jamie Judah-Bram

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.



Petition details   Comments   Updates



## Give OFH Teens Their Budget Back \*URGENT\*





**1,572 have signed.** Let's get to 2,500!



**Jamie Judah-Bram** signed this petition



**Matthew Forbes** signed 28 minutes ago



**Cam Witte** signed 29 minutes ago

---

**Jamie Judah-Bram started this petition to Angela Birney and 2 others**

We need you to sign this petition to show Redmond City Council that Old Fire House Teen Center/Parks and Recreation is a necessity for Redmond and cannot be cut. If you are a resident of Redmond or just King County, you know of the good they do to help city events run and to empower teens. Many of our teens volunteer in Derby Days, So Bazaar, and Redmond Lights. We host social events that are led by teens to teach them leadership and management. Without our budget, we won't be able to give back to our community in such big ways as we had in the past. About 11 employees will lose their jobs due to this budget cut and we need you to top this. **Please sign the petition and if you have time please email [council@redmond.gov](mailto:council@redmond.gov) and make your voice heard. A positive comment for OFH is a positive step for our youth.**

**Start a petition of your own**

[Start a petition of your own](#)

[This petition starter stood up and took action. Will you do the same?](#)

[Start a petition](#)

**Updates**

6 hours ago

1,500 supporters

4 days ago

Jamie Judah-Bram started this petition

## Reasons for signing



**Ericka dorning** · 4 days ago

Redmond NEEDS teen programs. It is essential in bridging the gap between community government and families. My time working at OFH demonstrated a necessary use for our teen programs, and the OFH is invaluable. It has saved countless teens' lives and is the reason that many of the teens have moved on to become incredibly successful ...Read more

10

[Report](#)

---



**Whitney Ballen** · 4 days ago

The Old Fire House Teen Center is a crucial part of not only the Redmond neighborhood but our greater community. The program directors and team leaders raise our future.

7

[Report](#)

**[View all reasons for signing](#)**

[Report a policy violation](#)

### Complete your signature

First name
Last name

Kirkland, 98033  
United States

Display my name and comment on this petition

Sign this petition

By signing, you accept Change.org's [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#), and agree to receive occasional emails about campaigns on Change.org. You can unsubscribe at any time.

---

Sign this petition

---

## Petitions promoted by other Change.org users

**Promoted by 5 supporters**

### **JUSTICE FOR BENTON RICO**

Benton Rico was shot and killed on 5/30/2020. We are seeking justice for Benton. Benton Rico was riding in a truck with three others. BENTON was a passenger in the truck. The t... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 4 supporters**

### **Tell Brownstown, "No Wedding & Reception Venue in our Neighborhood"**

Centennial Farms is a property with entrance located at 23855 Arsenal Road. It is ... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 1 supporter**

### **Migrate the Legends of the Hidden Temple reboot to Netflix**

Since Quibi seems to be failing, the planned Legends of the Hidden Temple rebo... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 21 supporters**

### **Popeyes, stop risking workers' lives for your chicken!**

If you've followed the news, you've seen the alarming number of coronavirus dea... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 1 supporter**

**Help free another Black U.S. Veteran wrongfully sentenced to death in Kuwait**

Please help me save my dad! Eric Pruitt has served his country both in the milita... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 3 supporters**

### **Sexual offenders and Pedophilic behaviour having a life sentence.**

When a human trafficker, sexual offender, or a pedophile takes from a child, the im... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 4 supporters**

### **Keep the Livingston Rd corridor rural - no rezoning**

A developer has applied to Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners for a Rezoning of the property on the east side of Livings... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 13 supporters**

### **UARK Spring Break 2021**

As seen in a recent email sent out to all of the University of Arkansas, spring break 2021 has been taken away. I as well as others believe that it should be added back into the sc... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 675 supporters**

### **Release Corvain Cooper from Life Imprisonment Without Parole for Marijuana**

On June 18, 2014, Corvain T. Cooper was convicted in the United States Distri... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 9 supporters**

### **Help induct Bone Thugs-n-Harmony into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame!**

Cleveland's own, Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, is an influential American rap group consi... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 99 supporters**

**Tell Mike Bonin we want an online town hall on public safety in Venice NOW**

Dear Councilman Bonin, there has been a surge in crime in Venice. We, your constitu... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 8,170 supporters**

### **Review firework rules to protect animals from injury and distress**

Fireworks can cause serious distress to animals. They don't only suffer psychological... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 8 supporters**

### **Maintain a Year-Round Traffic Light at 28th St and Long Beach Blvd., Ship Bottom...** **Read more**

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 5 supporters**

### **Create a statue in honour of Joey Moss**

In a year that seems to be one tragedy after another, it is with heavy hearts that we learn of the passing of beloved Edmonton s... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 1 supporter**

## **Investigate The Staggeringly High Water Bills in Long Point**

A large number of Long Point Residents continue to receive extremely high water bills cycle after cycle. This problem appe... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

---

### COMPANY

[About](#)

[Impact](#)

[Careers](#)

[Team](#)

### SUPPORT

[Help](#)

[Guides](#)

[Privacy](#)

[Policies](#)

### COMMUNITY

[Blog](#)

[Press](#)

### CONNECT

[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

English (United States)



---

© 2020, **Change.org, PBC** Certified B Corporation

This site is protected by reCAPTCHA and the Google [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#) apply.

**From:** [Kelley Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Christina Reller](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Keep the Old Fire House Teen Center"s funding!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:25:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)  
[image010.png](#)

---

For Public Comment Matrix

**Kelley Cochran**

Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond  
425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 3:22 PM  
**To:** Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Subject:** FW: Keep the Old Fire House Teen Center's funding!

**Jessie Morgan**

Senior Accounting Associate, City of Redmond

☎ 425-556-2196 ✉ [jrmorgan@redmond.gov](mailto:jrmorgan@redmond.gov) 🌐 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** Ethan Ballantine McGhee <[emcghee@calpoly.edu](mailto:emcghee@calpoly.edu)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Angela Birney <[abirney@redmond.gov](mailto:abirney@redmond.gov)>; Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Keep the Old Fire House Teen Center's funding!

Hi Ethan,

Thank you for reaching out to our council. I am responding as council ombudsperson for the month of October and will report your comments at the next business meeting. I am also copying in our email for tracking resident input on the Biennial Budget so your comments will be officially logged as a part of our budget deliberation process.

I truly appreciate your passion for our Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFHTC) and its staff as well as your years volunteering with our city. I am so glad that our city's programming made an impact on your life. We will take your comments into consideration when we discuss this item during our budget deliberations.

To give some context on this topic, we do not have plans to shut down the OFHTC permanently. In order to keep our community healthy, our City has had the doors closed on all of our recreational facilities including the OFHTC since March due to the pandemic and have been unable to provide in person programming since then. RYPAC has continued to operate virtually and we have done some events virtually as well, and we will keep doing so until King County Public Health's guidelines change based on levels of infection in our area. Unfortunately, King County safety guidelines have resulted in no large music events or other large gatherings at the OFHTC, no afterschool programs, or evening events since the pandemic began.

We are working on a recovery plan, and when we are able to provide in person programs again, we plan to reopen the OFHTC and bring staff back so that we can operate fully. Some of the proposed cuts you see are a result of the fact that these in person programs are not currently running and some staff is usually paid for out of revenue we make from those programs. That said, we will certainly keep your questions and comments in mind as we deliberate on our budget.

I have copied in our Parks and Recreation Director Carrie Hite if you have further questions on the status and plans for our teen programming and facilities.

If you would like to share any other comments on our budget, we will be having a final Public Hearing to gather community feedback on Monday, November 2. You can send an email to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov) if you would like to sign up to speak or to enter written comments into the record. To find out when all the meetings on the budget are, you can see the current extended agenda here: <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11845/102320-extended-agenda?bidId=> You can watch our meetings at [www.Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctvlive), on City of Redmond's facebook page livestream, Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 34, or listen at 510-335-7371.

Thank you again for your engagement with our city and for your input into our budget decisions.

Best,  
Vanessa



Vanessa Kritzer  
Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Ethan Ballantine McGhee <[emcghee@calpoly.edu](mailto:emcghee@calpoly.edu)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 10:41 AM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Keep the Old Fire House Teen Center's funding!

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

My name is Ethan McGhee, I grew up in Redmond and am a university student at Cal Poly SLO. I am emailing you regarding the budget cuts to the Old Fire House Teen Center.

I believe OFH should keep their funding. As a young adult, I often found solace at the teen center when events in my personal life were rough. I considered it to be my second home in high school. I made friends and felt accepted at OFH.

The teen center also encouraged me to be a better person; as a member of the Youth Advisory Board, I volunteered over 500 hours back to the community of Redmond. I became engaged in politics (see image 1), volunteered at large community events like Redmond Lights (see image 2), and spent countless hours organizing and hosting other events, encouraging the values of community service and friendship.

After reviewing the budget, I can see that you are planning on removing the Teen Center Admin position. This position is **CRUCIAL** to the survival of the teen center. Without the admin during my time at OFH (Rana), the Youth Advisory Board and OFH in general would have been a complete mess. Rana was one of my closest mentors in high school, and she even wrote me a letter of recommendation to university.

I understand budget cuts are hard on everyone and every department, but I implore you to reconsider. A petition has been started, surpassing 800 signatures in just two days.

<http://chnng.it/9WsKZ6dsfh>

The teen center had a profound impact on my life, and I don't know where I would be without the guidance and support from the OFH employees. Funding the teen center keeps kids off the streets and encourages them to give back to the community.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ethan McGhee

[emcghee@calpoly.edu](mailto:emcghee@calpoly.edu)

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Department

Environmental Management and Protection Major

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Kelley Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Christina Reller](#)  
**Subject:** FW: OFH  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:37:58 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)  
[image015.png](#)  
[image016.png](#)  
[image017.png](#)  
[image018.png](#)  
[image019.png](#)

---

For Public Comment Matrix

### Kelley Cochran

Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond  
425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessie R. Morgan <[JRMORGAN@redmond.gov](mailto:JRMORGAN@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Subject:** FW: OFH

### Jessie Morgan

Senior Accounting Associate, City of Redmond



425-556-2196

[jrmorgan@redmond.gov](mailto:jrmorgan@redmond.gov)

[www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710



Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: OFH

This was received in the City Clerk email inbox. Thank you.

**Cheryl Xanthos, MMC**

City Clerk, City of Redmond

---

☎ 425-556-2191 ✉ [cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov) 🌐 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Todd Andrews <[toddandrews21@gmail.com](mailto:toddandrews21@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 5:26 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** OFH

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing regarding the proposed elimination of funding for the Old Fire House.

I grew up in Redmond and first went to the OFH in 1995, when I was 14 years old. I was a lost wayward kid who didnt have alot of friends and was looking for some connection. I thought I would see a show there and maybe make a friend or two. What I found was a place that would change my life forever.

Through outreach, afterschool and homeless youth programs as well as live shows, teen feed, community service opportunities and field trips(as well as thousands of pick up basketball games) I not only made dozens of lifelong friends(that I am still close friends with today) I learned that having a place in my community where I felt welcome felt really good.

Eventually I turned 18 and then 20 and moved out of redmond and grew apart from the OFH. I recently moved back to Seattle after 10 years in New York City and drove through Redmond(pre-Covid) and was blown away that the OFH was not only still standing but it was thriving!! I was overcome by emotion at the thought that all these years must mean that that many more kids were helped by Kate Becker and the Directors and staff that followed.

I implore you to not cut funding for the OFH. It would be a loss of an invaluable community service but would be a disservice to the teenagers of Redmond

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Kelley Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Christina Reller](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Human Services Funding Recommendations  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:38:25 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)  
[image010.png](#)  
[image016.png](#)  
[image017.png](#)  
[image018.png](#)  
[image019.png](#)  
[image020.png](#)

---

For Public Comment Matrix

**Kelley Cochran**

Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond  
425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessie R. Morgan <[JRMORGAN@redmond.gov](mailto:JRMORGAN@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:13 AM  
**To:** Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Subject:** FW: Human Services Funding Recommendations

**Jessie Morgan**  
Senior Accounting Associate, City of Redmond



.....  
☎ 425-556-2196

✉ [jrmorgan@redmond.gov](mailto:jrmorgan@redmond.gov)

🌐 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710



Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** Brooke Buckingham <[BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov](mailto:BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov)>; Alaric Bien <[abien@redmond.gov](mailto:abien@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Carol Helland <[chelland@redmond.gov](mailto:chelland@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Human Services Funding Recommendations

This was received in the City Clerk email inbox. Thank you.

**Cheryl Xanthos, MMC**  
City Clerk, City of Redmond

---

425-556-2191 [cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov) [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Rachel Krinsky <[rachelek@lifewire.org](mailto:rachelek@lifewire.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 1:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Human Services Funding Recommendations

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Birney and Redmond Council Members,

Thank you for your support of LifeWire over the years and particularly during this year, with the special challenges that the COVID pandemic have created for survivors of domestic violence. We are so grateful to see that the Human Services Commission has recommended LifeWire for funding at a slightly increased level for the next biennium. I encourage you to adopt all of commission's recommendations and to increase funding for human services to any additional degree possible during these challenging times.

With much appreciation for your service,

**Rachel Krinsky (she/her)**

LifeWire | Executive Director

P.O. Box 6398 | Bellevue, WA 98008

Phone: 608 338-4757 | [www.lifewire.org](http://www.lifewire.org)



Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Kelley Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Christina Reller](#)  
**Subject:** FW: City of Redmond's 2021/2022 Human Services Funding Recommendations - Written Public Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:38:25 PM  
**Attachments:** [Redmond Human Services Commission\\_written public comment.pdf](#)  
[image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image010.png](#)  
[image011.png](#)  
[image012.png](#)  
[image015.png](#)  
[image016.png](#)  
[image017.png](#)  
[image018.png](#)  
[image019.png](#)

---

For Public Comment Matrix

**Kelley Cochran**

Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond

425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessie R. Morgan <[JRMORGAN@redmond.gov](mailto:JRMORGAN@redmond.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:16 AM

**To:** Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>

**Subject:** FW: City of Redmond's 2021/2022 Human Services Funding Recommendations - Written Public Comment

**Jessie Morgan**

Senior Accounting Associate, City of Redmond



☎ 425-556-2196

✉ [jrmorgan@redmond.gov](mailto:jrmorgan@redmond.gov)

🌐 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710



Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 4:49 PM

**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Alaric Bien <[abien@redmond.gov](mailto:abien@redmond.gov)>; Brooke Buckingham <[BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov](mailto:BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Carol Helland <[chelland@redmond.gov](mailto:chelland@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: City of Redmond's 2021/2022 Human Services Funding Recommendations - Written Public Comment

This was received in the City Clerk email inbox. Thank you.

**Cheryl Xanthos, MMC**

City Clerk, City of Redmond

---

425-556-2191 [cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov) [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Enrica Hampton <[Enrica.Hampton@kinderling.org](mailto:Enrica.Hampton@kinderling.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 3:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Enrica Hampton <[Enrica.Hampton@kinderling.org](mailto:Enrica.Hampton@kinderling.org)>  
**Subject:** City of Redmond's 2021/2022 Human Services Funding Recommendations - Written Public Comment

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written public comment regarding the Redmond Human Services Commission 2021-2022 funding recommendation. This public comment is also attached in case this is helpful.

My name is Enrica Hampton. I work at Kinderling, a not-for-profit neurodevelopmental center that serves young children with diverse needs. One of the many services that we offer is Child Care and Preschool Consultation. This program is designed to support child care and preschool providers caring for children ages birth – six in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, the following:

- Classroom observations and teacher support.
- Individual child observations.
- Developmental screenings.
- Educational trainings.
- Family support and connection to appropriate resources/referral.
- Working with providers and families to develop strategies to help support the child in the child care.

On behalf of Kindering, I would like to sincerely thank the Redmond Human Services Commission for their 2021-2022 funding recommendation. It is because of the City's generous and ongoing support that Kindering has been able to provide this invaluable service to Redmond residents.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on child care and preschool providers, families, and children. Child care and preschool providers are stressed and have concerns about finances, their own health and safety, job security, implementing new health and safety guidelines, and supporting the individual needs of the children in their care. Many families have concerns about finances, job security, and housing. Children are also stressed. Children are experiencing changes to routines, classrooms, and teachers. They may be absorbing the fears and worries of the adults around them. They may be receiving less physical contact from their caregivers because of all the health and safety guidelines that need to be followed as a result of COVID-19. Stressed children show their feelings through behavior such as crying, refusing to comply with directions, clinginess, and difficulty with separation. These types of behaviors might be more pronounced for children that demonstrate delays in their development.

Support for child care and preschool providers is needed now more than ever.

Pre-COVID-19 we were seeing the following:

- Steady increases in young children presenting emotional and sensory regulation issues that significantly impact their social success in group settings.
- Parents struggling to find child care for their children that are demonstrating behavior challenges.
- Child care and preschool providers that are over-whelmed and doing the very best that they know how to do.

During the COVID-19 pandemic we are seeing increased dysregulation and stress. However, we also see the following when consultation services are utilized:

- Children that may have normally been expelled from the program are retained.
- Families able to access resources and services sooner.
- Providers report feeling more comfortable supporting children with developmental delays, disabilities, and/or behavior challenges in the child care and preschool setting.

Thank you again for your 2021-2022 funding recommendation. This support truly helps make a real difference in the lives of parents, families, child care and preschool providers, and most importantly our youngest Redmond residents.

Kind regards,  
Enrica

**Enrica O. Hampton, Ed.D. | Kindering | Early Learning Manager/Child Care and  
Preschool Consultant | 425-653-4281 | [www.kindering.org](http://www.kindering.org) | Pronouns: she/her**

**Kindering Bellevue | 16120 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellevue, WA 98008 | 425-747-4004 Main Line | 425-747-1069 Main Fax**

*Kindering embraces children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage, and the skills to soar.*

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Kelley Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Christina Reller](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Written Public Comment for City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:36:32 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)  
[image010.png](#)  
[image016.png](#)  
[image017.png](#)  
[image018.png](#)  
[image019.png](#)  
[image020.png](#)

---

For Public Comment Matrix

### Kelley Cochran

Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond  
425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessie R. Morgan <[JRMORGAN@redmond.gov](mailto:JRMORGAN@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:53 PM  
**To:** Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Subject:** FW: Written Public Comment for City Council Meeting

### Jessie Morgan

Senior Accounting Associate, City of Redmond



.....  
☎ 425-556-2196

✉ [jrmorgan@redmond.gov](mailto:jrmorgan@redmond.gov)

🌐 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710



Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Brooke Buckingham <[BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov](mailto:BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov)>; Alaric Bien <[abien@redmond.gov](mailto:abien@redmond.gov)>; Carol Helland

<[chelland@redmond.gov](mailto:chelland@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Written Public Comment for City Council Meeting

This was received in the City Clerk email inbox. Thank you.

**Cheryl Xanthos, MMC**

City Clerk, City of Redmond

---

425-556-2191 [cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov) [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Kathy Fleming <[kathy@attainhousing.org](mailto:kathy@attainhousing.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:15 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Written Public Comment for City Council Meeting

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Please submit this to be read at the next City Council Meeting. Thank you!

I'm Kathy Fleming, the Executive Director of Attain Housing. Attain has been a strong member of the Eastside Community for 31 years. Attain provides housing and case management services for homeless families and rental assistance for Eastside families to prevent eviction.

First, I want to thank all of you for the work you are doing to support human services for Redmond residents. It's hard work, especially this year, and I know you're not getting a giant salary to do this. I know you will be making some tough budget decisions in your upcoming meetings and I want to encourage you to keep thinking about the people who really need your help during these difficult times.

Attain recognized over 6 years ago that the most cost effective and least traumatic way to address the homelessness crisis in our area was to prevent it in the first place. Why have a family suffer the stress and anguish of losing their home and be shuffled around in our System for years, when you can keep that from happening? For most families it is a short-lived crisis from which, with help, they can recover. During this pandemic it is even more crucial than ever.

Last year, with the help of the City of Redmond, Attain kept 241 families or 630 people, from losing their homes. 108 of them were Redmond Residents. All of them were low income and over 60% were extremely low-income. 44% were single mothers and 62% were people of color.

With the current economic crisis due to COVID, the need for rental assistance is greater than ever, not only in terms of financial, but to connect residents with other services. Helping people who for the first time are needing assistance and not knowing where to turn, Helping them find food resources, day care services, navigate the unemployment system. Providing them coaching and assistance in setting up a payment plan with their landlord; sometimes even negotiating directly with the landlord. These are the services that Attain and other agencies offer Redmond residents.

Attain Housing truly appreciates the support you have given us and the human services community over the years and we hope that you will consider fully funding the agencies recommended by your city staff.

Thank you for your time.

**Kathy Fleming**

Executive Director

Attain Housing

O | 425.576.8071 C | 206.999.9338



**To protect the health of our clients and employees, Attain Housing offices are operating primarily remotely. We are still available for all client needs. Please call our front desk at 425-576-9531 for assistance.**

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.



**From:** [Kelley Cochran](mailto:Kelley.Cochran@redmond.gov)  
**To:** [City Clerk](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)  
**Subject:** FW: Kindering's Request to City of Redmond for Human Services Funding for Parenting Plus  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:37:59 PM  
**Attachments:** [Redmond 2021 Parenting Plus.pdf](#)  
[image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)  
[image010.png](#)  
[image011.png](#)  
[image012.png](#)  
[image013.png](#)  
[image014.png](#)  
[image015.png](#)

For Public Comment Matrix

**Kelley Cochran**  
Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond  
425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://redmond.gov)  
MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Jessie R. Morgan <[JRMORGAN@redmond.gov](mailto:JRMORGAN@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Subject:** FW: Kindering's Request to City of Redmond for Human Services Funding for Parenting Plus

**Jessie Morgan**  
Senior Accounting Associate, City of Redmond  
425-556-2196  
[jmorgan@redmond.gov](mailto:jmorgan@redmond.gov)  
[www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)  
MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710



Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 10:32 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Carol Helland <[helland@redmond.gov](mailto:helland@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Kindering's Request to City of Redmond for Human Services Funding for Parenting Plus

This was received in the City Clerk email inbox. Thank you.

**Cheryl Xanthos, MMC**  
City Clerk, City of Redmond  
425-556-2191 | [cxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cxanthos@redmond.gov) | [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)  
MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Gaylene Vaden <[Gaylene.Vaden@kindering.org](mailto:Gaylene.Vaden@kindering.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:53 AM  
**To:** Brooke Buckingham <[BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov](mailto:BBUCKINGHAM@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lois Ralph <[lois.ralph@kindering.org](mailto:lois.ralph@kindering.org)>  
**Subject:** Kindering's Request to City of Redmond for Human Services Funding for Parenting Plus

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi Brooke,

Lois Ralph, Kindering's Parent Education lead, filed written comments a short while ago, but received an error message. I am resending them as a PDF on her behalf. Please let me know if you any issue with the attached.

Thank you,  
Gaylene

Thank you for recommending funding for Kindering's Parenting Plus in your 2021-2022 budget. I am Lois Ralph, and I have been the parent education coordinator at Kindering for 30 years. Parenting Plus is a free ten- week program for parents of children ages 2 through 12, both typically developing and with special needs. Parents are more stressed now during COVID-19 as they try to navigate teaching their children, working at home or away, and handling all the other regular pressures of being a parent. They express a lot of frustration in trying to "do it all". The class offers them a place of refuge where they can share their challenges and successes with others. Each two-hour class is held virtually, using Zoom, since the pandemic. Presenting the classes remotely has allowed more parents to attend since they don't need to find child care or travel to the classroom.

- Topics include:
- Parenting during the pandemic
  - Encouraging healthy self-esteem
  - Effective communication
  - Managing anger ( both the parent's and the child's)
  - Impact of media on children
  - Managing behavior

Based on the needs and requests of the parents, the classes also cover other topics such as bedtime, sibling rivalry or shared parenting. A young woman with a 6-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son was very concerned because her daughter had started nighttime bedwetting since COVID. The instructor worked with the mother about what might have precipitated the issues and, most importantly, techniques she could use to help her daughter. The mother also received support from the class.

During this unprecedented time, parents are looking for ideas that will help them nurture their child with calmness and a reassuring voice. Parenting Plus helps parents achieve this. Thank you for assisting parents in getting the help they need to improve their parenting skills.

Best,  
Lois Ralph, MPH  
Parent Education Coordinator

**While we "Stay Home, Stay Healthy," Kindering is working remotely.**  
Gaylene Vaden | [Kindering.org](http://Kindering.org) | Senior Grant Writer & Administrator | 425-653-4282 | Pronouns: she/her/hers  
**Kindering Bellevue** | 16120 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellevue, WA 98008 | 425-747-4004 Main Line

Kindering is a community-based, nonprofit committed to embracing children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage, and the skills to soar. Our programs support children with developmental delays, disabilities and risk factors through a broad range of therapies and services that positively impact their developmental trajectories and, ultimately, help families thrive.

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [ANDERSON, LILY](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Teen Programming City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:16:01 AM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello there,

I would like to provide a comment for tomorrow's City Council meeting:

"I remember the first time I went to the Teen Center.

I had always wanted to go, and nearing the end of eighth grade, I rejoiced at even the concept of going there. When I first went there, it seemed too good to be true. The people there were so kind and warm, and despite how young I was, and I immediately felt like I belonged.

When I found out the Teen Center might be defunded, my heart broke. For so, so long, I had wished and wished to go to this place, and yet it might never open back up again.

I'm sure my friends feel the same way. For some, the Teen Center is the only place they can go after school, their safe haven from the rest of the world.

For me, as a queer teen, it felt like my world had been saved. A place to meet others like me, and to have the security of knowing I'm safe, in a place where I won't have to worry and fret and overanalyze every word I say in fear of outing myself, in fear of those uncomfortable and repulsed stares, in fear of that deafening silence of *oh, you're different*.

Other than a few select people, I'm always in disguise. I'm always under cover, always in fear of what will happen when my identity is found out. I have to delete certain things on my phone, always put my apps in a certain way so if my parents go through my things, they won't see, at least not at first. I have to make extra sure I'm not dressing too masculinely, so they won't start picking up on it. I can't be myself around my own family in fear of being yelled at or kicked out or *othered*. This is a fear cisgender and heterosexual people will never have to face, and a fear I will be protected from if I have a place to go to, such as the Teen Center or RTAB meetings at the Library.

Where will I go, once they are gone? Back to the shadows, back to the fear, back to the indescribable loneliness. If I am discovered, what will become of me? Will I be cast out onto the streets, with nowhere to go, simply because of the way that I am? Where will my dear brothers and sisters and siblings go? What will become of them? What will become of *us*?

I've only been able to truly go to the teen center once in my life. I hope it won't be my last."

Thank you,

Lily Anderson

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Chad Simer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Old Firehouse funding - comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:57:37 AM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

To whom it may concern,

For over 25 years, the Old Firehouse has been a place of safety, a place of community, a place of learning and a place for those kids who don't have a place to be. The exposure to different influences and the D.I.Y. culture has created many artistic, focused and passionate people. It would be a shame to rob the future youth of the opportunity I had. I can assure you, the old firehouse was the right turn in the road for my life. I would have never had the ability or belief to have faith in myself to accomplish the goals that I have. Forever in debt to the great people and environment created at the old firehouse.

Please, in a time when kids need a place to escape abusive home life, at a time where social skills are falling to the wayside due to lack of practice from Covid restrictions, we can't turn our backs on the future.. The shy will become more introverted, the misunderstood more frustrated and those in need will fall through the cracks. Don't let that happen, please.

I'm over 40 now, so I was the original crew, back when it was still the Y. We all came back for the anniversary and bless everyone who has kept it alive.

Sincerely,  
Chad Simer

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Soren Hixenbaugh](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** 2021 Budget Meeting Public Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 1:35:04 PM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello!

Please include my comments in the public comments of the 2021 budget proposal meeting:

**Redmond NEEDS the Old Firehouse Teen Center.**

**A positive and safe place for teens to meet, express themselves, and engage in their community and grow into adults that see value in keeping that environment accessible to future generations.**

**A facility of this caliber doesn't exist outside of the greater Seattle area, and nothing else has lasted as long this side of the Mississippi! It is a facility that is nationally known and it is an iconic music space.**

**My brothers and I grew up at the OFH, and I was inspired by my time there to go to college and get a career in audio engineering. This brought me back to the Firehouse to work with the youth and help inspire and develop the next generations. The Firehouse staff members truly care about the well-being and future of the local teens, and they sincerely make it a welcoming, magical space.**

**As a brand new father, I can't wait for my son to have the same opportunities in this space that I had.**

**It's exciting to see the City Council unanimously decide to allocate \$15 million towards a new Senior Center! Lets make sure our teens, current and future, have the same unanimous excitement given to them when it comes to their budget!**

**Thank you for your time,  
~Soren Hixenbaugh**

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Dakota Miller](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment about the Old Redmond Fire House Teen Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:19:43 PM

---

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

This place is one of the only teen centers left. The OFH allows for the safe growth of teens and teen artists. Shutting the OFH down will be detrimental to the community and for teens for generations to come.

-Dakota Carlos Gutierrez Miller

**From:** [Zach Benzaoui](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment October 27th  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:59:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [Zach Benzaoui Public Comment 10.27.20.doc](#)  
[Zach Benzaoui Public Comment 10.27.20.pdf](#)

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

I'm emailing with public comment regarding the proposed budget for 2021-2022.

The text is below and in the attached word document and PDF. Word count is exactly 500 words.

Sincerely,

Zachary Benzaoui

-----  
-----  
Hello Mayor Birney and City Council,

My name is Zach Benzaoui. I was an active member of the Old Fire House Teen Center during my Middle and High School years through the Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee. Thanks to RYPAC and the Firehouse Teen Center, I've had so many opportunities to engage with the Redmond Community and to see tremendous self-growth. RYPAC and the Teen Center have meant so much to me and so many other teens in Redmond. Without these communities, I would not be the person I am today, and I cherish all of the wonderful memories I've made with Teen Programs in the City.

Many of you have seen the value of the City's Teen Programs firsthand: you've attended RYPAC meetings, you've volunteered with teens at the Mayor's Day of Concern Food Drive, and RYPAC has come to the City Council to offer in-depth reports and updates about programs at the Fire House.

I implore you to reconsider the proposed budget allocations that have been made for the City's 2021-2022 fiscal years. I think I can speak for many teens when I say that the proposed budget cuts to recreation would be a colossal mistake. These cuts would remove important positions and staff from the Teen Center. Sam Smith, the current Teen Center Coordinator, is such an important leader at the Fire House, and it would be nearly impossible to imagine the Teen Center without her. She has consistently stood out as an advocate and a mentor for teens in the city, and **it would be a devastating loss for youth in our community if her position were to be cut from Teen Programs.**

If Sam's position was to be cut from Teen Programs, events like Turkey Days, Summertime Radness, Teen Center Concerts, and so many other beloved teen events would be extremely difficult, if not nearly impossible, to host.

These events are so important to teens in the community and their value **cannot be overstated.** As someone who has spent nearly seven years volunteering with RYPAC and the Fire House, these are

the types of events that sparked my personal interest in volunteering and the interest for many other teens that currently participate in Teen Programs today. These are the events that every member of the Fire House looks forward to each year, and the teen center would not be the same without them. The proposed budget cuts would put a stop to many of the events that have had an immeasurable and profound impact on the Redmond teen community.

By cutting the Teen Programs budget for even 2 years, teens in Redmond would miss out on so many invaluable opportunities to engage with and learn from their community. I believe that cutting the budget for recreation in the city would be a terrible mistake, and I highly recommend that the City Council reconsider these budget allocations and ensure that teens can continue to participate in these important programs for years to come.

Thank you.



Virus-free. [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Kelley Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Christina Reller](#)  
**Subject:** FW: GRTMA Comment on the 2021-2022 Budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:36:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [GRTMA 2021 - 2022 COR Budget Priorities 10282020.pdf](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)  
[image010.png](#)  
[image011.png](#)  
[image014.png](#)  
[image015.png](#)  
[image016.png](#)  
[image017.png](#)

---

For Public Comment Matrix

### Kelley Cochran

Deputy Finance Director | City of Redmond  
425.556.2748 | [kcochran@redmond.gov](mailto:kcochran@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessie R. Morgan <[JRMORGAN@redmond.gov](mailto:JRMORGAN@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Subject:** FW: GRTMA Comment on the 2021-2022 Budget

### Jessie Morgan

Senior Accounting Associate, City of Redmond



425-556-2196

[jrmorgan@redmond.gov](mailto:jrmorgan@redmond.gov)

[www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710



Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Kirk Hovenkotter <[kirkh@grtma.org](mailto:kirkh@grtma.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Kelli Refer <[kellir@grtma.org](mailto:kellir@grtma.org)>  
**Subject:** GRTMA Comment on the 2021-2022 Budget

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Mayor Birney, Council President Padhye, and City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2021-2022 City of Redmond budget. We understand this is a challenging budget cycle with no easy decisions. We commend the staff and leadership who invested their time into the budget to support our shared City priorities.

Our written comment is attached. It reflects the priorities we have heard in conversations with our members this fall. Please reach out to myself and Kelli with any questions,

Kirk

**Kirk Hovenkotter** (he/him)  
Executive Director | GRTMA  
8383 158<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Suite 225 | Redmond, WA 98052  
425.301.4938 | [kirkh@grtma.org](mailto:kirkh@grtma.org) | [grtma.org](http://grtma.org)



Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.



**Board of Directors**

**October 28, 2020**

Natural & Built  
Environments  
Angela Rozmyn  
*President*

Stryker  
Mia Jarreau  
*Treasurer*

Redmond Town Center  
Courtney Klein  
*Secretary*

City of Redmond  
Sarah Pyle

Honeywell  
Kat Brand

Microsoft Corporation  
Jeff Aumell

DigiPen  
Charles Duba

**Honorable Tanika Padhye**  
**Redmond City Council**  
**15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Redmond, WA 98073**

**RE:** City of Redmond 2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing Comments

Dear Mayor and Council,

The members of the Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association (GRTMA) represent 75% of employees within Redmond. Our organization strives to improve the mobility of all people who live in and travel to Redmond. As the City prepares for light rail, now more than ever, it is time to invest in transportation solutions that work for everyone.

Transportation investments in sidewalks, trails, and transit passes perform triple duty in helping Redmond support their budget priorities. These investments connect the City's transportation system, improve safety on our streets and can reduce Green House Gas emissions, achieving the climate goals established in the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan.

GRTMA would like to acknowledge that this is a challenging budget cycle due to the financial impacts of Covid-19. Our comments on the budget are all centered on our work to make Redmond more accessible and inclusive. With that in mind, these budget items are worth the investment because they help the City fulfill multiple priority areas.

**Mobility of People and Goods Budget Offer ID #000343**

- In this budget offer are several key elements that impact how people get around Redmond today and in the future. We support funding for the Transportation Master Plan Update, ensuring that the TMP outlines a path forward to achieving the goal of our members to make a more accessible and inclusive Redmond. Our organization looks forward to working with our members and ensuring their priorities are accounted for in the TMP update.
- Our organization would like to voice our support for the Go Redmond Residential program and would like to see the program funded in the next budget cycle. While our organization is contracted to do work within the Go Redmond program for employers, we are not impacted by this proposed budget cut. When people move into a new home, this is a great opportunity to change transportation habits. Empowering people with ORCA cards and information on how to navigate public transit and access bike routes, people are more likely to choose those modes of transit. Also, since Covid-19 has many employees put many out of work or furloughed, it is important to support people in making essential trips by transit, walking and biking. The residential portion of the Go

Redmond program will make an impact on the transportation choices of the people in Redmond and support our recovery.

- The \$25,000 cut to the professional services for walking and biking infrastructure is also of concern. In a time where the capital budget is tight, making smart investments in planning and design for bike/ ped infrastructure is strategic. Cutting these professional services puts the city at a major disadvantage for grants and opportunities to make small but necessary safety improvements in Redmond.

### **Street & Traffic Safety Budget Offer ID #00222**

- ADA curb ramps are vital infrastructure, and our organization has concerns about cuts to this part of the traffic safety budget. Curb ramps are essential for people with disabilities who use wheelchairs or walkers. They also serve many other people, including people biking, using scooters or other mobility devices and parents or caregivers with strollers. Curb ramps provide essential access to bus stops, local businesses and trails. When a curb ramp is missing a person may need to use the street and come in conflict with other vehicles, posing a very serious safety hazard.

### **Environmental Sustainability Budget Offer #000220**

- We strongly support the Climate Equity Vulnerability Report, it is essential to know who is being most impacted by Green House Gas Emissions and other environmental toxins from highway emissions and the impacts on peoples' lives and health.
- Transportation is a key piece of meeting the City's climate goals. Since transportation makes up 26% of GHG emissions in Redmond, it is an area where investments in transit, walking and biking can go a long way towards meeting our climate goals laid out in the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan.
- It is vital that the City of Redmond invests in Green Job training as the Redmond's economy shifts to sustainable energy sources as set in the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan.

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Budget Offer #000323**

- Our organization strongly supports the hiring of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program manager for the City of Redmond. Please add language about how this position is rooted in anti-racism work and addressing the problems of systemic racism in City government. It is necessary to center Race in conversations around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work.

### **Police Patrol & Response Budget Offer #000224**

- The budget offer states, "It is important to note that these reductions would also be taken at a time when more police officers are needed in order to appropriately staff the

City given the imminent arrival of light rail." Our organization believes this assertion paints transit riders in a negative light. Transit riders are our member's employees and everyday people. Transportation organizations and advocates across the country are grappling with the fact that traffic stops are one area where Black, Indigenous, People of Color are most likely to interact with police officers. These interactions can have fatal consequences. We believe that we can have safe, accessible and inclusive transit without armed police officers.

## Capital Improvement Program

### Willows Road Improvement Phase 1

- Over 5000 of our member's employees are located on Willows Road. We are excited to see investments in this corridor that will improve pedestrian crossings to bus stops. The North/ South Corridor study, along with input from our members, indicated that there is a high demand for additional transit service. To encourage Metro to invest in more frequent bus service, please ensure that sidewalks and bus pads are included in scope of work.

### NE 70<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements

- We strongly support this new addition to the CIP. It is a key link for our members in South East Redmond. We are very excited to see bicycle lanes and sidewalks included in the scope of this project at such a busy crossing.

### Potential Future Investments

- Finding funding to complete the Redmond Central Connector Phase III is a top priority for our members along Willows road. This investment would enable more employees of all ages and abilities choose to bicycle to work and would complete a missing link in the Eastrail and Redmond's trail system.

We are happy to discuss any of our budget priorities with you in more detail. If you have comments or questions, please feel free to contact me [Kirkh@grtma.org](mailto:Kirkh@grtma.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kirk Hovenkotter, Executive Director  
Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association

CC: Angela Birney, Mayor  
Tanika Padhye, Council President  
Jeralee Anderson, Council Vice-President  
Varisha Khan, Position #1  
Steve Fields, Position #2  
Jessica Forsythe, Position #3  
Vanessa Kritzer, Position #5  
David Carson, Position #7

**From:** [Amy Bower](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Give OFH it's budget  
**Date:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 6:19:06 PM

---

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi City of Redmond,

I grew up in Redmond and attended gatherings at, volunteered for and eventually worked as a staff member for The Old Fire House Teen Center. Being a part of this program was very important for me and I really needed this sense of community. There are studies that show people with a supportive community live longer. Perhaps this interaction with our community gives us hope.

Today I am a lawyer and I continue to give back to my community by working in public service.

Please provide funding for the Old Fire House Teen Center so that the current and future generations of youth can have a communal space to discover their place within their community and shine.

Thank you for reading this,

Amy Bessada (formerly Amy Bower)  
727-348-5769

**From:** [Guiomar Basualdo](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Old Firehouse Funding  
**Date:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 3:09:22 PM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond City Council,

I am a university student and resident of Sammamish, Washington and I urge you to not cut the Old Firehouse budget. During my time in high school the Old Redmond Firehouse has been instrumental in fostering the arts and creativity for myself and my peers. The OFH often provided a platform for young artists in the area when there were no other venues for them to share their art and bring their community together. It was here that many of my peers found their voice and learned leadership skills. This same venue also hosted events for activism, education, and other community events. Reducing the extent to which this historic place can function is detrimental to everyone in our community. As our cities expand, places to commune and share ideas are more important than ever. I urge you to not defund the Old Firehouse and preserve this vital part of the Eastside community.

[Guiomar Basualdo \(she/her\)](#)

B.A. Medical Anthropology and Global Health  
University of Washington '21  
425-802-1783 | [grb08@uw.edu](mailto:grb08@uw.edu)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [John Wallent](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding the Old Redmond Firehouse Teen Center  
**Date:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 11:12:49 AM

---

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello members of the council,

My name is John Wallent, I'm 20 years old born and raised on the Eastside. I've been playing in bands since I was 14, and the Redmond firehouse was the first venue I ever played a show at and my most frequently attended venue both as a listener and performer. In fact, a number of legendary local bands got their starts playing at the firehouse, including indie folk giants Fleet Foxes and the up and coming WA natives the Naked Giants.

The OFH is such a valuable resource for young people not only on the Eastside, but across the entire Seattle area. I know of youth bands whose members attend Garfield High School, and they regularly play the firehouse. To defund and shut down the teen center would be incredible loss for the youth of the entire Seattle area. Where else can musically inclined young people go to perform their original music for a crowd of like minded peers? Where else can young musicians hone the craft of the live performance before getting into the larger Seattle music scene?

Everyone I know who grew up playing music in Seattle has played shows at the firehouse. For the past 25 years it's been an essential breeding ground of talent and a safe place for young people to gather. I implore you not to defund this vital community resource and insure that the firehouse continues to provide its services for another 25 years to come. Do the right thing; save our local stages from certain doom.

Thank you,  
John Wallent  
Concerned Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [amber\\_duan@hotmail.com](mailto:amber_duan@hotmail.com)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fund the Old Fire House Teen Center  
**Date:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 12:33:12 AM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

My name is Amber, and I recently heard that the Fire House Teen Center's slated to be defunded, and I strongly urge the city council to do otherwise. The Fire House is such an important space for youth not only in Redmond, but all over the Eastside and Seattle area. I live in Sammamish, but still have had unforgettable experiences there. The Fire House was a place for me personally to connect with other queer youth and feel less alone when I was in high school. The numerous art events the staff was able to put on also helped me feel more confident in my creative expression. I know countless others have similar experiences with the Teen Center, and they wouldn't be possible without city funding. Please reconsider and keep the budget for the Old Fire House Teen Center.

Thank you,  
Amber Duan

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [LIV VICTORINO](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fund the Old Firehouse Teen Center  
**Date:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 12:24:04 AM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond City Council,

As a resident and former patron, I am extremely disappointed with your decision to defund the Redmond Old Firehouse Teen Center. I write urge you to protect the jobs of the 11 workers and their families, as well as the teenagers that call the Firehouse a second home. It's unconscionable to take this funding away from them. The Firehouse provided me the most formative experience of my life, and is a landmark that connects us with Redmond's history. Please reinstate full funding to this institution and it's workers, so the Firehouse can continue to be a force for good in our community.

Sincerely,

Olivia Victorino

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** Jack Edgerton <[jacke@babycorner.org](mailto:jacke@babycorner.org)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Carol Helland <[chelland@redmond.gov](mailto:chelland@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Angela Birney <[abirney@redmond.gov](mailto:abirney@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Human Services Recommendation

Dear Mr. Edgerton,

Thank you for reaching out to share your input on our biennial budget and human services funding decisions. I am responding as council ombudsperson for the month of October and will note your comments at our next business meeting. Your comments will also be entered into the public record as part of our budget deliberations.

Please share our thanks to all those at LifeWire, Eastside Baby Corner, and the other Eastside members of the King County Alliance for Human Services for all you are doing to help support those in need in our community during these challenging times. We will keep your comments in mind as we discuss our 2021-2022 budget.

We will begin discussing the section of the budget containing human services funding next Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. You can watch our meetings at [www.Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctvlive), on City of Redmond's facebook page livestream, Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 34, or listen at 510-335-7371. To see a full schedule of our upcoming meetings, see our extended agenda: <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11845/102320-extended-agenda?bidId=>

Thanks again and I hope you are staying healthy.

Best,  
Vanessa



**Vanessa Kritzer**

Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Jack Edgerton <[jacke@babycorner.org](mailto:jacke@babycorner.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 4:04 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Human Services Recommendation

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

October 20, 2020

Dear City Council Members,

As you face the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the associated economic challenges and the outpouring of calls for change in racial inequities, we thank you for your service and your attention to the continuing and deepening human services needs in our region. We have never seen such a quick onset and sustained period of critical human needs and it has been incredible to experience the community coming together to care for each other.

In this time of uncertainty, we all have a role to play in building and supporting community well-being. Nonprofits are proud to partner with business and community members, the public sector and elected officials to identify strategies, design policies, and provide supports to develop the strengths, connections, and capacities needed across our lifetimes. We are confident that we can build a strong future for our region together as we all pitch in to achieve our shared goals.

As we face today's challenges, individuals and families on the Eastside are facing unemployment, food and housing scarcity. This puts greater stress on all of us, especially those who were already living on the margins.

We recognize and appreciate the ways you have reached out to us as services partners – to ask for and share information, to help community members find needed resources and to offer additional funds both through city funding and through the COVID CARES funds.

One of the most direct ways policymakers foster well-being is through the planning and development of city budget policy. We recognize that you are facing difficult decisions as you work towards tightened revenue projections for the 2021-22 budget cycle, but we also recognize that 2021 is likely to be even more difficult for individuals and families in need and we fear that without the current influx of CARES funds and without the moratorium on evictions, we will face a new level of crisis in basic human needs in Redmond

Understanding that during times of adversity, we must strengthen our support, we write to re-state our recommendations that Redmond:

- Maintain at least the current level of human services funding to support community members through this period of crisis.
- Develop budget blueprints for 2021 and beyond that build over time upon Redmond's history of support.

We are confident in the future of our region. If we all pitch in together we will achieve our shared goals. Together we have built a strong, resilient community. Together we can meet our residents and neighbors where they are, pitch in to reinforce strengths and build skills, and provide opportunities for everyone to reach their full potential.

We appreciate your service and your consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

*Rachel Krinsky, ED LifeWire, King County Alliance for Human Services Co-Chair*  
*Jack Edgerton, ED Eastside Baby Corner, Eastside Advocacy Team Convener*  
And the Eastside members of the King County Alliance for Human Services

---

**Jack F. Edgerton**  
Executive Director  
425.865.0234 x702  
425.372.7526 (direct)



Please join us for  
an *inspiring* virtual event!



**THRIVE 2020**

Thursday, November 12, 2020 @ 4 PM  
*building potential, creating community*

visit [babycorner.org](http://babycorner.org) for more info

-----Original Message-----

From: Carrie Hite

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 10:27 AM

To: Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

Cc: Angela Birney <[abirney@redmond.gov](mailto:abirney@redmond.gov)>; Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>

Subject: RE: Old Firehouse

Hi Councilmember Kritzer:

We are not discontinuing operations of the teen center or services. There will be a reduction of services.

As part of the Health and Sustainable budget priority, there are proposed staffing reductions in all areas of Community Recreation, including the Teen Center. We have had the doors closed on all of our facilities since March and have been unable to provide in person programming. Because of this, we are projecting a significant deficit in our Recreation Activity Fund and needed to propose staffing reductions in order to balance the budget.

RYPAC will still operate virtually, as well as some virtual events. We will continue to operate under the KCPH safety guidelines, which has resulted in no large music events, or other large gatherings at the OFHTC, no afterschool programs or evening events. The music studio has remained closed as well. The OFHTC has been closed.

We are working on a recovery plan, and when we are able to provide in person programs again, events, large gatherings, music, we have a plan to bring staff back so that we can operate fully.

This is a direct result of the pandemic.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Carrie

Carrie Hite (she, her, hers)

Parks and Recreation Director, City of Redmond

425-556-2326 [chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.redmond.gov%2F&data=04%7C01%7Ccreller%40redmond.gov%7C09763c2fc46740fad1a608d88027a724%7Ccb894d07355f495fb9c1a2a6d84a7468%7C0%7C0%7C637400255084383316%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiM C4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&psdata=ahdOvsgM2o Fns5EVwxcEflBSH7Cr8b4LbZNkvvCQgQM%3D&reserved=0>

MS:4SCC • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 10:14 AM

To: Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>

Cc: Angela Birney <[abirney@redmond.gov](mailto:abirney@redmond.gov)>; Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>

Subject: Old Firehouse

Hi Director Hite,

We have received quite a few inquiries in the past few days about the Old Firehouse from people who seem under the impression we are ending operations. What I see in the budget is simply a change in hours of operation. Is there something more I am missing? If you could provide me with an explanation of the proposed plan for that space going forward, I would appreciate it so I can share with constituents.

Thanks,  
Vanessa

Vanessa Kritzer  
City Councilmember  
City of Redmond  
425-305-9892

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Sarah Herrera <[sarahann.herrera@gmail.com](mailto:sarahann.herrera@gmail.com)>; MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Teen Center

Hi Ms. Herrera,

Thank you for reaching out to our council. I am responding as council ombudsperson for the month of October and will report your comments at the next council business meeting. Your comments will also be officially logged as a part of our budget deliberation process.

I truly appreciate your passion for our Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFHTC) and its staff. I am so glad that our city's programming made an impact on your life and your son's life. We will take your comments into consideration when we discuss this item during our budget deliberations. In fact, we will be discussing this part of the budget tonight, Thursday, October 29th, at a special meeting at 7pm. You can watch our meetings at [www.Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctvlive), on City of Redmond's facebook page livestream, Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 34, or listen at 510-335-7371.

To give some context on this topic, the budget plans presented for this program are primarily related to restrictions due to COVID-19 and the fact that the OFHTC is currently closed. However, to be clear, this is temporary and there are no plans to permanently close the center or its programming. In order to keep our community healthy, our City has had the doors closed on all of our recreational facilities, including the OFHTC, since March due to the pandemic and have been unable to provide in person programming since then. RYPAC has continued to operate virtually and we have done some events virtually as well. We will keep doing so until King County Public Health's guidelines change based on levels of infection in our area. Unfortunately, King County safety guidelines have resulted in no large music events or other large gatherings at the OFHTC, no afterschool programs, or evening events since the pandemic began.

We are working on a recovery plan, and when we are able to provide in person programs again, we plan to reopen the OFHTC and bring staff back so that we can operate fully. Some of the proposed cuts you see are a result of the fact that these in person programs are not currently running and the staff is usually paid for out of revenue we make from those programs. That said, I hear your points about not wanting to see budget cuts in this area and we will certainly keep your request in mind.

I have copied in our Parks and Recreation Director Carrie Hite if you have further questions on the status and plans for our teen programming and facilities.

If you would like to share any other comments on our budget, we will be having a final Public Hearing to gather community feedback on Monday, November 2. You can send an email to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov) if you would like to sign up to speak or to enter written comments into the record. To find out when all the meetings on the budget are, you can see the current extended agenda here: <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11845/102320-extended-agenda?bidId=>

Thank you again for your engagement with our city and for your input into our budget decisions.

Best,  
Vanessa



**Vanessa Kritzer**

Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Sarah Herrera <[sarahann.herrera@gmail.com](mailto:sarahann.herrera@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 4:21 PM

**To:** Varisha Khan <[vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>; MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Redmond Teen Center

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I realize the land is a valuable resource, I understand that a new community center is planned, I understand that the seniors of Redmond come first because they are your tax base but the teen center is a unique and valuable asset. Not only is a draw for the city as more people with children move here, in the 90s it was one of the centers of the Seattle hip hop scene. It has a beautiful history and deserves to be preserved. My son regularly used the facility to meet with autistic teens. The LGBTQ and Latino clubs deserve a space where they can feel safe. If you, as a group, sincerely care about inclusion and diversity this is a place where you can show it, by maintaining funding.

**From:** [Frankie C](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Defunding the Old Firehouse Teen Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 7:21:21 PM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

From the audience of the City Council meeting.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the possible defunding of the Old Firehouse Teen Center. I write to plead with you to take a moment to consider the people that this will affect.

My husband and I have been residents of Redmond since 1984. We raised our 4 children attending Redmond schools. Our children have been recipients of the programs that the Teen Center has offered. We have also been leaders in Boy Scout Troop 423, of which I have been a leader and committee chairperson since 2006. We have been active in the lives of many young people, watching as they grow and seek to find their place in the world.

The Old Firehouse Teen Center has been a great gathering place that has offered safety, acceptance, opportunity, and mentorship to our youth. Redmond has no other place that teens can drop in and participate in the many programs regardless of their background. As parents, we have attended the concerts, comedy nights, art shows and even Eagle projects that the youth have hosted and produced.

If the Teen Center were to be defunded and the youth lose their 'place' here in Redmond, I hate to see what they would turn to instead. Not long ago, I served on the Community Accountability Board for the Partnership for Youth Justice in King County. I listened to kids who had had no guidance, who thought they had no where to go after school and found themselves getting into trouble. Idle hands, idle time, and no place to go is just an invitation for kids to experiment with things that aren't productive. These kids need a place to gather that is safe, allows expression of ideas, and gives them a purpose and a place to have a voice not only with their peers but in the City through the Youth Advisory and Advocacy Board.

Redmond has been striving to be a great place for families to come and raise their kids. If you defund the Teen Center, you will be putting a huge hole in that goal. We need a place for the youth of Redmond. Please, please consider the repercussions of the decisions you are making. Our youth need the Old Firehouse Teen Center.

Thank you,  
Frankie Casto

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 1:46 PM  
**To:** Lex Spahr <[lexrainspahr@gmail.com](mailto:lexrainspahr@gmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Angela Birney <[abirney@redmond.gov](mailto:abirney@redmond.gov)>; Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Funding for the Old Fire House

Hi Lex,

Thank you for reaching out to our council and for your engagement with our city over all these years. It is helpful to hear from someone who has been involved with the OFHTC since the beginning. I am responding as council ombudsperson for the month of October and will report your comments at the next business meeting. Your comments will also be officially logged as a part of our budget deliberation process.

I truly appreciate your passion for our Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFHTC) and I am so glad that our city's programming made an impact on your life. We will take your comments into consideration when we discuss this item during our budget deliberations. In fact, we will be discussing this part of the budget tonight, Thursday, October 29th, at a special meeting at 7pm. You can watch our meetings at [www.Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctlive), on City of Redmond's facebook page livestream, Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 34, or listen at 510-335-7371.

To give some context on this topic, the budget plans presented for this program are primarily related to restrictions due to COVID-19 and the fact that the OFHTC is currently closed. However, to be clear, this is temporary and there are no plans to permanently close the center or its programming. In order to keep our community healthy, our City has had the doors closed on all of our recreational facilities, including the OFHTC, since March due to the pandemic and have been unable to provide in person programming since then. RYPAC has continued to operate virtually and we have done some events virtually as well. We will keep doing so until King County Public Health's guidelines change based on levels of infection in our area. Unfortunately, King County safety guidelines have resulted in no large music events or other large gatherings at the OFHTC, no afterschool programs, or evening events since the pandemic began.

We are working on a recovery plan, and when we are able to provide in person programs again, we plan to reopen the OFHTC and bring staff back so that we can operate fully. Some of the proposed cuts you see are a result of the fact that these in person programs are not currently running and the staff is usually paid for out of revenue we make from those programs. That said, I hear your points about not wanting to see budget cuts in this area and we will certainly keep your request in mind.

I have copied in our Parks and Recreation Director Carrie Hite if you have further questions on the status and plans for our teen programming and facilities.

If you would like to share any other comments on our budget, we will be having a final Public Hearing to gather community feedback on Monday, November 2. You can send an email to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov) if you would like to sign up to speak or to enter written comments into the record. To find out when all the meetings on the budget are, you can see the current extended agenda here: <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11845/102320-extended-agenda?bidId=>

Thank you again for your engagement with our city and for your input into our budget decisions.

Best,  
Vanessa



**Vanessa Kritzer**

Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Lex Spahr <[lexrainspahr@gmail.com](mailto:lexrainspahr@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:57 AM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Funding for the Old Fire House

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond City Council,

You must not withdraw any funding from the Old Fire House.

It would be a massive mistake to withdraw even a fraction of the money that you have invested in their programs.

The life skills that teens get to learn about at school are then applied at the OFH where the stakes aren't as high as they are in a school, church/mosque or sports team setting. There MUST be places where young people are given space to try/fail/try/succeed without judgement while scaffolded by adults and peers that support them. This is what happens at the OFH every day of the week.

If you think that there is something more important than investing in the social-emotional well-being of even one youth – I double dog dare you to double down and find it. Because nothing else is that important and in your core, each member of the City Counsel, the Mayor's office and the Redmond Police Department knows it.

Keep the OFH funding to keep your deep-core integrity. Make sure your votes mirror your values of giving actual support to Redmond youth in every way that they express themselves.

My name is Lex Rain Spahr and I organized and played at the first show at the OFH back in 1992 when the building was rented out to the YMCA. I was employed at the OFH for multiple-year stretches and I worked there unpaid for just as long from the time I was 17 through when I was 28. I have attended so many Redmond City Council meetings advocating for the OFH – but the last I went to was in 2002. I did not think that I would have to be writing this letter 18 years later.

I don't know more about the OFH than other people – but having been one of the original group of teens who worked to make the program come to life, I have been able to see and hear about waves and waves of youth whose lives have been scaffolded by the support that the OFH provides.

To consider shifting funding away from this program would be misguided. I deeply and profoundly ask you to please think again. You have something special that no other city has. Why discard a gem?

OFH teens need your support and funding.

I thank you for taking the time to read this email.

-Lex Rain Spahr

**From:** [levica99](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Item From the Audience - Levi A. Casto  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 6:20:50 PM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Good evening,

Please submit the following as an item from the audience from me, Levi Casto.

"My name is Levi A. Casto. I am 21 years old and a current student at the University of Washington. I write this note today as a lifelong resident of Redmond, former frequent visitor of the teen center, and former teen center employee, and 2017 recipient of the Derby Do-Gooder Award, given to me by the city in recognition of outstanding public service and volunteerism in the city. I write to advocate in opposition of the proposed defunding of the Old Firehouse Teen Center in Redmond. I must, in the strongest words possible, speak to the necessity of full funding for the Old Firehouse Teen Center, and outline how this proposed defunding is an egregious departure from the values of the City of Redmond.

During my time at the teen center, from 2012 to 2018, I was offered the opportunities that made me who I am today. The Firehouse offered me access to counselling that I otherwise could not afford, to career development opportunities I could not find elsewhere, to leadership and volunteer experiences that are unmatched elsewhere on the Eastside, to artistic spaces and supplies I could not access anywhere else, and to a community of friends and mentors I couldn't find at school or at home. Had it not been for the Firehouse, I would not have had access to any of these opportunities, all of which are put at risk and may be lost if the proposed budget cut is enacted.

The teen center is a vital "third space" for Redmond's youth. Outside of the Teen Center, Redmond has virtually no free, publicly accessible, after-school programming for its teenagers. The Firehouse offers a place, programming, and a community for every teen in the city and beyond, and the fact that cutting funding for such a staple of our community is on the table is a disgrace.

Redmond identifies its four core values as Commitment to Service, Integrity, Accountability, and Welcoming. At the time I am writing this note, 1,275 people have signed a petition advocating against this budget cut, because they understand how essential the teen center and its programming is, especially amidst a pandemic wherein many teens are struggling to develop community and access important resources. To cut funding for vital programs now, of all times, against the will of the city's residents, would be to betray Redmond's core values of service, integrity, accountability, and welcoming.

I implore councilmembers to consider the impact the teen center has on local youth, the resources and opportunities they will block access to if they move forward with defunding it, and the message that the city wants to send to its teenagers."

Thank you,  
Levi A. Casto

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Zahra Elkhafaifi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not defund the Old Firehouse Teen Center!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:43:06 AM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi there, please include the below testimony for the written public record regarding the elimination of budget for the Old Firehouse Teen Center:

---

My name is Zahra. I am among the thousands of people impacted by the safety and love of the Old Firehouse (OFH) as a teen between 2004-2008. I moved to Washington in 9th grade, which was a tough adjustment. After a short while of searching for my place, I found it - the OFH. The staff, teens, and musicians wrapped me up in a safe and nurturing environment where my life changed for the better. I started a band with friends and recorded an EP in the studio thanks to Jeff McNulty and others. I discussed current events and issues impacting teens with Rana Shmait and Nancy Chang. Ken Wong was always, always there for an encouraging word and helpful advice. When I was there, teens could access therapy and talk to a trusted adult in a safe place. Sam Smith helped folks learn baking, my peers interned with sound and lighting engineers. We learned to speak up for ourselves and discover our boundaries. I can't imagine a Redmond without the teen center. Kirkland lost KTUB this year; the Eastside cannot be devoid of a safe space for teens to be. Considering the rising abuse of opiates, ready access to other drugs and alcohol, and a shrinking number of free, safe places for youths, I can't believe that the City is considering defunding this absolute treasure. When I think back to my younger self and consider what I would have been doing if the OFH was not there, I remember friends who lurked in parks and abused substances, or who suffered depression and felt like outcasts and I hurt to think where they would have been. Please - Redmond is already losing its soul with the huge numbers of new buildings and development. There has to be a free, safe, nurturing, and interesting place for kids to be. So many of my friends found their calling at OFH, so many lives were saved by the presence of the center and those who worked to make it amazing. A few years ago I attended the 25th anniversary of the OFH and I was so proud to see all my former peers thriving in adulthood - attributable in part to the OFH's sturdy scaffolding. I myself am a well-adjusted professional thanks to the OFH.

Hearing the news that the City may eliminate the budget for the OFH sends the clear and direct message that teens need to figure it out on their own; they have no home in the City; they have nowhere to congregate and learn; they are welcome to seek other places to feel like they have a home, which is so likely to be a worse option. It is the duty of the City of Redmond to look out for all of its citizens, and to remove this would be at best neglectful.

Thank you, and I desperately hope you reconsider. We can do better.

Sincerely, a former at-risk teen who found hope and inspiration through a City funded teen program.

---

Zahra Elkhafaifi | 425-223-1019 | [zahra.elkhafaifi@gmail.com](mailto:zahra.elkhafaifi@gmail.com)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 1:38 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Smith <[rebeccaspd1@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaspd1@gmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Angela Birney <[abirney@redmond.gov](mailto:abirney@redmond.gov)>; Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OFH Teen Center

Hi Ms. Smith,

Thank you for reaching out to our council. I am responding as council ombudsperson for the month of October and will report your comments at the next business meeting. Your comments will also be officially logged as a part of our budget deliberation process.

I truly appreciate your passion for our Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFHTC) and its staff. Thank you for highlighting the hard work our staff have been doing to continue providing support to our teens during this pandemic and the need for their continued services. We will take your comments into consideration when we discuss this item during our budget deliberations. In fact, we will be discussing this part of the budget tonight, Thursday, October 29th, at a special meeting at 7pm. You can watch our meetings at [www.Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctlive), on City of Redmond's facebook page livestream, Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 34, or listen at 510-335-7371.

To give some context on this topic, the budget plans presented for this program are primarily related to restrictions due to COVID-19 and the fact that the OFHTC is currently closed. However, to be clear, this is temporary and there are no plans to permanently close the center or its programming. In order to keep our community healthy, our City has had the doors closed on all of our recreational facilities, including the OFHTC, since March due to the pandemic and have been unable to provide in person programming since then. RYPAC has continued to operate virtually and we have done some events virtually as well. We will keep doing so until King County Public Health's guidelines change based on levels of infection in our area. Unfortunately, King County safety guidelines have resulted in no large music events or other large gatherings at the OFHTC, no afterschool programs, or evening events since the pandemic began.

We are working on a recovery plan, and when we are able to provide in person programs again, we plan to reopen the OFHTC and bring staff back so that we can operate fully. Some of the proposed cuts you see are a result of the fact that these in person programs are not currently running and the staff is usually paid for out of revenue we make from those programs. That said, I hear your points about not wanting to see budget cuts in this area and what we are obligated to do with levy funds. I will certainly ask about that last point as we look at this item and will keep your other comments in mind as well.

I have copied in our Parks and Recreation Director Carrie Hite if you have further questions on the status and plans for our teen programming and facilities.

If you would like to share any other comments on our budget, we will be having a final Public Hearing to gather community feedback on Monday, November 2. You can send an email to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov) if you would like to sign up to speak or to enter written comments into the record. To find out when all the meetings on the budget are, you can see the current extended agenda here: <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11845/102320-extended-agenda?bidId=>

Thank you again for your engagement with our city and for your input into our budget decisions.

Best,  
Vanessa



**Vanessa Kritzer**

Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Rebecca Smith <[rebeccaspd1@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaspd1@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 5:31 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** OFH Teen Center

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Redmond City Council

I am extremely disappointed in the current City council's plan to cut the staff at the OFH in half! They currently only have 2 employees (all the supplemental or part time employees were let go as soon as Covid hit - only the 2 full time employees have been left to carry on virtually this whole time). This is a levy funded center! That means the residents have already spoken and stated that the OFH and senior center are important enough to guarantee funds. You cannot then just shuffle the funding to suit your current designs! That is going against your constituents directly. And it is a good way to send the message that you don't care what your people want. As you know, when voters feel that they are not being listened to, they immediately vote out everyone currently in office, usually without researching to see who voted for what.

I understand that the City has lost a lot of revenue and needs to make adjustments and cuts. I question how cutting 1 full time job (or even 10) will make enough of a change to realize any benefit to the budget. I also question why all of the jobs are being cut from recreation and none from parks or facilities departments. With so many parks and buildings staying closed, I wonder why all of the cuts are only in our community and recreation areas. What about some of the newer departments created in the last 1-2 years? Would that be better areas to cut? Marketing?

I question why the OFH teen programs are being viewed as revenue based programs. They should be viewed as teen services and that is why the residents guaranteed their funding through levy funds. Because the residents think it is important to provide these services to our teens. While occasionally, once open, their events may bring in some funds, that is not and Should Not be the focus of the OFH program director as the City is currently instructing. Their focus is on developing inclusive programs with teen involvement and buy-in. Programs that

engage teens and give a voice to teens and develop leadership opportunities for teens. This is how you create leaders. And dumping all our funding into a general community center that has some teen programs is not the same thing. That is not a cost saving idea, that is a cop-out and an illusion of programs that will not be what our teens need. The OFH has been within their budget on a regular basis and is currently well under budget! A general community center absorbing the teen center is not what Redmond needs, and is not what Redmond wants. That is why Redmond voted in the levy funds specifically for the teen and senior centers.

The OFH is an important tool for our City going forward. It's staff and programs promote diversity and inclusion as well as being a safe place for our youth. This is one of Redmond's most diverse and equitable programs to date. Providing empowerment to some of our most vulnerable and under represented populations. While the OFH has been closed during the pandemic their programs have continued virtually. They even found ways for teens to volunteer in the community during this shutdown (with no contact). I encourage all of you to follow them on Instagram or Facebook to see what they are doing for your youth! With just the 2 full time employees the OFH has currently, they have built virtual programs over the 6 months since the pandemic and have over 1250 followers on Instagram alone! In addition, they are running multiple internships for teens; mentoring their ideas and creativity to help this community. This is what creative, passionate, leaders can do when they care. What other department can say that? Can Parks say that? Can building maintenance? Can the City Hall? Or even the city marketing department? Are any of these departments creating virtual programs or have over 1200 followers? And are they losing staff? 50% of their staff?! So let's try supporting OFH staff and your youth going forward. And do what is right and what we voted for! Keep the OFH open (even virtually) and staffed and paid for by levy funds.

Rebecca Smith  
Graduate of Redmond High School

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** Bob Yoder <[redmondblog@gmail.com](mailto:redmondblog@gmail.com)>; MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Budget proposal.

Hi Mr. Yoder,

Thank you for the thoughtful input on our budget. I am responding as ombudsperson for October and will report your comments at our next Business meeting tonight. Your comments will also be publicly logged as official input into our budget process.

At our meeting last Thursday, the topic of furloughs and staffing reductions was discussed. We will continue to weigh various options for balancing our budget at our meetings through December 1 and can keep your comments in mind. As I think you are well aware, if you would like to follow our discussions on this further, you can watch our budget deliberations at [www.Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctlive), on City of Redmond's facebook page livestream, Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 34, or listen at 510-335-7371. To find out when all the meetings on the budget are, you can see the current extended agenda here:

<https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11845/103020-extended-agenda?bidId=>

By the way, since I know you do follow our meetings closely, please be sure to note that we are meeting tonight, Monday, this week instead of our usual Tuesday because of Election Day. Thanks again for your input and I hope you are staying healthy.

Best,  
Vanessa



**Vanessa Kritzer**  
Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Bob Yoder <[redmondblog@gmail.com](mailto:redmondblog@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Budget proposal.

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor and Council -

Strongsville, Ohio is a vibrant suburban city of 45,000, a short distance from Cleveland. <https://www.strongsville.org>. They've taken the following measures to firm up their finances in response to COVID. The following is an excerpt from their website:

"To help combat the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the City of Strongsville's tax revenues, all full-time city employees not covered under a collective bargaining agreement – as well as the mayor, department heads, service department workers and building inspectors -- will be placed on a 32-hour work week starting \_\_\_\_, resulting in an eight-hour weekly furlough (a 20 percent pay reduction).

The furlough will not affect police, firefighters or dispatchers. All three operations will remain ready to respond.

Service Department personnel will be scheduled so that workers are available to respond to any potential emergencies.

The furloughs will stay in effect until at least \_\_\_\_. when the city's finances will be evaluated and a decision made about returning to normal hours. We apologize for any inconvenience."

*City Council, this is budget season - please take similar actions to steady our tax revenues.*

--Thank you, Bob  
10/30/2020

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 2:25 PM

**To:** [selibers@comcast.net](mailto:selibers@comcast.net); Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Angela Birney <[abirney@redmond.gov](mailto:abirney@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Please save the Old Firehouse

Hi Mr. Seliber,

Thank you for reaching out to our council. I am responding as council ombudsperson for the month of October and will report your comments at the next council business meeting. Your comments will also be officially logged as a part of our budget deliberation process.

I truly appreciate your passion for our Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFHTC) and I hear your voice along with the many others that wrote to us about this topic. I'm glad the OFHTC has made a difference in your life and in the lives of your sons – thank you for sharing your story with us.

To give some context on this topic, the budget plans presented for this program are primarily related to restrictions due to COVID-19 and the fact that the OFHTC is currently closed. However, to be clear, **this is temporary and there are no plans to permanently close the center or its programming.** In order to keep our community healthy, our City has had the doors closed on all of our recreational facilities, including the OFHTC, since March due to the pandemic and have been unable to provide in person programming since then. RYPAC has continued to operate virtually and we have done some events virtually as well. We will keep doing so until King County Public Health's guidelines change based on levels of infection in our area. Unfortunately, King County safety guidelines have resulted in no large music events or other large gatherings at the OFHTC, no afterschool programs, or evening events since the pandemic began.

**We are working on a recovery plan, and when we are able to safely provide in person programs again, we plan to reopen the OFHTC and bring staff back so that we can operate fully.** Some of the proposed cuts you see are a result of the fact that these in person programs are not currently running and the staff is usually paid for out of revenue we make from those programs. That said, we heard a lot of passionate concern from community members like yourself about the proposed budget cuts and at our first budget discussion around this topic multiple councilmembers, including myself, voiced interest in looking into options that might avoid some of the proposed cuts in our Parks and Recreation staff.

If you would like to follow our discussions on this further, you can watch our budget deliberations that will be happening every week until December 1 at [www.Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://www.Redmond.gov/rctlive), on City of Redmond's facebook page livestream, Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 34, or listen at 510-335-7371. To find out when all the meetings on the budget are, you can see the current extended agenda here: <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11845/102320-extended-agenda?bidId=>

I also have copied in our Parks and Recreation Director Carrie Hite if you have further questions on the status and plans for our teen programming and facilities. Thank you again for your engagement with our city and for your input into our budget decisions.

Best,  
Vanessa



**Vanessa Kritzer**

Councilmember | City of Redmond | Pronouns: She/Her  
425.305.9892 | [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052



NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** [selibers@comcast.net](mailto:selibers@comcast.net) <[selibers@comcast.net](mailto:selibers@comcast.net)>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 4:01 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Please save the Old Firehouse

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond Council,

I reach out to you to preserve the Redmond Old Firehouse Teen Center. I watched both of my sons play with their rock bands while In High School. There were many memorable moments. One of my sons also cut his Sound Guy teeth there and it's the career he enjoys today. The Old Firehouse has always been a great refuge for Eastside teens.

Roy Seliber

[selibers@comcast.net](mailto:selibers@comcast.net)

**From:** Ralph Trieselmann <[rtrieselmann@gmail.com](mailto:rtrieselmann@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Public Hearing

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I am commenting on the proposed 2021-22 budget. I recognize the difficulty of developing a budget in these difficult and uncertain times. The projected growth in Redmond's population and housing is another factor that needs to be carefully considered while trying to maintain a city we like to live in. The amount of detail is helpful in understanding how the budget was developed.

I think the proposed budget showing a reduction of about 2.5% of employees for all funds is reasonable. It is unfortunate, but understandable, that the largest reduction is from the Parks and Recreation areas. I believe the small reduction in fire and police is reasonable. Hopefully, they can continue to provide the same high level of service over the next 2 years as Redmond grows. It appears there is still a strong commitment to maintaining the environment while planning for the future development of Redmond. The projected deficit of \$24.6 MIL is unfortunate but hopefully with an improved economy, it will be reduced.

Overall I think the budget shows a well thought out approach to our City's future needs and will be adopted.

Ralph Trieselmann  
425-894-1807

**From:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 2:56 PM

**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Written Public Hearing Comments on 2021-22 Budget

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Good Evening Councilmembers –

Please accept these written comments in lieu of oral testimony at the public hearing this evening. They support comments of other community members and include references to some of my previous remarks in the attached document.

I do have one process question related to the Public Comment matrix. Under the column headed "Status"....is there an expectation that comments from the community will be addressed in a substantive manner or simply have their receipt acknowledged by staff?

Thank you for your consideration,  
Tom Hinman

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**Public Comments Regarding Redmond 2021-22 Budget  
Provided by Tom Hinman, November 2, 2020**

Good Evening Councilmembers –

Please accept these written comments in lieu of oral testimony this evening.

I would like to support statements provided by the Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association as they seek to add efficiency to our transportation systems and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the process. This endorsement is consistent with my previous comments on greenhouse gas/carbon reduction measures and the value of a TDM assistant on Redmond staff.

Further, I support retention of the \$50,000 line item for the Green Redmond Partnership as a modest effort consistent with the City tree canopy and environmental sustainability objectives. This is an endorsement of the comments from Mr. Gary Smith of October 20, 2020 as reflected in the Public Comment Matrix.

On the subject of the Public Comment Matrix, under the column headed "Status"....is there an expectation that comments from the community will be addressed in a substantive manner or simply have their receipt acknowledged by staff?

I applaud the new Community Satisfaction Rating contained in the Strategic and Responsive priority. Per my earlier comments of October, 2018 as extracted in my public comments of October 2020 under:

**Citywide Communications and Community Outreach & Involvement** – Strategic and Responsive Objective #2 is to “connect with the local and regional community through broad and inclusive communication and public engagement strategies.” This Objective is in the spirit of the Community Engagement priority in the previous budget cycle with a Performance Measure defined as “Percentage of community members responding they feel that the City is listening and responding positively to their feedback.” At the time, target percentages were set for 2019 -20 per the table below. **Were the “actuals” ever measured? Are they available for reference?**

Performance Measure	Actuals			Target		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Percentage of internal and external stakeholders satisfied with the quality of creative services, products, timeliness and collaboration measured by an annual internal survey*	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%	80%	85%
Percentage of community members engaged with the City through face to face meetings (Neighborhood Conversations), online platforms, and social media*	N/A	N/A	N/A	20%	25%	30%
Percentage of Redmond residents very satisfied or satisfied with their overall sense of connection to the community	76%	77%	51%	70%	70%	70%
Percentage of community members responding they feel that the City is listening and responding positively to their feedback*	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%	65%	70%
Percentage of community members responding they feel informed regarding City programs, initiatives, projects, and issues	65%	63%	60%	63%	65%	67%

\* New performance measure

As a related matter, I recommend another Program Measure under the Development Services offer related to outreach regarding new project proposals. The number of community responses to Invitations for Public Comment or attendance at project meetings is an indicator of public outreach effectiveness within the Planning Department and should be added.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Tom Hinman

**From:** Joy Randall <[joyous1118@gmail.com](mailto:joyous1118@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 3:12 PM

**To:** [council@redmond.com](mailto:council@redmond.com); [mayorcouncil@redmond.com](mailto:mayorcouncil@redmond.com); Jeralee Anderson <[janderson@redmond.gov](mailto:janderson@redmond.gov)>; David Carson <[DCARSON@redmond.gov](mailto:DCARSON@redmond.gov)>; Steve Fields <[sfields@redmond.gov](mailto:sfields@redmond.gov)>; Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>; Varisha Khan <[vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>; Tanika Padhye <[tpadhye@redmond.gov](mailto:tpadhye@redmond.gov)>; Mayor (Internet) <[Mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:Mayor@redmond.gov)>; [Joholmen@lwsd.org](mailto:Joholmen@lwsd.org); [boardmembers@lwsd.org](mailto:boardmembers@lwsd.org); Darrell Lowe <[dlowe@redmond.gov](mailto:dlowe@redmond.gov)>; Tim Gately <[TGately@redmond.gov](mailto:TGately@redmond.gov)>; Police <[RPD@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:RPD@REDMOND.GOV)>

**Subject:** Support of Eastside Change Coalition demands for city budget hearing

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Greetings Mayor Birney, Chief Lowe, Council Members,

I hope all of you have been well and safe during this time with your loved ones.

Since this spring, I continue to push our community to address systemic racism, inequity, and policing. We must listen to Black voices, especially the amazing young Black activists at the Eastside Change Coalition.

I have participated in zoom calls they have hosted with Mayor Birney and Chief Lowe as well as Kirkland city officials. I've also participated in educational opportunities they have hosted called Decolonizing the Classroom. I highly encourage you to attend one of their educational opportunities if you have not yet.

This group of young leaders are truly leading the way to help us build a new society that will open the door to what we all wish for, real equality, equity, relationships in our community to feel belonging and safety for all of us. This is why I urge you to listen to their demands listed here and work to make these happen in Redmond.

Thank you for your time and I wish for you all to stay safe and well.

Joy Randall

## **The Eastside Change Coalition Demands to the Institutions of Redmond**

As youth activists, we will unite together to reimagine, recreate, and restructure the current systems of power that oppress and abuse Black and brown bodies. We will create a network of resources to allow for the facilitation of robust education on institutional systems of oppression, for all who are looking to learn.

We are the next generation and together we will change the world.

In pursuit of our mission, the Eastside Change Coalition has compiled a list of our current demands for the Redmond Police Department, City Council, Mayor's Office, and Lake Washington school district. As residents of the eastside, these demands target what we see as a handful of easily solvable issues that disproportionately affect marginalized communities. We have conducted research to inform these demands; they are not random or without evidence of being significant. The year is 2020,

and we are past the point of asking politely for change. The aforementioned institutions must truly serve all by meeting the demands of our organization and all who we represent.

## **Demand 1**

### **We demand the establishment of a comprehensive Police Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC) Program to respond to the mental health needs of Redmond**

Mental health is a problem in the Redmond community. More specifically, mental health is a problem with insufficient resources allocated to resolve it.

Looking at data collected on 991 calls directed to Kirkland Police Department\* per week from 2018-2019, we can see that calls involving mental health assistance are the 5th largest category. Despite this, our police force is not equipped or trained to adequately handle mental health emergencies. This inadequacy serves to reinforce the issue of increased incarceration and conviction of individuals dealing with mental health issues. If the police department is truly committed to embracing their mission to actively reduce crime, address traffic safety issues and maintain the highest level of safety and security for residents, employees, businesses and visitors in Redmond, they should dedicate themselves to best preparing themselves to respond correctly to *every* situation.

Currently, the Redmond Police Department has a single mental health professional, Susie Crawl, who is deployed occasionally at the discretion of the dispatcher. She has training in the skills of mental health support, de-escalation, and problem resolution. However, one mental health professional is not enough for the scale of the demand for professional trained mental-health conflict resolution experts in Redmond.

We demand that the Redmond Police department establish and maintain a comprehensive police Mental Health Collaboration Program to respond to the mental health needs of Redmond. A program like this must adhere to the [10 essential elements of a PMHC](#) program as laid out clearly by both the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) and [Council of State Government Justice Center](#) toolkits for developing a PMHC program. These essential elements are as follows

- 
- Collaborative Planning and Implementation
- 
- 
- Program Design
- 
- 
- Specialized Training
- 
- 
- Call-Taker and Dispatcher Protocols
- 
- 
- Stabilization, Observation, and Disposition
- 
- 
- Transportation and Custodial Transfer
- 
- 
- Information Exchange and Confidentiality

- 
- 
- Treatment, Supports, and Services
- 
- 
- Organizational Support
- 
- 
- Program Evaluation and Sustainability
- 

The first step of meeting our demand is to establish a dedicated committee whose primary responsibility is to design, implement, and maintain a successful PMHC program. This committee would work with the [Technical Assistance \(TA\)](#) program of CSG Justice Center, research and clearly understand the exact needs of Redmond, receive regular input from community members, especially marginalized community members, and present drafts of program outlines to the Police Department Chief to be reviewed and approved. While the initial step of designing a PMHC program is extremely critical with a series of long-term impacts, only a very small budget is required for such a committee to be successful. Anticipated costs may include trips to example agencies, hosting community engagement sessions, outreach, and recruitment for professional help.

We have given a handful of resources to jumpstart this process, though the burden lies with the police department to construct their own plan to meet this demand. This demand is very obtainable, and will have huge impacts for the community of Redmond. We expect this demand to be met before the end of December, 31st, 2021.

\*We have not been able to obtain data on RPD dispatcher calls statistics. KPD is an adjacent police department serving similar communities, and therefore can serve as a rough basis for RPD

## **Demand 2**

### **We demand the establishment, fulfillment, and operation of a Redmond DEI Program Manager position**

Redmond is not free from the systemic racism and bigotry that plagues the rest of the United States. Though the Redmond city council has set up programs in the past to fight against this racism and bigotry, there has been very little done to ascertain the actual extent of the problem. Most of the information on this subject requires digging deep into unofficial records, speaking to people working in public service, and anecdotal evidence. For example, there is clearly a disparity in housing. Due to the tiny Black population in Redmond, the average household income for Black residents is higher than the average for white residents, but the percent of Black residents without the ability to acquire an affordable home is higher than that of any other group. 13% of Black residents make less than \$20,000 a year, as opposed to 7.5% of the total population. Meanwhile, only 3% of housing costs per year are less than the \$6,000 that would be considered affordable for this income level in King County. This information, however, is not collected in one place. It's spread across multiple surveys on both government and non-government websites. Drug and homelessness numbers are even harder to find. Though talking to the city homelessness coordinator reveals that there are about 70 homeless individuals in Redmond, this number and its racial breakdown cannot be found on any official databases.

Cultural competency training in Redmond City employees is also relatively low. The target for 2020 has only 325 of the 711.92 full-time equivalent employees of the City of Redmond receiving training for

equity and cultural competency, and the current plan only extends that number to 411 by 2022. With disparities such as the housing issue noted above, the city would benefit from higher training numbers. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs, often shortened to DEI, are programs that intend to cultural equality and human rights. Redmond's DEI efforts are carried out by a work group of representatives from different city departments, such as police, planning, and communications. As Mayor Birney recommended in her budget proposal, this system would benefit from a single DEI program manager, allowing these representatives to act more like liaisons. This position would create a more coordinated approach to Redmond DEI than has been available before.

Therefore, the Eastside Change Coalition makes the following three demands from the City of Redmond:

- 1.
2. Approve Mayor Birney's budget
3. proposal to move 1.00 full time equivalent employee from the police department to create a program manager position for the city's DEI efforts.
4.
  - a.
  - b. As mentioned above, it is
  - c. in the best interest of the city that this position is established.
  - d.
  - e.
  - f. To fill this position, the
  - g. City of Redmond must consult affected communities and local organizations. We believe that the best way for this first step of the city's DEI efforts to be successful and appropriate is to keep transparency in the appointment of this officer. We demand that
  - h. this appointment is filled by someone who not only has experience working in Redmond, but also has education and authentic work credentials related specifically to diversity, equity and inclusion. We, the Eastside Change Coalition, would also like to be involved
  - i. in this appointment process if possible.
  - j.
- 2.
3. Join the Government Alliance
4. on Race and Equity (or GARE) and establish a plan overseen by the new DEI program manager to administer equity and cultural competency training to all Redmond City employees.
5.
  - a.
  - b. We believe that Redmond
  - c. would benefit from the shared resources and support it would receive by becoming the first city on the Eastside to join GARE. Therefore, we request that Redmond set a plan to become a member of GARE in the near future. Membership FAQs can be found
  - d. [here.](#)
  - e.
  - f.
  - g. Redmond should use either
  - h. the curriculum it's already administered, the one provided by GARE, or some combination of the two to set up a "train the trainer" program that could reasonably allow

all city employees to receive equity and cultural competency training in the next few years.

- i. As this program continues, Redmond should consider making this training a required course taken by all new city employees, elected, hired, or appointed, at the beginning of their term.
  - j.
  
- 3.
4. Task the DEI program with
5. identifying and carrying out informed plans to fight systemic racism and bigotry in Redmond
6.
  - a.
  - b. Redmond should appropriate
  - c. funds to perform probes into what areas of race, gender, and sexual inequality must be addressed. This includes but is not limited to experiments, data analysis, and, most importantly, contact with communities most affected by race, gender, and sexual inequality.
  - d. The information on inequality in Redmond needs to be gathered into a single document or government digest that citizens and city employees can use to make informed decisions.
    - e.
    - f.
    - g. Redmond then needs to come
    - h. up with a toolkit that can be used to develop individualized plans to tackle each of these issues. This toolkit could be personally developed by Redmond, or could be based on the one administered by the Seattle Office of Civil Rights' Race and Social Justice
  - i. Initiative found [here](#).
  - j.

In drafting these demands, we spoke with Mariko Lockhart, the director of the Seattle Office of Civil Rights. We feel that it will be necessary in expanding the powers and efforts of this diversity, equity, and inclusion officer for the city of Redmond to consult and study DEI offices of other cities. Seattle's office focuses mainly on civil rights enforcement, but its many programs related to DEI are an invaluable resource.

### **Demand 3**

#### **We demand the expansion of the Redmond Police Department's Community Equity Action Team**

The ideas and experiences of members from the Redmond community are often being overlooked. This is the main reason why the Redmond Police Department (RPD) created the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT) in 2018.

During a CEAT meeting on Wednesday, 28 October 2020, it is clear that they are on the correct path to ensure that all members of the community have their voices heard. But two of the main demographics that were missing from the conversation were the youth and those of whom that have disabilities. The

members of CEAT are aware of this and are working to recruit members of these demographics. They are currently working with Chanin Kelly-Rae to be more inclusive and equitable. However, CEAT needs to build a strategy that allows them to connect with more individuals to ensure that everyone from the community of Redmond has representation.

We demand that the Community Equity Action Team continues on the path that they are currently on. For recruitment, they should create smaller teams with individuals from certain demographics who can reach out to members of their smaller communities within Redmond to either have more entities of different demographics show up to team meetings to share their ideas and experiences with the group, or to have someone speak on their behalf.

If CEAT follows the advice of this demand, not only do we believe that the team will be more inclusive, we believe that the team will also be more equitable and will be able to foster the engagement of individuals from the Redmond community to build a better partnership between the Redmond Police Department and the people that they serve.

## **Demand 4**

### **We demand that the Lake Washington School District abolish the SRO program, and reinvest the SRO budget into Community Wellness programs.**

Police brutality is rampant across the nation. Here in Washington State, we have witnessed the deaths of Charleena Lyles, Shaun Fuhr, Manuel Ellis, and so many others all at the hands of cops. Just a month ago, 3 Redmond police officers shot and killed Andrea T. Churna, an innocent 39-year-old woman, in her own home. The countless murders of Black and brown people have made it incredibly clear that cops do not provide safety for our communities.

Black and brown students are disproportionately harmed and criminalized by police forces at schools. They represent 31% of school-related arrests in the United States and are 3 times more likely to be expelled than white students. Student Resource Officers (SROs) increase youth contact with the criminal punishment system by perpetuating the school-to-prison pipeline. According to the ACLU, this is a national trend where students are funneled from their public schools into juvenile and criminal justice systems. Students who are punished for discretionary crimes are nearly 3 times more likely to end up in these systems the following year. Additionally, many of these children have learning disabilities and histories of trauma, abuse, and neglect. Instead of being provided access to mental health, counseling, social services, and other resources needed to heal, they are isolated and detained (ACLU).

Currently, the Lake Washington School District spends \$184,000 per year on SRO enforcement in schools (LWSD Budget Report). This is a huge sum of money that would be much better invested into valuable mental health services and resources that actually provide safety for the community. Police are only reactionary forces, they do not stop harm or violence but rather respond to it, often with brutality rather than de-escalation. Instead, the district can take steps to prevent crime and cultivate real safety by implementing holistic community wellness programs and hiring professional mental health counselors that are trauma-informed and trained in de-escalation.

As members of the Eastside Change Coalition, we demand that the Lake Washington School District permanently cuts all ties to police departments and invests in the mental health and wellbeing of their students and communities.

We demand that the school district do the following:

- 1.
2. Permanently abolish the
3. SRO program. This includes the complete removal of all Student Resource Officers, Special Security Officers, and any other forms of police from every school within the district.
- 4.
- 5.
6. End all relationships to
7. the Redmond, Kirkland, and Sammamish police departments as well as the King County Sheriff department. This includes their exclusion from all LWSD committees and an end to all recurring donations given to police foundations
- 8.
- 9.
10. Re-allocate these funds
11. into student and community wellness by investing in mental and physical health services, hiring more counselors, nurses, and healers, and implementing transformative justice programs and holistic de-escalation spaces
- 12.
- 13.
14. Create a Community Wellness
15. Committee led by Black, Indigenous, People of Color counselors, community members, and teachers to lead the implementation of community wellness initiatives, review programs already put in place, and decide on further solutions for providing student support.
- 16.

SRO presence in our schools jeopardizes the safety, well-being, and futures of our students and communities especially our BIPOC members by adding to the racial traumas already impacting them and their families. While we acknowledge that members of the Lake Washington School District have had some positive interactions with our SROs, this does not excuse the harm, brutality, and criminalization of Black and brown people that continues to occur by police in our community.

## **Demand 5**

### **We demand the allocation of funds to hire two more homeless program coordinators for the City of Redmond.**

A task force of one does not have the ability to strategize the response to homelessness for the entirety of Redmond. With a heavy reliance on community partners and mental health agencies, another homeless program coordinator would take this large load off the back of one person and could allow for more expansion and development of homeless programs rather than doing the bare minimum.

In an interview with Tisza Rutherford, we learned valuable information about her position and what it entails. Currently working with 128 individuals in total, Tisza has her hands full running around Redmond and other neighboring cities developing relationships with new faces while keeping contact flowing with familiar ones. We believe she is an important resource that is being spread far too thin which is not a sustainable way for her to continue being effective at her job.

As a task force of one within the planning department, her job includes strategizing the response to homelessness, patrolling areas of Redmond, and connecting the homeless population with resources.

The police funnel all homeless cases to her, and from that point on, she is the main resource they have. How can only one person handle checking in with over 100 people all living in different areas or camps in neighboring cities? Her partnership with the police is a step in the right direction but without them having the ability to interact with homeless individuals they are just messengers and leave her with all the follow-up.

We believe the homeless population residing in the city of Redmond would benefit from another homeless coordinator that can balance out Tisza Rutherford's caseload. Having another point person would allow more strategizing of the larger homelessness issue rather than working only the day-to-day operations. We were told that there are allocated funds to hire another coordinator but that was not apparent on the city's budget report.

In your upcoming budget meetings, we request you strongly consider hiring another homeless coordinator or someone with similar responsibilities to balance the heavy caseload Tisza Rutherford currently has.

## **Demand 6**

### **We demand the education and thorough training of local law enforcement to become a resource for the homeless population in the City of Redmond.**

By requiring all current and future law enforcement to participate in de-escalation and mental health training they will be better equipped for unforeseen interactions while on duty. The ultimate goal of having law enforcement agencies is to maintain order and reduce violence and crime. Redirecting a portion of the budget towards paying for more extensive training would teach skills that could be useful on a day to day basis, and reduce the likelihood of unintentional harm to community members.

A better use of taxpayer money is shifting funding to social services such as mental health, addiction, and homelessness. Police spending should reflect what communities pay in exchange for public safety, to keep all communities safe. Giving them the skills to interact more personally within the community will allow there to be more trust and a resource that people feel safe approaching if necessary. Putting police officers closer to the homeless population would result in more direct relationships and ultimately having them feel more comfortable around law enforcement. Today, many law enforcement agencies are implementing direct outreach to homeless individuals and encouraging their officers to show compassion for homeless persons.

The homeless coordinator working for the city, Tisza Rutherford, is currently the point person for the homeless population in Redmond and needs more support. Providing your officers with this training could also make them a resource for her. When officers come into contact with a homeless individual, they funnel the case to her, and from that point on, she is the main resource they have. The city's partnership with the police is a step in the right direction but without them having the ability to interact with homeless individuals they are just messengers. At least presenting the option for officers to complete mental health and homeless training could greatly increase their positive contact with the homeless population.

The Cambridge Police Department in Massachusetts created Homeless Outreach Officers who focus on the contact everyday officers had with homeless individuals. Their focus is on specifically the homeless population in Cambridge and reducing the amount of nuisance behavior calls while improving the lives of everyone in the community. They understand that police are normally the first to interact with them and that creating a solid basis of communication and understanding would benefit both people in the future. They believe that officers who take the time to "know the individual are able to establish a rapport [often lead] to referral for much needed health care services and [a] mutual understanding of desired outcomes" (Source 6).

By offering de-escalation or homeless training, you will be providing your officers with the skills to always be prepared for any situation that could arise.

### Sources

#### Demand 1

From The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center

- 
- 10 Essential Elements of
- a PMHC
- 
- 
- <http://csgjc.wpengine.com/publications/improving-responses-to-people-with-mental-illnesses-the-essential-elements-of-a-specialized-law-enforcement-based-program/>
- 
- 
- Law Enforcement-Mental Health
- Learning Sites
- 
- 
- <https://csgjusticecenter.org/projects/police-mental-health-collaboration-pmhc/law-enforcement-mental-health-learning-sites/>
- 
- 
- Law Enforcement-Mental Health
- Webinar for Police Executives
- 
- 
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XAuFIEgqYY&feature=youtu.be>
- 

From the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

- 
- Planning and Implement a
- Police-Mental Health collaboration Program Video
- 
- 
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APyoLwpGRTk&feature=youtu.be>
- 
- 
- 10 Essential Elements of
- a PMHC
- 
- 
- <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/pmhc/learning/essential-elements-pmhc-programs/1-collaborative-planning-and-implementation>
-

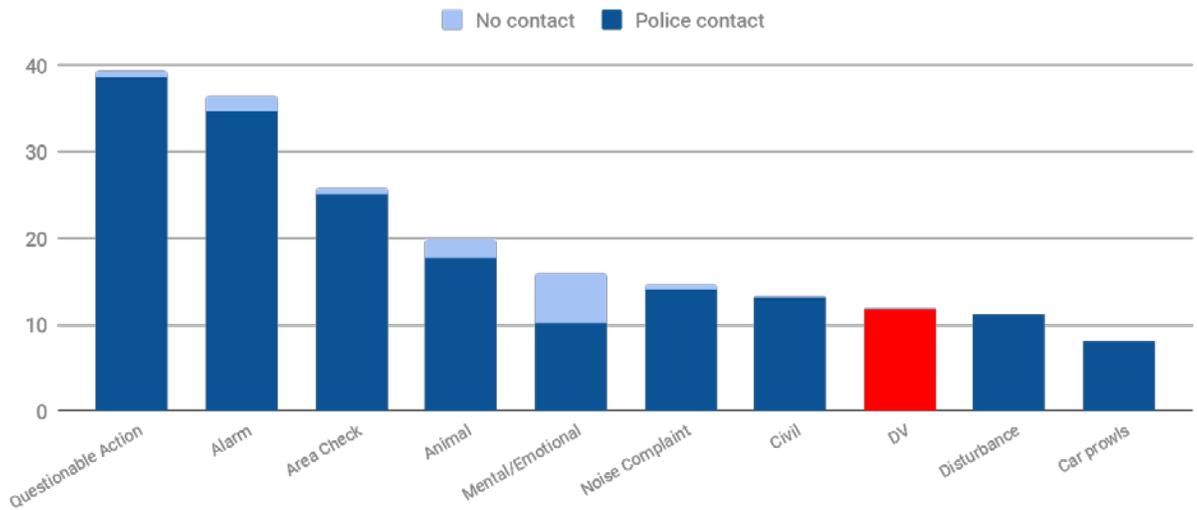
From the Redmond Police website

- 
- <https://www.redmond.gov/167/Police>
- 

Indivisible Kirkland Compiled Police Dispatcher Data

- 
- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11OqiQqFe2OHIE1CfNiXrUnl4jyhFHN5v-kTWDH1GCAI/edit#gid=1364826426&range=H1>
- 
- 

911 calls directed to KPD per week, 2018-2019



- 
- 

## Demand 2

From various housing statistics sources:

- 
- Statistics relating to housing
- price distribution in Washington cities
- - 
  - <https://www.towncharts.com/Washington/Housing/Redmond-city-WA-Housing-data.html>
  -
- 
- Statistics related to Redmond
- household income distribution

- - 
  - <https://statisticalatlas.com/place/Washington/Redmond/Household-Income>
  -

#### From the City of Redmond

- 
- The 2021-22 preliminary budget plan
- - 
  - <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15166/2021-2022-Preliminary-Budget-PDF>
  -
- 
- Includes the cultural competency training numbers
- - 
  - <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15172/Strategic-and-Responsive-PDF>
  -
- 
- Includes contacts and information for Tisza Rutherford, Redmond homelessness coordinator
- - 
  - <https://www.redmond.gov/568/Homelessness>
  -

#### From the City of Seattle

- 
- Lays out Civil Rights office toolkit for addressing systemic racism
- - 
  - <https://www.seattle.gov/civilrights/what-we-do/race-and-social-justice-initiative/racial-equity-toolkit>
  -

#### From King County

- 
- Affordability of housing information
- - 
  - <https://www.kingcounty.gov/~media/initiatives/affordablehousing/documents/Meetings/CAI-RAH-Deck1031.ashx?la=en>

- 

From The Government Alliance on Race and Equity

- 
- GARE racial equity training
- curriculum
- - 
  - <https://www.racialequityalliance.org/events-trainings/racial-equity-curriculum/>
  - 
  - 
  -
- 

### **Demand 3**

*Community Equity Action Team.* City of Redmond, Washington,

<https://www.redmond.gov/1233/Community-Equity-Action-Team>.

*CEAT Founding Mission, Vision and Values.* City of Redmond, Washington,

<https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14422/CEAT-Founding-Mission-Vision-and-Values?bidId=>.

### **Demand 4**

Seattle Times Police Shooting Report

- 
- Woman
- fatally shot by Redmond police identified by Medical Examiner's Office
- - 
  - <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/woman-fatally-shot-by-redmond-police-identified-by-medical-examiners-office/>
  -

ACLU

- 
- School-to-prison Pipeline
- - 
  - <https://www.aclu.org/issues/juvenile-justice/school-prison-pipeline/school-prison-pipeline>
  -

Lake Washington School District June 24, 2019 Board Meeting

- 
- SRO Budget
-

- 
- <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1561419156/lwsdorg/kjwbdkbgvd2loeximezj/190624BoardMeeting-BudgetPresentation.pdf>
- 

### **Demand 6**

From the Urban Institute

- 
- What Police Spending Data
- Can (and Cannot) Explain amid Calls to Defund the Police
- 
- 
- <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/what-police-spending-data-can-and-cannot-explain-amid-calls-defund-police>
- 

From Police Executive Research Forum

- 
- The Police Response to Homelessness
- 
- 
- <http://www.buttehomelesscoc.com/uploads/1/1/7/5/117500423/policeresponsetohomelessness.pdf>
- 

From the Justice Center (The Council of State Governments)

- 
- Strengthening Partnerships
- Between Law Enforcement and Homelessness Services Systems
- 
- 
- [https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\\_library/Law-Enforcement-and-Homelessness-Service-Partnership-2019.pdf](https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Law-Enforcement-and-Homelessness-Service-Partnership-2019.pdf)
- 

From Cambridge Police Website

- 
- Homeless Outreach Program
- 
- 
- <https://www.cambridgema.gov/cpd/communityresources/homelessoutreachprogram>
- 

--

Honor your parents, teachers and elders. (Reiki principle)

**From:** Eastside Change <[eastsidechangecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:eastsidechangecoalition@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** Anika Van Ry <[avanry@redmond.gov](mailto:avanry@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Eastside Change Coalition Demands of Redmond Institutions

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Thank you for your response, Anika. We have received the invitation for the listening session and will be in attendance. Below is the document in pdf format.

On Mon, Nov 2, 2020 at 9:54 AM Anika Van Ry <[avanry@redmond.gov](mailto:avanry@redmond.gov)> wrote:

Hello Ngaya, Eliana, and Trey,

I am confirming that the City of Redmond Mayor's Office has received your email below. However, due to security purposes, we will not be clicking on the link in the email. Can you provide the document as a PDF attachment?

Additionally, we wanted to let you know that two of the email addresses you used are invalid. The [council@redmond.com](mailto:council@redmond.com) and [mayorcouncil@redmond.com](mailto:mayorcouncil@redmond.com) addresses should both be ".gov" email addresses not ".com." Also, using the [mayorcouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:mayorcouncil@redmond.gov) email address will send your email to all Councilmembers and the Mayor's Office. This would likely be the easiest option for you, as it eliminates the need to use [council@redmond.gov](mailto:council@redmond.gov), individual councilmember email addresses, and the [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) email address.

Lastly, we wanted to remind you of the community listening session taking place this Friday, November 6. You should have received the attached email invitation from Redmond's Council President.

Regards,

**Anika Van Ry**

---

Executive Analyst, City of Redmond

---

☎ 425-556-2112 ✉ [avanry@redmond.gov](mailto:avanry@redmond.gov) 🖱 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Eastside Change <[eastsidechangecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:eastsidechangecoalition@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 8:00 AM

**To:** [council@redmond.com](mailto:council@redmond.com); [mayorcouncil@redmond.com](mailto:mayorcouncil@redmond.com); Jeralee Anderson <[janderson@redmond.gov](mailto:janderson@redmond.gov)>; David Carson <[DCARSON@redmond.gov](mailto:DCARSON@redmond.gov)>; Steve Fields <[sfields@redmond.gov](mailto:sfields@redmond.gov)>; Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>; Varisha Khan <[vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>; Tanika Padhye <[tpadhye@redmond.gov](mailto:tpadhye@redmond.gov)>; Mayor (Internet) <[Mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:Mayor@redmond.gov)>; [Joholmen@lwsd.org](http://Joholmen@lwsd.org); [boardmembers@lwsd.org](mailto:boardmembers@lwsd.org); Darrell Lowe <[dlowe@redmond.gov](mailto:dlowe@redmond.gov)>; Tim Gately <[TGately@redmond.gov](mailto:TGately@redmond.gov)>; Police <[RPD@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:RPD@REDMOND.GOV)>

**Subject:** Eastside Change Coalition Demands of Redmond Institutions

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello everyone,

As youth activists on the Eastside, we present the institutions of Redmond with the following demands outlined in [this document](#).

We hope to have conversations with each of the organizations included in this email about how we can best meet these demands in the near future. Please reply with an indication that you are open to this, and we can determine the next steps.

Please hear our voices and make an effort to move forward inclusively,

ECC Chairs Ngaya, Eliana, and Trey

*"We are the next generation and together we will change the world."*

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

## **The Eastside Change Coalition Demands to the Institutions of Redmond**

As youth activists, we will unite together to reimagine, recreate, and restructure the current systems of power that oppress and abuse Black and brown bodies. We will create a network of resources to allow for the facilitation of robust education on institutional systems of oppression, for all who are looking to learn.

We are the next generation and together we will change the world.

In pursuit of our mission, the Eastside Change Coalition has compiled a list of our current demands for the Redmond Police Department, City Council, Mayor's Office, and Lake Washington school district. As residents of the eastside, these demands target what we see as a handful of easily solvable issues that disproportionately affect marginalized communities. We have conducted research to inform these demands; they are not random or without evidence of being significant. The year is 2020, and we are past the point of asking politely for change. The aforementioned institutions must truly serve all by meeting the demands of our organization and all who we represent.

## Demand 1

### **We demand the establishment of a comprehensive Police Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC) Program to respond to the mental health needs of Redmond**

Mental health is a problem in the Redmond community. More specifically, mental health is a problem with insufficient resources allocated to resolve it.

Looking at data collected on 991 calls directed to Kirkland Police Department\* per week from 2018-2019, we can see that calls involving mental health assistance are the 5th largest category. Despite this, our police force is not equipped or trained to adequately handle mental health emergencies. This inadequacy serves to reinforce the issue of increased incarceration and conviction of individuals dealing with mental health issues. If the police department is truly committed to embracing their mission to actively reduce crime, address traffic safety issues and maintain the highest level of safety and security for residents, employees, businesses and visitors in Redmond, they should dedicate themselves to best preparing themselves to respond correctly to *every* situation.

Currently, the Redmond Police Department has a single mental health professional, Susie Crawl, who is deployed occasionally at the discretion of the dispatcher. She has training in the skills of mental health support, de-escalation, and problem resolution. However, one mental health professional is not enough for the scale of the demand for professional trained mental-health conflict resolution experts in Redmond.

We demand that the Redmond Police department establish and maintain a comprehensive police Mental Health Collaboration Program to respond to the mental health needs of Redmond. A program like this must adhere to the [10 essential elements of a PMHC](#) program as laid out clearly by both the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) and [Council of State Government Justice Center](#) toolkits for developing a PMHC program. These essential elements are as follows

- Collaborative Planning and Implementation
- Program Design
- Specialized Training
- Call-Taker and Dispatcher Protocols
- Stabilization, Observation, and Disposition
- Transportation and Custodial Transfer
- Information Exchange and Confidentiality
- Treatment, Supports, and Services
- Organizational Support
- Program Evaluation and Sustainability

The first step of meeting our demand is to establish a dedicated committee whose primary responsibility is to design, implement, and maintain a successful PMHC program. This committee would work with the [Technical Assistance \(TA\)](#) program of CSG Justice Center, research and clearly understand the exact needs of Redmond, receive regular input from community members, especially marginalized community members, and present drafts of program outlines to the Police Department Chief to be reviewed and approved. While the initial step of designing a PMHC program is extremely critical with a

series of long-term impacts, only a very small budget is required for such a committee to be successful. Anticipated costs may include trips to example agencies, hosting community engagement sessions, outreach, and recruitment for professional help.

We have given a handful of resources to jumpstart this process, though the burden lies with the police department to construct their own plan to meet this demand. This demand is very obtainable, and will have huge impacts for the community of Redmond. We expect this demand to be met before the end of December, 31st, 2021.

\*We have not been able to obtain data on RPD dispatcher calls statistics. KPD is an adjacent police department serving similar communities, and therefore can serve as a rough basis for RPD

## **Demand 2**

### **We demand the establishment, fulfillment, and operation of a Redmond DEI Program Manager position**

Redmond is not free from the systemic racism and bigotry that plagues the rest of the United States. Though the Redmond city council has set up programs in the past to fight against this racism and bigotry, there has been very little done to ascertain the actual extent of the problem. Most of the information on this subject requires digging deep into unofficial records, speaking to people working in public service, and anecdotal evidence. For example, there is clearly a disparity in housing. Due to the tiny Black population in Redmond, the average household income for Black residents is higher than the average for white residents, but the percent of Black residents without the ability to acquire an affordable home is higher than that of any other group. 13% of Black residents make less than \$20,000 a year, as opposed to 7.5% of the total population. Meanwhile, only 3% of housing costs per year are less than the \$6,000 that would be considered affordable for this income level in King County. This information, however, is not collected in one place. It's spread across multiple surveys on both government and non-government websites. Drug and homelessness numbers are even harder to find. Though talking to the city homelessness coordinator reveals that there are about 70 homeless individuals in Redmond, this number and its racial breakdown cannot be found on any official databases.

Cultural competency training in Redmond City employees is also relatively low. The target for 2020 has only 325 of the 711.92 full-time equivalent employees of the City of Redmond receiving training for equity and cultural competency, and the current plan only extends that number to 411 by 2022. With disparities such as the housing issue noted above, the city would benefit from higher training numbers.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs, often shortened to DEI, are programs that intend to cultural equality and human rights. Redmond's DEI efforts are carried out by a work group of representatives from different city departments, such as police, planning, and communications. As Mayor Birney recommended in her budget proposal, this system would benefit from a single DEI program manager, allowing these representatives to act more like liaisons. This position would create a more coordinated approach to Redmond DEI than has been available before.

Therefore, the Eastside Change Coalition makes the following three demands from the City of Redmond:

1. Approve Mayor Birney's budget proposal to move 1.00 full time equivalent employee from the police department to create a program manager position for the city's DEI efforts.

- a. As mentioned above, it is in the best interest of the city that this position is established.
  - b. To fill this position, the City of Redmond must consult affected communities and local organizations. We believe that the best way for this first step of the city’s DEI efforts to be successful and appropriate is to keep transparency in the appointment of this officer. We demand that this appointment is filled by someone who not only has experience working in Redmond, but also has education and authentic work credentials related specifically to diversity, equity and inclusion. We, the Eastside Change Coalition, would also like to be involved in this appointment process if possible.
2. Join the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (or GARE) and establish a plan overseen by the new DEI program manager to administer equity and cultural competency training to all Redmond City employees.
  - a. We believe that Redmond would benefit from the shared resources and support it would receive by becoming the first city on the Eastside to join GARE. Therefore, we request that Redmond set a plan to become a member of GARE in the near future. Membership FAQs can be found [here](#).
  - b. Redmond should use either the curriculum it’s already administered, the one provided by GARE, or some combination of the two to set up a “train the trainer” program that could reasonably allow all city employees to receive equity and cultural competency training in the next few years. As this program continues, Redmond should consider making this training a required course taken by all new city employees, elected, hired, or appointed, at the beginning of their term.
3. Task the DEI program with identifying and carrying out informed plans to fight systemic racism and bigotry in Redmond
  - a. Redmond should appropriate funds to perform probes into what areas of race, gender, and sexual inequality must be addressed. This includes but is not limited to experiments, data analysis, and, most importantly, contact with communities most affected by race, gender, and sexual inequality. The information on inequality in Redmond needs to be gathered into a single document or government digest that citizens and city employees can use to make informed decisions.
  - b. Redmond then needs to come up with a toolkit that can be used to develop individualized plans to tackle each of these issues. This toolkit could be personally developed by Redmond, or could be based on the one administered by the Seattle Office of Civil Rights’ Race and Social Justice Initiative found [here](#).

In drafting these demands, we spoke with Mariko Lockhart, the director of the Seattle Office of Civil Rights. We feel that it will be necessary in expanding the powers and efforts of this diversity, equity, and inclusion officer for the city of Redmond to consult and study DEI offices of other cities. Seattle’s office focuses mainly on civil rights enforcement, but its many programs related to DEI are an invaluable resource.

### **Demand 3**

#### **We demand the expansion of the Redmond Police Department's Community Equity Action Team**

The ideas and experiences of members from the Redmond community are often being overlooked. This is the main reason why the Redmond Police Department (RPD) created the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT) in 2018.

During a CEAT meeting on Wednesday, 28 October 2020, it is clear that they are on the correct path to ensure that all members of the community have their voices heard. But two of the main demographics that were missing from the conversation were the youth and those of whom that have disabilities. The members of CEAT are aware of this and are working to recruit members of these demographics. They are currently working with Chanin Kelly-Rae to be more inclusive and equitable. However, CEAT needs to build a strategy that allows them to connect with more individuals to ensure that everyone from the community of Redmond has representation.

We demand that the Community Equity Action Team continues on the path that they are currently on. For recruitment, they should create smaller teams with individuals from certain demographics who can reach out to members of their smaller communities within Redmond to either have more entities of different demographics show up to team meetings to share their ideas and experiences with the group, or to have someone speak on their behalf.

If CEAT follows the advice of this demand, not only do we believe that the team will be more inclusive, we believe that the team will also be more equitable and will be able to foster the engagement of individuals from the Redmond community to build a better partnership between the Redmond Police Department and the people that they serve.

### **Demand 4**

#### **We demand that the Lake Washington School District abolish the SRO program, and reinvest the SRO budget into Community Wellness programs.**

Police brutality is rampant across the nation. Here in Washington State, we have witnessed the deaths of Charleena Lyles, Shaun Fuhr, Manuel Ellis, and so many others all at the hands of cops. Just a month ago, 3 Redmond police officers shot and killed Andrea T. Churna, an innocent 39-year-old woman, in her own home. The countless murders of Black and brown people have made it incredibly clear that cops do not provide safety for our communities.

Black and brown students are disproportionately harmed and criminalized by police forces at schools. They represent 31% of school-related arrests in the United States and are 3 times more likely to be expelled than white students. Student Resource Officers (SROs) increase youth contact with the criminal punishment system by perpetuating the school-to-prison pipeline. According to the ACLU, this is a national trend where students are funneled from their public schools into juvenile and criminal justice

systems. Students who are punished for discretionary crimes are nearly 3 times more likely to end up in these systems the following year. Additionally, many of these children have learning disabilities and histories of trauma, abuse, and neglect. Instead of being provided access to mental health, counseling, social services, and other resources needed to heal, they are isolated and detained (ACLU).

Currently, the Lake Washington School District spends \$184,000 per year on SRO enforcement in schools (LWSD Budget Report). This is a huge sum of money that would be much better invested into valuable mental health services and resources that actually provide safety for the community. Police are only reactionary forces, they do not stop harm or violence but rather respond to it, often with brutality rather than de-escalation. Instead, the district can take steps to prevent crime and cultivate real safety by implementing holistic community wellness programs and hiring professional mental health counselors that are trauma-informed and trained in de-escalation.

As members of the Eastside Change Coalition, we demand that the Lake Washington School District permanently cuts all ties to police departments and invests in the mental health and wellbeing of their students and communities.

We demand that the school district do the following:

- 1) Permanently abolish the SRO program. This includes the complete removal of all Student Resource Officers, Special Security Officers, and any other forms of police from every school within the district.
- 2) End all relationships to the Redmond, Kirkland, and Sammamish police departments as well as the King County Sheriff department. This includes their exclusion from all LWSD committees and an end to all recurring donations given to police foundations
- 3) Re-allocate these funds into student and community wellness by investing in mental and physical health services, hiring more counselors, nurses, and healers, and implementing transformative justice programs and holistic de-escalation spaces
- 4) Create a Community Wellness Committee led by Black, Indigenous, People of Color counselors, community members, and teachers to lead the implementation of community wellness initiatives, review programs already put in place, and decide on further solutions for providing student support.

SRO presence in our schools jeopardizes the safety, well-being, and futures of our students and communities especially our BIPOC members by adding to the racial traumas already impacting them and their families. While we acknowledge that members of the Lake Washington School District have had some positive interactions with our SROs, this does not excuse the harm, brutality, and criminalization of Black and brown people that continues to occur by police in our community.

## **Demand 5**

### **We demand the allocation of funds to hire an additional homeless program coordinator for the City of Redmond.**

A task force of one does not have the ability to strategize the response to homelessness for the entirety of Redmond. With a heavy reliance on community partners and mental health agencies, another homeless program coordinator would take this large load off the back of one person and could allow for more expansion and development of homeless programs rather than doing the bare minimum.

In an interview with Tisza Rutherford, we learned valuable information about her position and what it entails. Currently working with 128 individuals in total, Tisza has her hands full running around Redmond and other neighboring cities developing relationships with new faces while keeping contact flowing with familiar ones. We believe she is an important resource that is being spread far too thin which is not a sustainable way for her to continue being effective at her job.

As a task force of one within the planning department, her job includes strategizing the response to homelessness, patrolling areas of Redmond, and connecting the homeless population with resources. The police funnel all homeless cases to her, and from that point on, she is the main resource they have. How can only one person handle checking in with over 100 people all living in different areas or camps in neighboring cities? Her partnership with the police is a step in the right direction but without them having the ability to interact with homeless individuals they are just messengers and leave her with all the follow-up.

We believe the homeless population residing in the city of Redmond would benefit from another homeless coordinator that can balance out Tisza Rutherford's caseload. Having another point person would allow more strategizing of the larger homelessness issue rather than working only the day-to-day operations. We were told that there are allocated funds to hire another coordinator but that was not apparent on the city's budget report.

In your upcoming budget meetings, we request you strongly consider hiring another homeless coordinator or someone with similar responsibilities to balance the heavy caseload Tisza Rutherford currently has.

## **Demand 6**

### **We demand the education and thorough training of local law enforcement to become a resource for the homeless population in the City of Redmond.**

By requiring all current and future law enforcement to participate in de-escalation and mental health training they will be better equipped for unforeseen interactions while on duty. The ultimate goal of having law enforcement agencies is to maintain order and reduce violence and crime. Redirecting a portion of the budget towards paying for more extensive training would teach skills that could be useful on a day to day basis, and reduce the likelihood of unintentional harm to community members.

A better use of taxpayer money is shifting funding to social services such as mental health, addiction, and homelessness. Police spending should reflect what communities pay in exchange for public safety, to keep all communities safe. Giving them the skills to interact more personally within the community will allow there to be more trust and a resource that people feel safe approaching if necessary. Putting police officers closer to the homeless population would result in more direct relationships and ultimately having them feel more comfortable around law enforcement. Today, many law enforcement agencies are implementing direct outreach to homeless individuals and encouraging their officers to show compassion for homeless persons.

The homeless coordinator working for the city, Tisza Rutherford, is currently the point person for the homeless population in Redmond and needs more support. Providing your officers with this training could also make them a resource for her. When officers come into contact with a homeless individual, they funnel the case to her, and from that point on, she is the main resource they have. The city's partnership with the police is a step in the right direction but without them having the ability to interact with homeless individuals they are just messengers. At least presenting the option for officers to complete mental health and homeless training could greatly increase their positive contact with the homeless population.

The Cambridge Police Department in Massachusetts created Homeless Outreach Officers who focus on the contact everyday officers had with homeless individuals. Their focus is on specifically the homeless population in Cambridge and reducing the amount of nuisance behavior calls while improving the lives of everyone in the community. They understand that police are normally the first to interact with them and that creating a solid basis of communication and understanding would benefit both people in the future. They believe that officers who take the time to "know the individual are able to establish a rapport

[often lead] to referral for much needed health care services and [a] mutual understanding of desired outcomes” (Source 6).

By offering de-escalation or homeless training, you will be providing your officers with the skills to always be prepared for any situation that could arise.

## Sources

### Demand 1

From The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center

- 10 Essential Elements of a PMHC
  - <http://csgjc.wpengine.com/publications/improving-responses-to-people-with-mental-illnesses-the-essential-elements-of-a-specialized-law-enforcement-based-program/>
- Law Enforcement-Mental Health Learning Sites
  - <https://csgjusticecenter.org/projects/police-mental-health-collaboration-pmhc/law-enforcement-mental-health-learning-sites/>
- Law Enforcement-Mental Health Webinar for Police Executives
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XAuFIEgqYY&feature=youtu.be>

From the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

- Planning and Implement a Police-Mental Health collaboration Program Video
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APyoLwpGRtk&feature=youtu.be>
- 10 Essential Elements of a PMHC
  - <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/pmhc/learning/essential-elements-pmhc-programs/1-collaborative-planning-and-implementation>

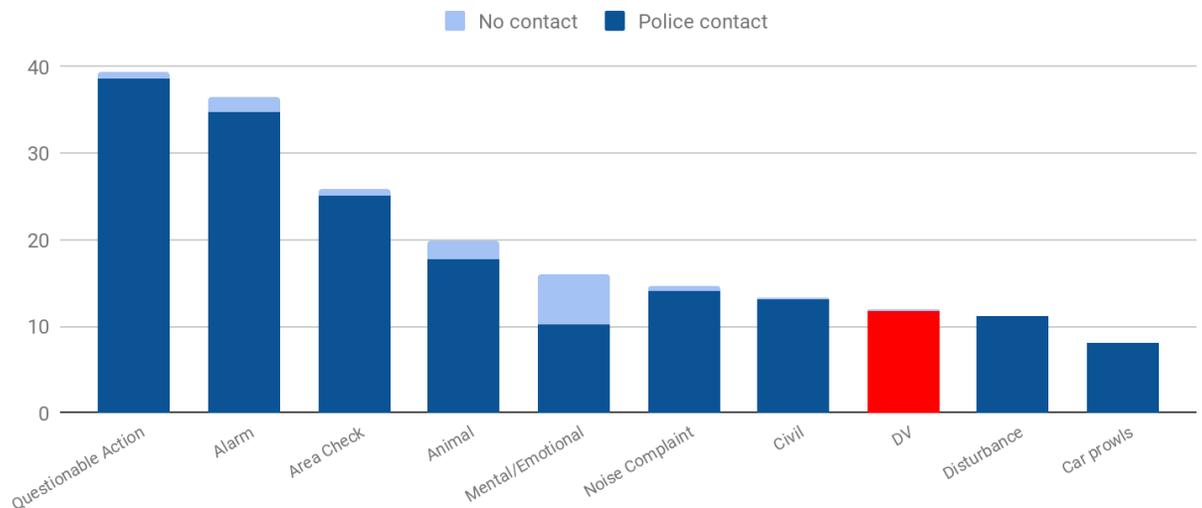
From the Redmond Police website

- <https://www.redmond.gov/167/Police>

Indivisible Kirkland Compiled Police Dispatcher Data

- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11OqiQqFe2OHIE1CfNiXrUnl4jyhFHN5v-kTWDH1GC/edit#gid=1364826426&range=H1>

911 calls directed to KPD per week, 2018-2019



## **Demand 2**

From various housing statistics sources:

- Statistics relating to housing price distribution in Washington cities
  - <https://www.towncharts.com/Washington/Housing/Redmond-city-WA-Housing-data.html>
- Statistics related to Redmond household income distribution
  - <https://statisticalatlas.com/place/Washington/Redmond/Household-Income>

From the City of Redmond

- The 2021-22 preliminary budget plan
  - <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15166/2021-2022-Preliminary-Budget-PDF>
- Includes the cultural competency training numbers
  - <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15172/Strategic-and-Responsive-PDF>
- Includes contacts and information for Tisza Rutherford, Redmond homelessness coordinator
  - <https://www.redmond.gov/568/Homelessness>

From the City of Seattle

- Lays out Civil Rights office toolkit for addressing systemic racism
  - <https://www.seattle.gov/civilrights/what-we-do/race-and-social-justice-initiative/racial-equity-toolkit>

From King County

- Affordability of housing information
  - <https://www.kingcounty.gov/~media/initiatives/affordablehousing/documents/Meetings/CAI-RAH-Deck1031.ashx?la=en>

From The Government Alliance on Race and Equity

- GARE racial equity training curriculum
  - <https://www.racialequityalliance.org/events-trainings/racial-equity-curriculum/>
  -

## **Demand 3**

*Community Equity Action Team.* City of Redmond, Washington,

<https://www.redmond.gov/1233/Community-Equity-Action-Team>.

*CEAT Founding Mission, Vision and Values.* City of Redmond, Washington,

<https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14422/CEAT-Founding-Mission-Vision-and-Values?bidId=>.

## **Demand 4**

Seattle Times Police Shooting Report

- Woman fatally shot by Redmond police identified by Medical Examiner's Office
  - <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/woman-fatally-shot-by-redmond-police-identified-by-medical-examiners-office/>

ACLU

- School-to-prison Pipeline

- <https://www.aclu.org/issues/juvenile-justice/school-prison-pipeline/school-prison-pipeline>

Lake Washington School District June 24, 2019 Board Meeting

- SRO Budget
  - <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1561419156/lwsdorg/kjwbdkbgvd2locximezj/190624BoardMeeting-BudgetPresentation.pdf>

## **Demand 6**

From the Urban Institute

- What Police Spending Data Can (and Cannot) Explain amid Calls to Defund the Police
  - <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/what-police-spending-data-can-and-cannot-explain-amid-calls-defund-police>

From Police Executive Research Forum

- The Police Response to Homelessness
  - <http://www.buttehomelesscoc.com/uploads/1/1/7/5/117500423/policeresponsetohomelessness.pdf>

From the Justice Center (The Council of State Governments)

- Strengthening Partnerships Between Law Enforcement and Homelessness Services Systems
  - [https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\\_library/Law-Enforcement-and-Homelessness-Service-Partnership-2019.pdf](https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Law-Enforcement-and-Homelessness-Service-Partnership-2019.pdf)

From Cambridge Police Website

- Homeless Outreach Program
  - <https://www.cambridgema.gov/cpd/communityresources/homelessoutreachprogram>



**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** [meetbrian@comcast.net](mailto:meetbrian@comcast.net)  
**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Senior parks

Great point, Brian. I'm copying the Budget Process email address so our finance team can get this added to the budget talks matrix.

Thank you!

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** [meetbrian@comcast.net](mailto:meetbrian@comcast.net) <[meetbrian@comcast.net](mailto:meetbrian@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** David Carson <[DCARSON@redmond.gov](mailto:DCARSON@redmond.gov)>; Redmond Council Steve Fields <[Stevefieldsredmond@gmail.com](mailto:Stevefieldsredmond@gmail.com)>; Angela Birney <[abirney@redmond.gov](mailto:abirney@redmond.gov)>; Tanika Padhye <[tpadhye@redmond.gov](mailto:tpadhye@redmond.gov)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>; Jeralee Anderson <[janderson@redmond.gov](mailto:janderson@redmond.gov)>; Varisha Khan <[vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Senior parks

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

While you guys are thinking about the upcoming budget, I just wanted to mention of thought. The senior programs / the senior center, are so much more than the recreational program. In fact I don't think they could be for the most part considered recreational but they're rather a social service. The seniors don't need activities nearly as much as they need a community and knowing that people care for them. They need phone calls. Some of them need food. Some of them need emotional support and most of all need hope. There's so much that can be done to help them. And I know budgets are tight but rather than cutting the budget for the seniors I actually believe it should be increased in the social service sort of way. Anyway please think about it. Brian  
*Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device*

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 5, 2020 1:55 PM

**To:** Jeff Aken <[jaken@redmond.gov](mailto:jaken@redmond.gov)>; Gary Smith (City Volunteer) <[garysmith@redmond.gov](mailto:garysmith@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Public Comment regarding Esterra Park and Overlake PARCC Planning

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Parks & Trails Commission and Staff -

These comments are provided for your consideration at today's Commission meeting and as inputs to Parks 2021-22 budget proposals. They provide additional details on previous budget comments regarding the Overlake CIP.

I strongly recommend that a modest degree of proactive, integrated review and preliminary scoping of all the Overlake parks, urban pathways and recreation facilities be undertaken as an initial phase to be incorporated in the upcoming PARCC Plan Update. I am not recommending capital investments at the moment, only some emphasis on an early planning process so that investments by others can be properly applied as we weave a fabric within which community building can take place. We should not let such opportunities pass us by due to insufficient guidance to developers.

The attachment provides the justification for this recommendation. Please let me know if I can provide additional information or assistance in this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Hinman

# JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDED SCOPING OF OVERLAKE VILLAGE PARKS

Public Comments provided by Tom Hinman, November 5, 2020

There are several converging factors bearing on future Parks, Trails and Recreational facilities in Overlake Village. None entail capital investments, but all are related to Parks & Trails Commission topics with companion staff work plans for 2021 as well as City Council biennial budget deliberations currently in progress.

## 1. Per the October 1, 2020 Parks and Trails Commission Minutes

**Esterra Park Staff Update:** Mr. Aken stated that the park improvements will have to be complete and accepted by the City prior to occupancy being granted for Phase 2A and 2B of the residential construction. There is not an exact date due to Covid-19. Discussion was held. Chair Smith noted that 90% of the development is built out and occupied without a park anywhere near them

## 2. Per the Discussion Draft for Parks & Trails Commission 2021 Work Plan (to be presented November 5, 2020)

Esterra Park Master Plan (design)	Provide input on park engineering design plans.	Q2 2020
Seritage Park Master Plan (planning)	Discussion and recommendation on park master plan (Motion)	Q1-2 2020

## 3. Per the Parks & Trails Budget Offer (0247) in Redmond's Proposed 2021-22 Budget

PARCC Plan Update (funded as above baseline request)

- Description: The PARCC Plan is the functional plan for the Parks and Recreation Department and serves as its strategic plan. Staff is proposing to work with a consultant to update and refine the existing PARCC plan including community engagement, updating maps and refining current service delivery.
- Amount: \$126,000 one-time
- Service Impact: An updated PARCC plan is required for obtaining grants from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The plan must be updated in the 2021-2022 biennium in order to meet the March 2023 deadline for RCO eligibility. It is also required for compliance in Redmond's comprehensive plan and serves as the department strategic plan.

## ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND COMPILED FOR THIS RECOMMENDATION

### Overlake Development Policies (from June, 2010 Overlake Village Implementation Plan)

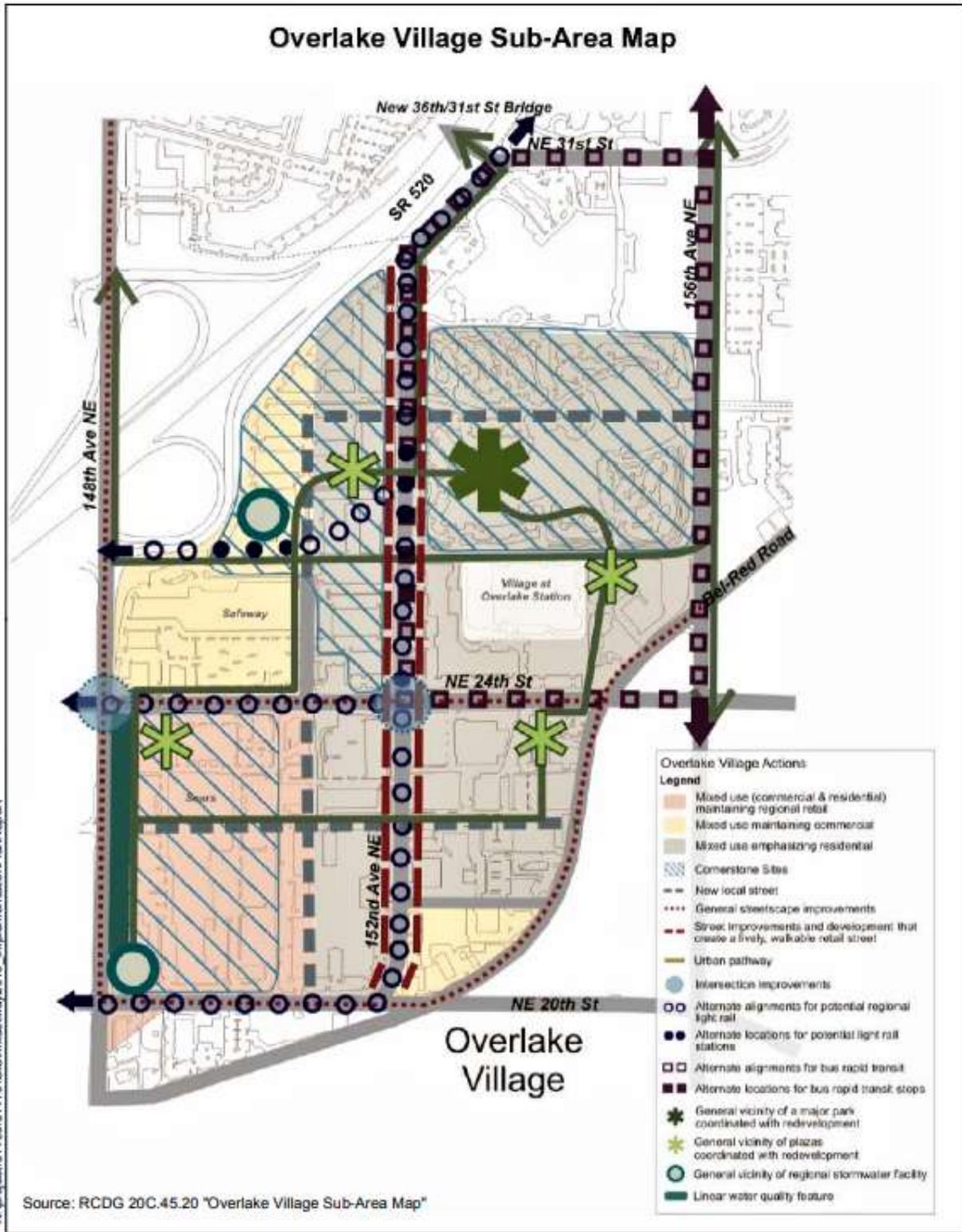
**N-OV-19**—Develop regional stormwater treatment facilities within Overlake to treat and detain stormwater. Integrate facilities with parks and open spaces where feasible. Offer incentives to encourage public and private partnerships to develop these facilities.

**N-OV-22**—Promote the vision of the plazas, open spaces, parks, trails and pathways, and art in Overlake as being part of a cohesive system of public spaces that is integral to distinguishing Overlake as an urban "people place." Develop and maintain a variety of linkages, such as paths and way finding elements, among plazas, parks and open spaces in Overlake and in nearby neighborhoods that are within walking distance of each other.

**N-OV-66**—Integrate parks and open spaces with regional stormwater facilities where feasible. Connect any regional stormwater facilities with the park system in Overlake Village.

The adopted Overlake Neighborhood Plan includes broad goals and policies for the study area and proposes to create a sense of place in the Overlake Village through parks and open spaces connected by urban pathways, walkable streets, and landmark redevelopment projects, including key cornerstone sites in the neighborhood. The neighborhood plan encourages development of collocated stormwater and parks facilities to maximize public investment.

Park and Open Space Needs The conceptual design for the collocated stormwater and park facilities closely follows and promotes the vision for Overlake Village. The design proposes two publicly accessible parks (in addition to other parks and open spaces that may be developed on private sites in the neighborhood), as well as a connecting system of urban pathways that will connect the two parks and other public spaces (plazas, transit station, etc.) in Overlake Village. The urban pathway system will link people and places throughout the neighborhood and will also provide stormwater management benefits through rain gardens and underground infiltration galleries under the pathways.



**Figure 2-1**  
**Overlake Village Sub-Area Map**

Overlake Village Stormwater and  
 Park Facilities Conceptual Design



## 2017 PARCC Plan - Mid-term & Long-term Priority Projects:

Projects to be completed between 2022 & 2030

Overlake Village Park Development: The Overlake neighborhood has the largest employment population in Redmond and is projected to have the fastest growing residential neighborhood in the city. The majority of the planned growth is expected to occur in Overlake Village in the southern part of the neighborhood. As a result, the neighborhood needs more acres of neighborhood park land in the coming years to accommodate growing recreational needs. The City plans to develop two new parks in conjunction with the creation of stormwater facilities.

The North Village Park is one of two future parks in Overlake Village that will be built on top of regional stormwater vaults. Property is necessary for this park and stormwater vault and the ideal location is the block bounded by 151st, 152nd, 26th and 27th. This park is planned to be about two and 1/2 acres in size. Once the land is secured, a master plan will be developed for the park, so its specific amenities are undetermined. The public process to date has identified this park as a central gathering place in the large green given its central location, relatively flat topography and easy access from surrounding future developments. This park could be a place for performances, markets, and other events as well as an attractive lunchtime gathering place with amenities such as moveable tables and chairs, water feature, urban landscaping, and places for community engagement such as interactive art and play.

The South Village Park will also be built on top of a regional stormwater vault. Land for this park still needs to be secured, but the vault is already built on the west side of future Da Vinci (151st) Ave NE between NE 20th St and future NE Alhazen (22nd) St. This park is planned to be about two acres in size. There is no master plan for the park yet, so its specific amenities are undetermined. . The public process to date has identified this park as a significant open space amongst the cityscape. Within the green are pockets of passive uses such as perennial gardens, p-patches or rain gardens, and more active areas for kicking a soccer ball, throwing a Frisbee, picnicking, playing a game of chess, shooting hoops, or swinging at the play area. The urban flavor reaches into the park at the Plaza, which serves as a transition or mixing zone between on- and off-site activities. It is the hub of community events that spill out across the green or into the pedestrian street. Tucked along the edge of the park, the refuge is a quieter zone that provides relief from the urban scene for individuals or small groups.

Source: 2017 PARCC Plan, Chapter 4 pages 45-6 <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3894/Chapter-4---Parks-PDF>

### Key projects in the mid-to-long term horizon (2023-2030) include:

#### Overlake North Village (or Central) Park and Stormwater Vault

Source: <https://www.redmond.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Overlake-Central-Park-43>

#### Satellite Community & Recreation Center

One of the fastest growing neighborhoods in the City is Overlake. The neighborhood is already the largest employment center in the city and is projected to move from the third largest residential neighborhood in the City to the first by 2020. Community members recognize this and have requested a satellite community center and recreation facility in the neighborhood as it grows. Overlake Village, the residential urban center, is located at the southern tip of the neighborhood, far from Downtown, making use of Downtown recreation centers unlikely for this planned pedestrian oriented community. This center is likely to include a gymnasium, fitness rooms, community meeting rooms, a general social living room area and other amenities. This could be a stand-alone facility or a partnership with a developer or another jurisdiction. It is estimated that the building would be approximately 20,000 square feet.

Source: PARCC Plan, Recreation Chapter 8, page 25 <https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3898/Chapter-8---Recreation-PDF>

And a related policy from Chapter 8, page 29

**OV-41** Monitor the need for the development of civic facilities, such as a community center. Work with future residents and employees of the area to identify needed services. Consider locating a police substation in Overlake Village as part of a larger civic facility.

### **Exhibit 10.3: Mid to Long-Term Ranked Projects and Cost Estimates: Park & Recreation (2023-2030)**

**PR 6** Overlake Village Stormwater North Vault/Park Acquisition, Panning, Design, Construction \$47,909,000

**PR 7** Overlake Village Stormwater South Vault/Park Acquisition, Panning, Design, Construction \$9,800,000

**PL 4** Overlake Village Satellite Community Center \$31,200,000

**TR 37** Overlake Urban Pathway \$11,544,000

Source: PARCC Plan, CIP Chapter 10, page 6-7

<https://www.redmond.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3900/Chapter-10---Capital-Project-Recommendations-PDF>

And four relevant overarching policies from Chapter 10, page 17-20

**PR-17** Encourage development of outdoor plazas and squares within public and private developments in the Downtown and Overlake urban centers for community events, visual and performance based public art opportunities, and to encourage community connections.

**PR-24** Acquire land and develop parks in areas that are experiencing or expected to have significant growth, such as the Downtown and Overlake urban centers, or areas identified as having a deficiency.

**CF-12** Use capital facilities to attract growth to centers by:

- Giving priority to funding for public facilities and services within the Downtown and Overlake Urban Centers,
- Creating a mechanism to provide ongoing capital funds for Redmond's Urban Centers, and
- Prioritizing projects outside these Urban Centers that will increase mobility to and from the centers.

**OV-22** Retain and enhance existing parks in Overlake and add new parks, open spaces, and recreational areas in Overlake Village to make it more inviting.

**CIP Project Ratings** Appendix 10 C1 page 24 also germane

SUMMARY OF OVELAKE PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION CENTER OPPORTUNITIES

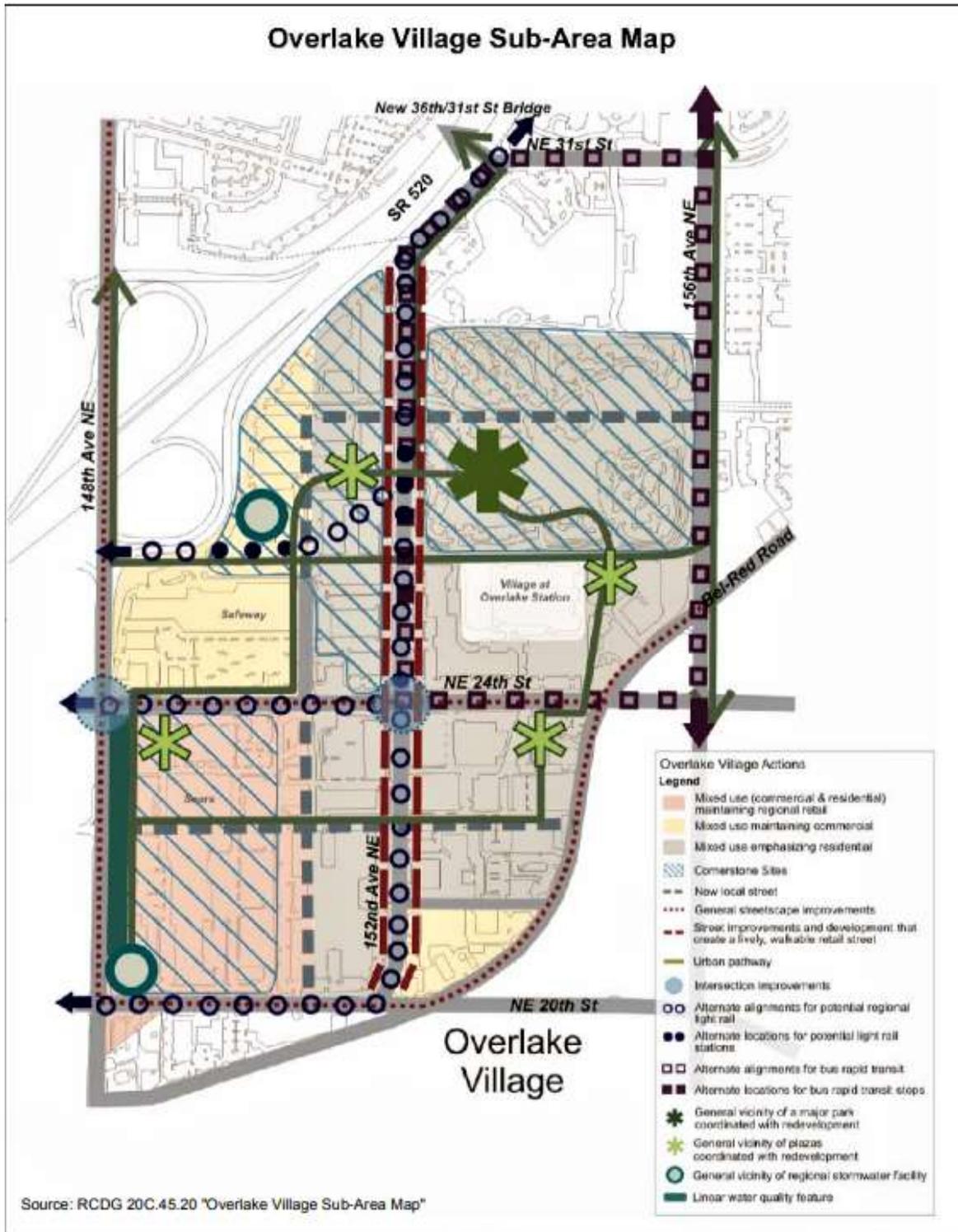


Figure 2-1  
Overlake Village Sub-Area Map

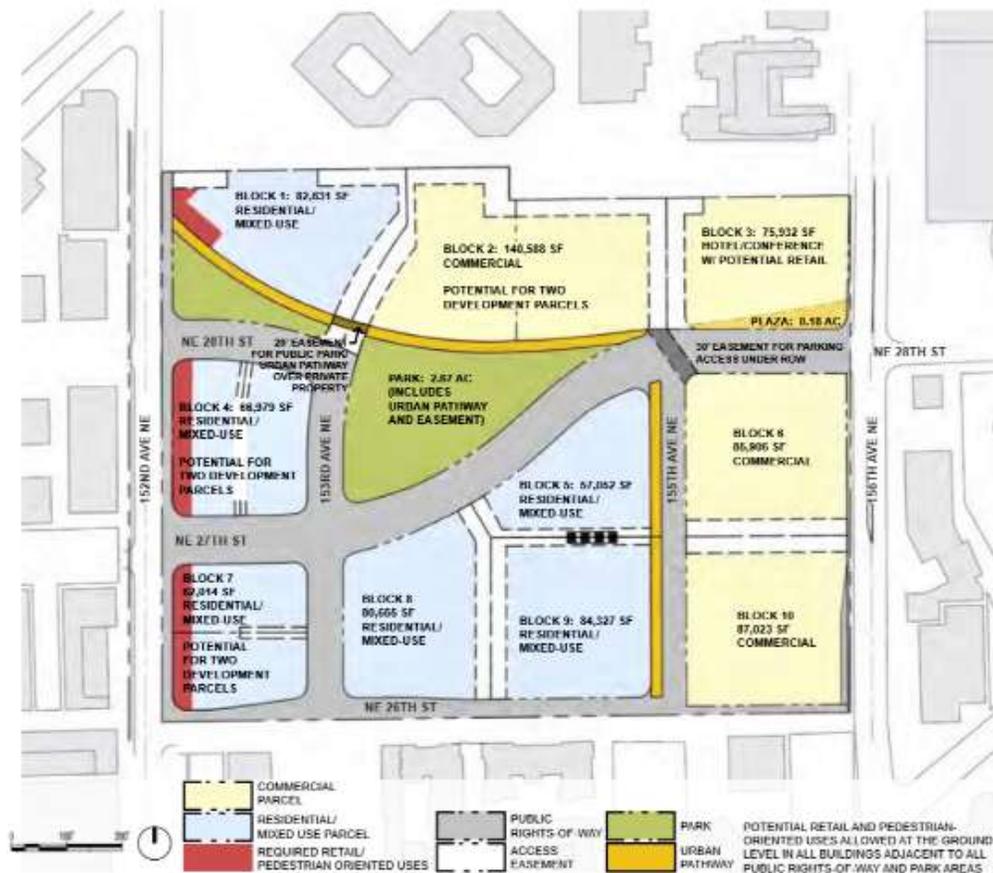
Overlake Village Stormwater and Park Facilities Conceptual Design



Parks Planning Map of June, 2010...note Urban Pathway (in Green) Connecting the Parks



DRB Sketch of January 9, 2014 with lush “major park” depicted



Initial Design with 2.7 Acres of Dedicated Park Space (in Green)  
 Note the Urban Pathway on 155<sup>th</sup> Ave NE depicted in orange



# Esterra Park Design as Adopted August, 2014



## Project Overview

As part of the Esterra Park Master Plan, Capstone Partners is designing a 2.67-acre publicly-accessible park. After completing design of the park, Capstone will construct, own and maintain the park. Early in 2014, Capstone solicited input on park design and presented a design to the Parks and Trails Commission in June and August 2014. Capstone presented a park design to the City Council in August 2014. Elements in the current design include:

- Hill climb
- Meadow
- An open green
- Overlook
- Plazas
- Terraced garden
- Tree groves



**North (or Central) Overlake Village Park**  
 Over future stormwater retention facility  
 Potential 2021-23 CIP Investment as Overlake Facility #3

**Overlake Village Station with significant Plaza public space**  
 Overlake Access Ramp timing will affect Plaza schedule

# 8. Southern Vault/Park Concept



Concept sketch

Note reference to Urban Pathway to transit station



Seritage DaVinci Park with entry gateway containing about 2.1 acres of park & open space  
Satellite Community & Recreation Center was provisionally slated for northeast corner above park

**From:** Rosanne Carter <[Rosanne.Carter@kinding.org](mailto:Rosanne.Carter@kinding.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 5, 2020 2:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** City of Redmond Funding Support for Kinding FIT Program

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

To Redmond City Council Members,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read Kinding's written submission for funding consideration for our Families in Transition program.

Your support in supporting Redmond's most vulnerable families is needed now more than ever.

With gratitude,  
Rosanne

Rosanne Carter | **Kinding** | Infant Mental Health Therapist | Family Support Manager | 425.984.2623 |  
[www.kinding.org](http://www.kinding.org) | **Pronouns:** she/her/hers

**Kinding Bothell** | 19801 North Creek Pkwy, Suite 200, Bothell, WA 98011 | 425-747-4004 Main Line | 425-747-1069 Main Fax

*Please be aware that, due to the open nature of the Internet, the confidentiality of email communications cannot be guaranteed. I do not respond to emails outside of my normal business hours or emails pertaining to personal information.*

*The information is only for the use of the intended recipient. If you have received this transmission in error, you should delete this message and are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying or distribution of this message is strictly prohibited.*

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

Kinding's Families in Transition (FIT) provides early developmental supports for young children, birth through 8, in families who are experiencing homelessness. Our expert staff provide early intervention like speech therapy or physical therapy, developmental screenings, educational trainings for our Redmond partners, parent education, family support, specialized playgroups and important connections to basic needs services. FIT complements the vital work of other organizations that meet the basic needs of our families and children experiencing homelessness in Redmond.

Kinding sincerely thanks the City of Redmond for decades of funding support. Thank you for recommending support for Kinding's FIT program. Because of COVID's significant impact on children and families already experiencing significant toxic stress due to housing and financial instability, FIT is more important today than ever before.

So far this year, despite a few months of slowed services due to COVID, we have doubled our annual goal and already served 14 Redmond families through FIT services and many others through our relationships with

community organizations serving Redmond; for example, Catholic Community Services, Child Care Resources, Community Court, Eastside Baby Corner, Friends of Youth, Hopelink, Lake Washington School District, Public Health and YWCA. We also provided educational training to LifeWire around understanding and supporting a young child's behaviors after exposure to domestic violence.

FIT services are customized to address the high rate of developmental delays in children under age 5 without stable housing: 75% have at least one major developmental delay and 50% have two or more. Helping overcome developmental delays at an early age provides tremendous long-term benefit to the children and cost savings for the school districts.

COVID has increased children's stress levels and risk factors. Children are experiencing changes to home, family and school routines. They may be absorbing the stress, fears and worries of the adults around them. They may be receiving less one on one attention, play, and quality time from their caregivers. Children experiencing toxic stress show their feelings through behavior such as crying, refusing to comply with directions, clinginess, decrease in communication, increased tantrums and difficulty with separation. These stressors and related behaviors are added to already stressful experience of living in housing instability—in shelters, couch surfing or even living in cars within our community.

As we combat COVID-19 as a community, parents are stressed beyond measure and many have experienced increased relationship challenges in the home, concerns about their finances, their health and safety, job security, childcare, all while trying to support the individual and educational needs of their children at home. FIT's parent education and families supports can help.

When Kinderling services are utilized:

- Parents and children have strengthened relationships; parents have a better understanding of child development and behaviors and how to support them.
- Families can access services/resources sooner.
- Parents report feeling more comfortable supporting their child's behaviors.

Thank you for considering FIT in your 2021-2022 funding recommendation. Your support truly makes a real difference in the lives of our Redmond families and most importantly our youngest Redmond residents.

**From:** Rosemarie <[ivesredmond@aol.com](mailto:ivesredmond@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 3, 2020 4:48 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** November 2, 2020 public hearing testimony

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Being able to provide public testimony in last night's public hearing on the 2021-22 budget is appreciated. Please accept the attached as public input and enter it into the public record.

Thank you.

Rosemarie Ives

Good evening, Mayor and Council.

My name is Rosemarie Ives.

Because the council has had only a few sessions on the budget with more to come, I request that the public hearing be kept open so that the viewing public has the opportunity to hear more of the council's deliberations. A better informed public will provide more meaningful input resulting in better decisions made by the council.

During my 16 year tenure as Mayor of Redmond, I had major responsibility for ten annual and biennial budgets. I know what it takes to have a financial document that actually tells the public what the city is doing and what the city believes is important to accomplish during the specified budget cycle.

The present administration has chosen to continue the Budgeting by Priorities model. Over the past 12 years, I have reviewed several of those budget documents. My observations then, and again now, are that the council and indirectly the public fall into a reactive mode—that is, they are distracted by “offers” that the administration wants approved. There is a tendency to spend a great deal of time asking questions about the offers which represent just a sliver of the city's work. As a result, the council has little discussion with staff about what is or isn't going on in each department. The council and the

public hear little from departments as to what is important to accomplish over the next two years, what may have changed, what has been done away with and why.

I recognize that the pandemic has created a most volatile situation that none of us have ever experienced. We have no knowledge of how our situation, individually and collectively, will unfold. Though I have not had extensive time to delve into the intricacies of this budget, one would think that the most prudent way for the City to proceed would be with caution, and in the case of finances, careful, thoughtful and frugal during a time of great uncertainty.

In my cursory review of the budget, my initial impression was just the opposite—it's "business as usual" at City Hall with a General Fund increase close to \$4 million, a projected 9% increase in property tax revenue and an expenditure increase of 5% overall...Taking in more money and spending more money!

It is difficult to comprehend that since the beginning of COVID, not a single permanent city employee has been laid off or had hours reduced! I know there are many employees, because of the nature of their work, were actually working full time. However, there are many employees who in no way had "full time" work throughout the eight month period from March to the present but continued to get paid full time. This is not right! Why didn't the council question/challenge this?

In the budget, the decrease in the number of employees is only 26 out of 713—under a 3% reduction that is negligible to say the least. Yet, Salaries and Wages are up 6% and Training is up 67%!

What I didn't see reflected in this CIP budget was the addressing of the 2018 McKinstry report that identified 20 out of 27 city buildings being in "poor or worse than poor" condition. This is an important and urgent issue! It was shocking to read about a 23% reduction in Repairs and Maintenance. We know what happens when city buildings are not maintained and money is diverted to "pet projects." <https://www.redmond-reporter.com/letters/why-was-downtown-park-so-costly-letter/>

Look at the abrupt demise of the Senior Center! Where in this budget is the analysis of the list of city buildings with prioritized deficiencies, associated cost and timeline for repair?

I also noted that there was no statistically valid community survey this year. What a missed opportunity to hear from the people of Redmond who might have provided more and different insight during these troubling times! It could have informed the mayor and council about how their priorities may have changed and given the city an opportunity to course correct.

When we know that people and businesses in Redmond have cut back out of necessity or by choice, have been saving more, paying off debts, scaling back spending, the City should have been doing likewise.

Please give serious consideration to my comments and adopt a budget that is more prudent and frugal than what is before you. The budget should reflect the times! Thank you.

**From:** Rosemarie <[ivesredmond@aol.com](mailto:ivesredmond@aol.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:28 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:**

[tpadhye@redmond.gov](mailto:tpadhye@redmond.gov); [dcarson@redmond.gov](mailto:dcarson@redmond.gov); [vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov); [janderson@redmond.gov](mailto:janderson@redmond.gov); [sfield@redmond.gov](mailto:sfield@redmond.gov); [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov); [vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov); City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** November 12 Ives' Input on 2021-22 budget

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Council members,

Thank you for continuing to keep the public hearing on the 2021-22 budget open until November 17th. I suggest that you **consider keeping the public hearing open beyond November 17th** because at this point in time it is impossible for any one from the public to prepare for the council deliberations specifically on the budget that was scheduled for this past Tuesday, November 10th, and your session tonight, November 12th. **The agenda available on line for both sessions just says "Biennial Budget" but there is no other information as to what part of the budget council members will be considering.** So the listening public is put in the position of reacting to what they hear at the time of the meeting rather than reading, reviewing and reflecting on particular sections of the budget ahead of time so they might submit /listen for answers to their questions or concerns. That leaves anyone slightly interested in providing the council with input little time to do so.

So here's a random list of issues/concerns/opposition.

On Page 11, there is reference to an **annual telephone survey**. I introduced a statistically valid survey as one of several tools that I used to inform my budgetary recommendations over 25 years ago. It was administered in the spring before I made my final recommendations. Unfortunately, the most recent City survey was done in early 2019 by the previous administration and nothing in 2020. As I testified last week, what a lost opportunity that **reflects an administration that prevented the public from expressing their opinions and comprehensive assessment of what all city departments do or don't do, making choices when there may be competing interests for the same pot of money.**

To complicate matters more, the 2019 survey was done with a majority of department directors who are no longer at the city and knowledge and **the present group of department directors lack Redmond institutional experience as well as previous department director experience.** It also demonstrates that **the council was not providing its fiduciary oversight** that was/is particularly important during this pandemic and its potentially long term impacts. What is council going to do in the midst of "this perfect storm?"

Since **Salaries and Benefits constitute the largest expenditure in the budget other than the Capital Improvement Program**, I cannot object enough about **City employees who are not working full time being paid for full time work** with monies coming from the public. All department directors should be carefully scrutinizing and supervising their divisions and in writing substantiating every employee's work plan in detail that documents how many hours are actually being worked.

As a mayor who had to cut almost 10% in my first budget, I gathered the leadership of all four unions and explained directly and clearly that cuts were necessary and that it was in their best interests to help in doing their part. After more than eight months, I haven't heard of the present administration taking any steps to get the unions' cooperation in assessing all the options available that are required when salaries and benefits are being underwritten by the public. **The number of positions proposed to be cut is a "token gesture."** When I read that one of the cuts is "**Emergency Program Coordinator**" with an

explanation that other departments will provide "expertise" , as the mayor who initially established "emergency preparedness" positions, I am frightened for the community. **What I know is that this assignment demands staff whose sole responsibility is our safety!**

Again, the **Capital Improvement Program as presented is convoluted and obscured**, divided into four perhaps interesting categories: Downtown, Overlake, Neighborhoods and city wide. The public has not seen what was promised/planned in six previous budgets over 12 years , only what is being worked on and is planned over the coming six year period. Again, a reactionary role to what is being proposed but no accountability as to what was promised. The public cannot see how much money is going to each project in what specific years from what sources.

It was two years ago in December 2018 that the startling McKinstry Report that had been worked on for almost two years prior to it finally being released. "20 out of the City's 27 buildings are in "worse or poor than worse" condition. **The previous administration was well aware of the McKinstry "verdict" in advance of budgetary decisions but did little if anything to address it in the last budget.** Though the report was released, there was hardly any discussion about the very serious threat and how the City would proceed. What was worse is that the then council sat by doing nothing. It was nine months later that the Senior Center was closed abruptly. And as of yet I have not seen a plan laid out that identifies and prioritizes the severity of each building, what needs to be remediated, the costs associated with the remediation, sources of revenue and the timeline from start to completion. **This must be dealt with and decided upon before any decisions are made about the senior center or any dreams of a community center.**

The failure of the previous administration to maintain the city's existing buildings was no surprise to me as was reflected and now documented in my September, 2018 Redmond Reporter Letter to the Editor, two months before the release of the McKinstry report. Unfortunately, a majority of the council members then were complicit with the administration when they didn't scrutinize the budget, didn't adopt an implementation plan that directed funds to fix the 20 buildings. **It is the present council's job now to fix this and to act now to make sure that our buildings are safe for our employees and for the public that may use them or benefit from them before any other buildings are added to the inventory of our city buildings.**

With regard to the discussion about a community center--I am opposed at this time to issuing councilmanic bonds for a community center. **A community center is a "nice to have" not "important and urgent" as are the 20 city building in poor conditions.** Unfortunately, the previous administration was responsible for many missteps from encouraging the Lake Washington School District to break the 40 year lease of ORSCC midway at twenty years that I negotiated to the outrageous expenditure of \$41 million on the downtown park.

Going back more than 12 years, neighborhoods west of the Sammamish River were underserved when it came to parks and recreation facilities and programming. **It is imperative for the city to do a comprehensive analysis where growth has happened recently and will happen, what public facilities including schools are available and what programming needs are and are anticipated.**

I realize you have a session tonight so I want to get this off to all of you for your review though I have no idea what issues you will be discussing tonight.

Here are a couple of issues that I will not elaborate on here but should be discussed by the council:

1. **Council should not take the automatic 1% increase on property taxes** in this budget cycle. Property taxes are enjoying a healthy increase due to all the new construction that is coming on line--how much is that ?
2. Regarding "affordable housing": I believe there were two items that totaled close to \$8 million dollars. Though I was a founding member of ARCH and chaired the executive board, I now strongly oppose both at this time because: the people who already live in Redmond don't need housing unless

they want to change their housing choice. The reason that prices have escalated is because the demand is coming from businesses who want to grow in Redmond.

Both the private and public sectors have a role. But the way the City has been approaching the challenge is by throwing millions of dollars toward developers and some well intended non profits with the outcome of actual number of units being miniscule compared to the need however that is defined.

First, It is time for the **businesses to take responsibility for the "crisis" they created by underwriting housing for the employees that they have or are bringing to Redmond.**

Secondly, the **City should do a comprehensive analysis of its present housing stock**, all forms, choices, price categories, etc. The analysis should look at what the City wants to have for housing in the future. **Does the City leadership want a balance between single family and multi family--50/50 or 70/30 or 30/70 or in product choices and what's the desired ratio between "owned" versus "rental" ?** If the city leadership can get clarity on these two figures through an analysis, then the City can frankly tell the developers what it wants. **There is no need for "incentives" other than if they want to develop what we want, they are welcome. If not, there are other places for them to do business.**

This should be enough for this afternoon.! I know how hard this work is...much easier to "rubber stamp" than to "deliberate." It takes time to not only deliberate on what is before you but more important is to deliberate on what is not before you. As I suggested previously, the "offers are only a sliver of what the city does"...You have until the end of the year. With all the challenges before the City, time for deliberation should be the course of action.

Rosemarie Ives

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** Timothy J Spurgeon <[tim@spurgeonassociates.com](mailto:tim@spurgeonassociates.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:43 AM  
**To:** Cheryl D. Xanthos <[cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Cristi Spurgeon <[spurgeon68@gmail.com](mailto:spurgeon68@gmail.com)>; MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: RE:

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I am interested in the following:

- no tax increases period, it is tough enough trying to provide for my family without having another tax package. The children and first responders are always used as props.
- financial accountability for departments in this pandemic period
- absolutely no defunding of Police
- keep student resource officers at the schools
- since there are many city municipal workers that are not working they should not be paid. I own my business and I have to pull in the reigns when business is down so it is high time these workers do the same. I don't care if they are union or not
- no tapping into emergency funds

When time is tough is when you have time to do accountability studies to see where the waste is happening so let's do it!

Tim Spurgeon

T. Spurgeon Associates

cl: 206-817-1913

[tim@spurgeonassociates.com](mailto:tim@spurgeonassociates.com)

---

**From:** Cheryl D. Xanthos <[cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:09 AM  
**To:** Timothy J Spurgeon <[tim@spurgeonassociates.com](mailto:tim@spurgeonassociates.com)>  
**Cc:** Cristi Spurgeon <[spurgeon68@gmail.com](mailto:spurgeon68@gmail.com)>; MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE:

Mr. Spurgeon,

Please provide more information on how you are interested in being involved, so I can pass your request to the correct person. If you are referring to the budget, you can send comments to [bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov). We are also holding a public hearing tonight on the budget, and if you wish to provide verbal comment, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Cheryl

**Cheryl Xanthos, MMC**  
City Clerk, City of Redmond

---

☎ 425-556-2191 ✉ [cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov) 🖱 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:3NFN • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Timothy J Spurgeon <[tim@spurgeonassociates.com](mailto:tim@spurgeonassociates.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** Cheryl D. Xanthos <[cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Cristi Spurgeon <[spurgeon68@gmail.com](mailto:spurgeon68@gmail.com)>; MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:**

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I want to be involved. I am worn out with more taxes and no accountability.

Please advise by tomorrow morning. I own my own business will make a few minutes.

Tim

Tim Spurgeon

T. Spurgeon Associates

cl: 206-817-1913

[tim@spurgeonassociates.com](mailto:tim@spurgeonassociates.com)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

This message has been scanned for malware by Websense. [www.websense.com](http://www.websense.com)

**From:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 12:02 PM

**To:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>; Varisha Khan <[vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>

**Subject:** Expectation Management

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Varisha et al -

Thanks for the opportunity to dialogue a bit with you on matters of civic betterment. I know that Council has a lot of important things to do, but I also think that this conversation has value for the whole community. (I don't see this as part of the budget deliberations...it's more focused on process improvements in general and the Council procedures in particular.) The core of this matter is how to deal with expectations raised by the invitation to comment on community matters.

I guess part of this conversation is how to inject comments and thoughtful suggestions into the wider discourse in Redmond. I realize that there are protocols to consider. How does staff know if/when/how to respond to citizens when their time is managed through their superiors? What leverage does Council have to get responses to questions originated by citizens without seeming biased to those views or to impinge on the prerogatives of the Mayor? Can community members propose items for the Council to consider by relevant Committees of the Wholes or other vehicle...like Commissions? Are Items from the Audience the only way to bring topics to the attention of the Council....and how does Council respond to such items beyond a silent nod from the dais or on Teams? Who and how does either staff or citizens reach out on specific issues....beyond the budget but perhaps including concerns on development projects? How does the ombudsperson try to referee all the stuff that comes their way? Where does the Communication team fit in all this?

My sense is that a citizen may need to ask a specific question in order to get a specific response. I have, for many years, given public comments that do not contain a question but do point to specific matters in some degree of detail. They have not generated substantive responses on points raised...only the occasional acknowledgement that my comments were received. Maybe a response like "Thank you for your comments. We considered them in reaching a decision to (incorporate/not incorporate)

them in our way forward because..... Should you have additional questions, please contact ..... for additional information."

Back on budget matters....inquiries into performance metrics is a good way to quantify progress on various issues. That may take more time and effort than one might think to identify the metrics, determine where/how those metrics could be found and the relative importance of each. Community surveys with self-selected respondents should only be one factor in these metrics. I hope that both objective and subjective measures can be found that help guide the City in shaping current and future priorities.

Finally, some insights into when and how "parking lot" issues or future deliberations will be scheduled or considered -- before or after approval of this budget -- would be appreciated.

Thank you again for your service to the community and for considering these remarks.

Tom Hinman

On Sunday, November 15, 2020, 01:12:57 PM PST, Varisha Khan <[vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov)> wrote:

Hi Tom,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of November. I followed up on your questions in the previous email, but please lmk if you have yet to receive information from the appropriate staff for these or have additional questions.

Thanks for seeking clarity and transparency in our processes and communications with the public.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

**Varisha Khan**

Councilmember | City of Redmond | She/Her | Pronounced Va-ree-sha K-awn

425.305.7149 | [vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

**From:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:19 AM  
**To:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>  
**Subject:** Responsiveness Process Question

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Councilmember Kritzer and Redmond Council –

As you launch into review of the Strategic and Responsive priority of the budget this evening, I would respectfully draw your attention to a process question embedded in my previous comments that is appropriate for Council consideration apart from budget allocations. It deals with the Public Comment Matrix.

Omitted in staff's summary of my comments on November 2, 2020 as appearing in the Public Comment Matrix is the following:

*On the subject of the Public Comment Matrix, under the column headed "Status"....is there an expectation that comments from the community will be addressed in a substantive manner or simply have their receipt acknowledged by staff?*

As in prior budget years, public comment is earnestly solicited and thoughtfully aggregated by staff for the information of Council in their deliberations. Also as in previous budgets, the topic is mentioned in summary, an acknowledgment may be sent (but not always), after which the community member may wonder if or how their concerns are being considered.

Further from my comments of November 2, 2020:

*I applaud the new Community Satisfaction Rating contained in the Strategic and Responsive priority. Per my earlier comments of October 16, 2018 as extracted in my public comments of October 2020 under:*

**Citywide Communications and Community Outreach & Involvement** – Strategic and Responsive Objective #2 is to “connect with the local and regional community through broad and inclusive communication and public engagement strategies.” This Objective is in the spirit of the Community Engagement priority in the previous budget cycle with a Performance Measure defined as “Percentage of community members responding they feel that the City is listening and responding positively to their feedback.”

Redmond’s Community Involvement Guidebook of 2019 cites the following as Core Belief #7:

“Community members should know how their input and feedback was used in the decision-making process.”

I sincerely believe that process improvement is warranted in this matter as well as in fostering a greater two-way communication between Council and the community as I have expressed in July, 2020 during the update of Council procedures.

Councilmember Kritzer, I'd like to thank you and the staff for shepherding the budget process to date. It is always a challenge, made even more difficult by loss of revenue and the need to conduct business in the current sterile environment. I would much rather be giving these remarks from the podium at City Hall. I'm sure that you, like many, wish we were able to relate more directly in the exchange of views critical to our community wellbeing.

Regards,

Tom Hinman



**From:** [Devon Kellogg](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Comments for Public Hearing on Budget 11/17/20  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 3:48:00 PM

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi Cheryl,

I should add that if you can't reach me on (425) 736-7827, you can try (425) 881-7684.

Also, I changed the wording slightly, but it's still under 500 words (barely )...

\*\*\*\*\*

Good evening Mayor Birney and Council Members,

My name is Devon Kellogg. I am a teacher, a parent, a PTSA member and a longtime Redmond resident. I am speaking to you today, on behalf of myself and the children in my care, in support of efforts to address climate change through the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and the 2021-22 budget.

First, I would like to thank you for acknowledging the growing threat of climate change if we do not rapidly curb our greenhouse gas emissions, and for making robust and timely plans to do so. As we all know from an abundance of high-profile studies, significant and immediate efforts to reduce these warming emissions are crucial to protecting the "healthy" and "vibrant" vision for Redmond that we all share and securing a livable future for our children.

I do not think anyone envisions smoke-filled skies, heat waves, dying vegetation, high pollen counts, pest infestations, high lake bacteria and toxin levels, or flooded streets as a healthy environment for our schools, families, or businesses. The physics of climate change demands we hit ZERO emissions in the next few decades or sooner to avoid even more dire effects. There is no way to accomplish this if we delay. It must be a priority, as stated in your recent Climate Emergency Declaration.

I would also like to point out that a lot of other community members share our concerns about this critical issue. Last month, Washington State PTA members voted overwhelmingly, at their legislative assembly and via surveys sent to all members, to support "Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change" and "Mitigating the Health Effects of Climate Change" on our kids. Parents in our local LWSD led the pack on these efforts.

In particular, the WSPTA and members specifically support regional plans to reduce emissions such as the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) and the Redmond Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP).

Now the challenge is to put these plans into action, starting with the 2021-22 budget. Several offerings in the proposed budget, such as green purchasing programs, green building support, EV infrastructure, and waste diversion efforts seem ideally suited to address this issue.

I am personally excited by the prospect of partnering with the city on tree planting and community gardening with our kids in our PTA Green Teams as soon as it is safe to do so and in being supported in our personal efforts to reduce our carbon footprint.

In this difficult fiscal year, I would strongly caution against cutting any items that would delay action on reducing emissions, such as tree canopy protections, emissions monitoring programs, or community outreach efforts, and to look for proven low-cost strategies such as adopting LEED building standards, divesting from fossil fuels, and going Green Direct.

I strongly encourage you to utilize the robust King County Climate Action Plan for ideas as well. Thank you for your dedication to the city and consideration for its future for all generations.

On Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 3:00 PM Devon Kellogg <[devonkellogg@gmail.com](mailto:devonkellogg@gmail.com)> wrote:

I would like to provide verbal comment for the Budget Hearing this evening 11/17/20.

My name is Devon Kellogg and I can be reached at (425) 736-7827

Thank you!

\*\*\*\*\*

Good evening Mayor Birney and Council Members, My name is Devon Kellogg. I am a teacher, a parent, a PTSA member and a longtime Redmond resident. I am speaking to you today, on behalf of myself and the children in my care, in support of efforts to address climate change through the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and the 2021-22 budget.

First of all, I'd like to thank you for acknowledging the growing threat of climate change if we don't rapidly curb our greenhouse gas emissions, and for making robust and timely plans to do so. As we all know from an abundance of high-profile studies, significant and immediate efforts to reduce these warming emissions are crucial to protecting the "healthy" and "vibrant" vision for Redmond that we all share and securing a livable future for our children,

I don't think anyone envisions smoke-filled skies, heat waves, dying vegetation, pollen, pests, high lake bacteria and toxin levels, or flooded streets as a healthy environment for our schools, families, or businesses. And the physics of climate change demands we hit ZERO emissions in the next few decades or sooner to avoid even more dire effects. There is no way to accomplish this if we delay. It must be a priority, as stated in your recent Climate Emergency Declaration.

I'd also like to point out that a lot of other community members share concerns about this critical issue. Last month, Washington State PTA members voted overwhelmingly, at their legislative assembly and via surveys sent to all members, to support "Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change" and "Mitigating the Health Effects of Climate Change" on our kids. Parents in our local LWSD led the pack on these efforts.

In particular, the WSPTA and members specifically support regional plans to reduce emissions such as the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) and the Redmond Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP).

Now the challenge is to put these plans into action, starting with the 2021-22 budget. Several offerings in the proposed budget, such as green purchasing programs, green building support, EV infrastructure, and waste diversion efforts seem ideally suited to address this issue.

In this difficult fiscal year, I would strongly caution against cutting any items that would delay action on reducing emissions, such as tree canopy protections, and to look for proven cost-saving strategies such as adopting LEED building standards, divesting from fossil fuel portfolios, and going Green Direct.

I strongly encourage you to utilize the robust King County Climate Action Plan for ideas as well.

I'm personally excited by the prospect of partnering with the city on tree planting, gardening and forest enhancement activities we can do with our kids in our PTA Green Teams as soon as it's safe to do so.

Thank you for your dedication to the city and consideration for its future for all generations.

Here are the links to the text for your reference (also attached below):

<https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/>

<https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WSPTA-Resolution-11.28-Mitigating-Effects-of-Climate-Change-2020.pdf>

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

## 11.28 Mitigating the Health Effects of Climate Change

*Resolution passed 2018; amended 2020*

**Whereas**, a primary focus of PTA is the health and well-being of every child; and

**Whereas**, Washington State PTA has resolutions addressing the causes of and reducing the effects of external pollutants for asthma, health care for all children and youth, mitigating environmental hazards, and increasing access to mental health; and legislative principles that support increased access to health care for children and youth, mental health parity, school nutrition, and effective prevention and intervention programs; and

**Whereas**, multiple national and international agencies have published scientific research on adverse health effects of climate change on children (dehydration; heat exhaustion, cramps or stroke; trauma from extreme weather like floods, fire or storms; increased lung disease and illness from infectious diseases; malnutrition), including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), and the U.S. Global Change Research Program; and

**Whereas**, NIH research shows that climate change increases airborne allergens and pollution; affects the ecology and temperature of a region, resulting in increased disease vectors such as mosquitoes, ticks, and flies; may be associated with staple food shortages, malnutrition, and food contamination; affects changes in coastal ecosystem health that could increase the incidence of water contamination with harmful pathogens and chemicals; and

**Whereas**, the NIEHS reports that, "strategies for mitigating and adapting to climate change can prevent illness and death in people now, while also protecting the environment and health of future generations;" and

**Whereas**, the WHO reports that, "Today, humankind's activities are altering the world's climate. We are increasing the atmospheric concentration of energy-trapping gases, thereby amplifying the natural 'greenhouse effect' that makes the Earth habitable. These greenhouse gases (GHGs) comprise, principally, carbon dioxide (mostly from fossil fuel combustion and forest burning), plus other heat-trapping gases such as methane (from irrigated agriculture, animal husbandry, and oil extraction), nitrous oxide and various human-made halocarbons;" and

**Whereas**, the WHO concludes that, "Unprecedentedly, today the world population is encountering unfamiliar human-induced changes in the lower and middle atmospheres and world-wide depletion of various other natural systems (e.g., soil fertility, aquifers, ocean fisheries, and biodiversity in general). Beyond the early recognition that such changes would affect economic activities, infrastructure, and managed ecosystems, there is now recognition that global climate change poses risks to human population health"; and

**Whereas**, the global urgency to address climate change increased when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded that at the current rate of warming, the global warming will reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052, that any risks due to climate change will increase further with a 2°C change, and that the national mitigation goals of the Paris Agreement won't limit global warming to 1.5°C; and

**Whereas**, uncoordinated and incomprehensive government actions in Washington state addressed greenhouse gas emissions (GHGE) and climate change, with the state of Washington enacting legislation to reduce anthropogenic (manmade) GHGE specifically for state agencies to 95% below 1990 levels and achieve net zero GHGE, and the King County Council, updated its Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) for cities to voluntarily adapt and reduce regional GHGE and prepare for climate change impacts, especially in communities severely impacted by climate change; and

**Whereas**, National PTA has had a position statement on Environmental Health, Remediation, Sustainability and Climate Change since 2003, recognizing “the scientific consensus surrounding climate change and the impact of human activities. Children represent a particularly vulnerable group already suffering disproportionately from both direct and indirect adverse health effects of anthropogenic global warming” and that “PTA members have a responsibility to promote environmental health and safety, and to help protect our world’s finite natural resources.”

**Therefore, be it**

**Resolved**, that Washington State PTA and its local PTAs and councils urge national, state and local policymakers to acknowledge that climate change is a health crisis that disproportionately and adversely impacts children and youth, and to adopt and enforce legislation that enables people to adapt to climate change and mitigates the effects of climate change, and that uses market forces, incentives, and regulations to sequester carbon and reduce emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and GHGs with the goal of slowing, halting, and reversing climate change; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Washington State PTA encourages and calls for members, policymakers in government, inter-governmental bodies and non-governmental, school and community organizations to raise awareness and advocate for increased research to reduce and mitigate adverse health effects resulting from climate change; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Washington State PTA promotes utilization of the existing K-12 Integrated Environmental and Sustainability Education Learning Standards, including educating students on climate and energy literacy and human sustainability; and educates its members on how to calculate their carbon footprint, ways they can reduce their carbon footprint, such as green and clean energy changes they can make in their lives; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Washington State PTA and its local PTAs and councils urge policymakers to take action to make schools and communities more energy-efficient, including the use of renewable, sustainable energy and technologies, to provide funding and technical assistance to jurisdictions to develop, adopt and implement Strategic Climate Action Plans (SCAP) that focus on reducing school district, city, county and regional GHGE and prepare for climate change impacts, especially those communities severely impacted by climate change, and to enact environmentally healthy land-use policies that take into account the geographic, economic, ethnic, cultural, and other societal factors that influence the incidence, exposure, and effects of environmental health hazards.

**From:** [Scott Axworthy](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting - Sidewalks for 151st Ave NE  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:57:07 PM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

City Clerk:

Hi, I have a statement for the council meeting. I had hoped to join the meeting but it is my birthday and get to have a special dinner. But my birthday wish is for sidewalks on 151st Ave NE, so here is a statement for the meeting.

Thanks!

-Scott

-----

My name is Scott Axworthy, since 1986 my family has lived at the far end of Homestead Drive, or 151st as it is primarily known. First I'd like to take a moment to lament that old Project 189, the stairway to Redmond Way appears to be completely gone from the planning documents now. We are so close, but so far, to downtown Redmond. That connection, and the opportunities it would have afforded us for walking access to public transit and the core of our community is a sad loss for us. But the second project, the one that many of us are trying to raise the priority on today is Project B96/GL184, sidewalks on 151st Ave NE. As the name Homestead Drive implies, our road has been here a while and it shows. We have to agree with former city council member Hank Meyer's 2018 comment after his visit, "This is one of those places where you go in and say, 'Is this really part of Redmond?'" Our long narrow street is starting to transform, as early Redmond houses are demolished and modern houses built. But our street is a flashback to the 1960's. We can no longer say we don't have any sidewalks, we do have one orphan of a sidewalk in front of a single house, 3/4's the way down the street, leading to, well, nowhere. Because of the older homes, we tend to have more rentals. The rentals tend to have more occupants that drive. Because of our long road, cars tend to speed down our road. Narrow roads with no sidewalks and fast cars are not people friendly. While we no longer have young kids walking to local schools, I'm a runner. I try to stay well away from traffic at all times. Oddly, heading up and down our street is the hardest path along my entire nine-mile route to avoid traffic! Since Covid-19, my wife, working from home walks up and down in our street three times a day. She's not the only one, foot traffic seems to have actually increased during the pandemic. Because we have a dead-end street, we must travel the entire distance to get to any destination. And we are fortunate to have a public transit stop at the head of our street, just no sidewalks to safely get there. As the project is defined now, it is only for sidewalks to run from Old Redmond Road halfway down 151st. At a minimum, please consider one of the plan alternatives to run the full length of 151st on just one side. I invite you all to come visit Homestead Drive to see for yourselves first-hand. Take a walk down our street and please drop by 7889 for a (socially distant) chat. Thank you for your consideration. Prioritize basic safety! Best regards, -Scott Axworthy — 7889 151st Ave NE 425-443-6998

[scottax@gmail.com](mailto:scottax@gmail.com) Capital Investment Program: GL184 6-year Transportation Improvement plan Project B96 (Sidewalks) Transportation Master Plan August 2017 Project 227 (Sidewalks)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** Jim Jernigan <[Jim@jimjernigan.com](mailto:Jim@jimjernigan.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Remote 'items from the audience'

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Great, thanks.

I can understand the prohibition on downloads. Attached is my PPT deck. I removed all the videos to make it small enough to email.

The main video is here now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yc6GbovdnVU>. If you trust YouTube links, it would be great to show it during my comments or as a separate resource.

Thanks for your help,  
Jim

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY 151<sup>ST</sup> AVE NE

NORTH OF OLD REDMOND ROAD

6-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

**PROJECT B96**

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

**PROJECT 227**

JIM JERNIGAN

19-YEAR HOMEOWNER ON 151<sup>ST</sup> AVE NE

# WHERE IS 151<sup>ST</sup> AVE NE?

3 Blocks East of Grass Lawn Park

North of Old Redmond Road

0.5 mile Dead End Road

All egress @ Old Redmond Rd

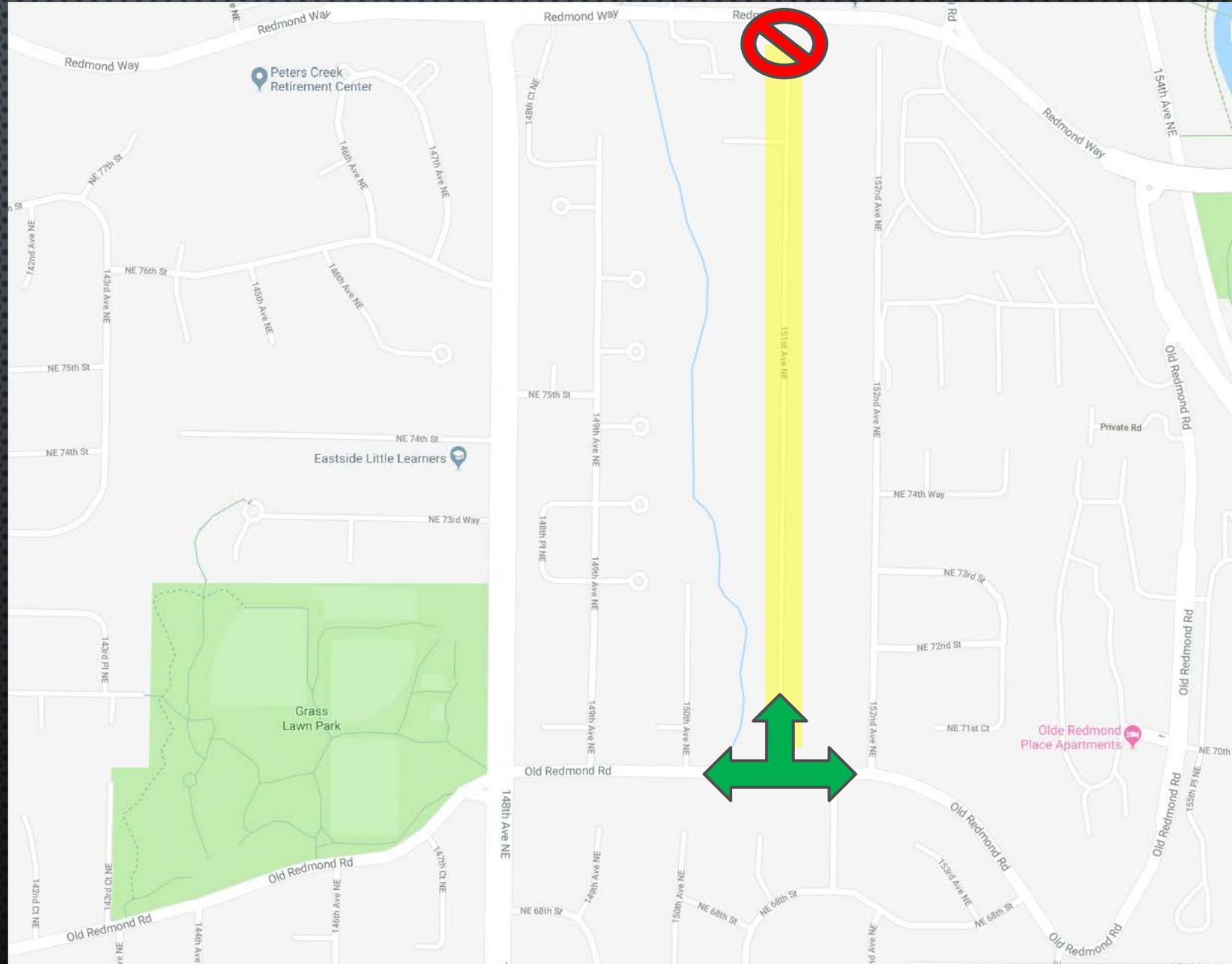
Aka 'Homestead Drive'

Borders Peters Creek

~65 homes

~200 residents

Currently has NO SIDEWALKS  
(that go anywhere)



# 6 YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

## PROJECT LIST SEPTEMBER 2017 – PROJECT B96

City of Redmond											
Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program											Project List
PROPOSED 18-23											
Street or Project	From	To	Proj Start	Proj End	Six-Year Project Funding Information (All Dollars in Thousands)						Total Project Cost *
					Prior Spending	Un Funded	Local Funding	Federal Funding	State Funding	6-Year Funding	
B96 151st Ave NE Sidewalk - Old Redmond Road to 7500 Block	Old Redmond Road	7500 Block	2023	2023		478					478
B97 NE 88th St Sidewalk - 171st Ave NE to 172nd Ave NE	171st Ave NE	172nd Ave NE	2023	2023		119					119
B98 NE 89th St Sidewalk - 166th Ave NE to 168th Ave NE	166th Ave NE	168th Ave NE	2023	2023		193					193
B100 SE Redmond Trail - ELST to Station to Marymoor Connector	ELST	Marymoor Connector via SE Redmond station	2023	2023		7,050					7,050
B101 Bel-Red Rd Bicycle Lanes - West Lake Sammamish Parkway to NE 40th St	West Lake Sammamish Parkway	NE 40th St	2023	2023		355					355
B102 164th Ave NE Sidewalk - NE 95th Street to NE 99th Street	NE 95th St	NE 99th St	2023	2023		316					316
B103 NE 40th St Shared Use Path - 148th Ave NE to SR 520 Trail	148th Ave NE	SR 520 Trail	2023	2023		1,836					1,836

# 6 YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

## PROJECT LIST OCTOBER 2019 – PROJECT B96

City of Redmond

PROPOSED 20-25

### Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Project List

Street or Project	From	To	Proj Start	Proj End	Six-Year Project Funding Information (All Dollars In Thousands)						Total Project Cost *
					Prior Spending	Un Funded	Local Funding	Federal Funding	State Funding	6-Year Funding	
B96 151st Ave NE Sidewalk - Old Redmond Road to 7500 Block	Old Redmond Road	7500 Block	2024	2024			478			478	478
B97 NE 88th St Sidewalk - 171st Ave NE to 172nd Ave NE	171st Ave NE	172nd Ave NE	2024	2024			119			119	119

October 23, 2019 10:28:21AM

Page 2 of 7

\*Total Project Cost represents the total estimated cost of the project. The funding represented in the six-year TIP may be less than the total project funding for two reasons. One, the project is underway and has expended money during years prior to the first year of the TIP. Two, the project is planned for the later years of the TIP and will not be completed by final year in the TIP.

N:\wbapps\TIP\Reports\XI\TIP\_ProjList\_Council\_Funding.rpt

# TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

## MASTER PLAN UPDATED AUGUST 2017 – PROJECT 227 (SIDEWALK) AND PROJECT 189 (STAIRCASE)

Table 21. Neighborhood projects (continued)

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS					
Project ID	Project Title	Location	Project Limits: From	Project Limits: To	Description
223	NE 27th Place Trail Connection	NE 27th Place	175th Avenue NE	176th Place NE	Construct neighborhood sidewalk connection.
225	152nd Ave NE Vertical Curb	152nd Ave NE	NE 60th Street	6400 Block	Replace roll up curb with vertical curb, improve sidewalk and create student load/unload zone that provides convenient access for children walking, biking and taking the bus to school.
227	151st Avenue NE Sidewalk	151st Ave NE	North of Old Redmond Road	End of 151st Ave NE	Construct sidewalk on one side of the street.
228	134th Ave NE Sidewalk	134th Ave NE	NE 75th St	NE 80th St	Construct sidewalk on one side of the street.
229	NE 83rd St Sidewalk	NE 83th St	132nd Ave NE	134th Ave NE	Construct sidewalk on one side of the street.
234	Avondale to Union Hill Rd Sidewalk	Avondale Way	North of Union Hill	Avondale Rd	Complete missing sidewalk on east side of Avondale Way north of Union Hill Rd.
189	151st Avenue NE Staircase	151st Ave NE at Redmond Way			Construct staircase between Redmond Way and 151st Ave. Add bike runnel.



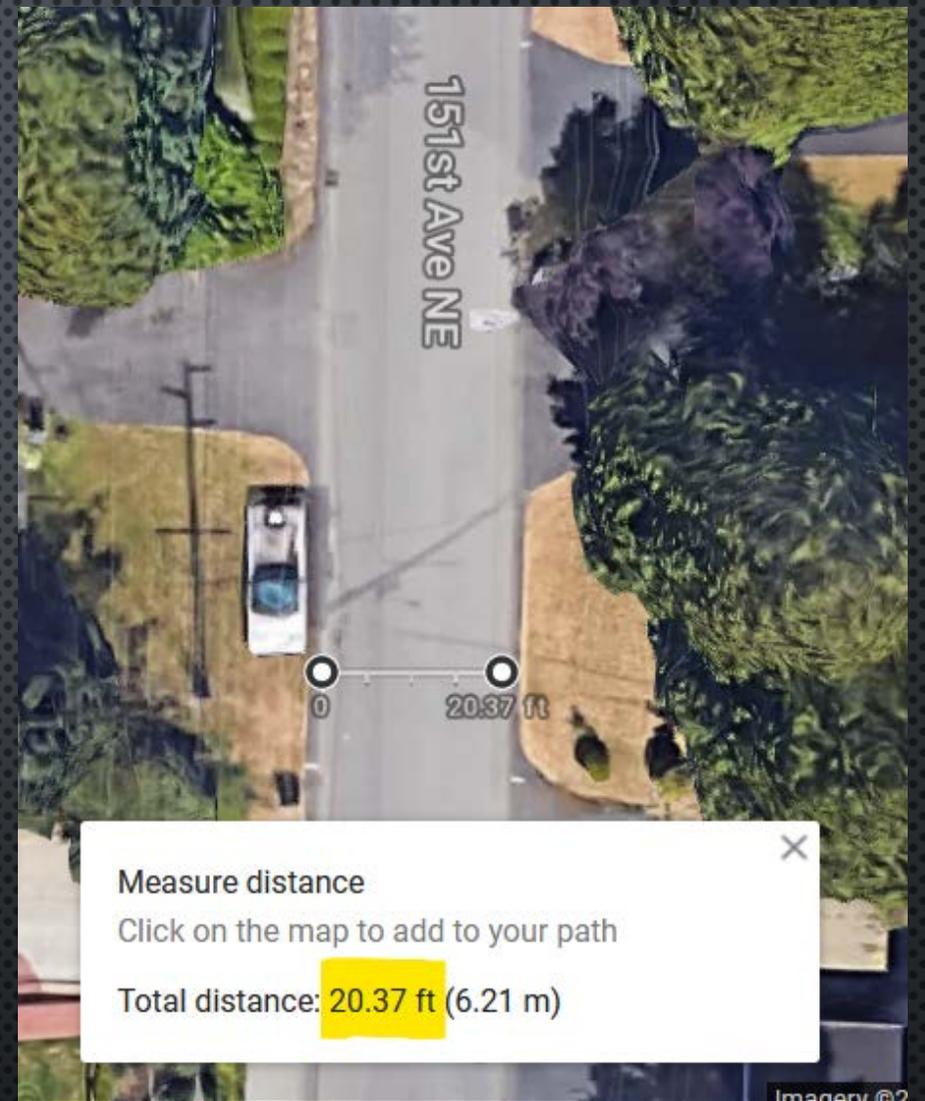
# CRITICAL SAFETY ISSUE: NARROW STREET – NO SIDEWALKS

- REDMOND CITY ZONING DICTATES RESIDENTIAL STREET MINIMUM PAVEMENT WIDTH OF 28' WITH ONE SIDEWALK AND ONE PARKING LANE – [RMC TITLE 21](#)
- 151<sup>ST</sup> AVE NE IS ONLY 20' WIDE WITH NO SIDEWALK
- WHEN CARS ARE LEGALLY PARKED ON ONE SIDE, THAT LEAVES 12' FOR TRAFFIC AND PEOPLE

Classification	Connector Streets	Local Access Streets					
		Single-Family Residential			Multifamily Residential		Nonresidential
		Private	Public		Private	Public	Public
Dwelling Units/Lots		5 – 9	5 – 9	10 or more			
Corridor Width	60 feet right-of-way	35 feet ingress/egress tract	44 feet right-of-way	50 feet right-of-way	35 feet ingress/egress tract	50 feet (1) right-of-way	60 feet right-of-way
Easement (7)	10 feet/adjacent to ROW	None	10 feet – Adjacent to ROW	10 feet – Adjacent to ROW	None	10 feet – Adjacent to ROW	10 feet – Adjacent to ROW
Pavement Width	36-40 feet 2 through lanes with center turn lane and parking where required	28 feet (9)	28 feet	28 feet	28 feet (9)	28 feet	44 feet thru route 36–40 feet side streets
Sidewalk, Concrete	In Urban Centers, 8-foot minimum both sides with widths as great as 12-16 feet in	One Side (10), 5-foot minimum for detached	One Side (10), 5-foot minimum for detached	Both Sides, 5-foot minimum for detached	One Side (10), 5-foot minimum for detached	Both Sides, 5-foot minimum for detached	Both Sides, 5-foot minimum for detached sidewalks, 6-foot



Typical Redmond Local Street 28-30'  
Two sidewalks

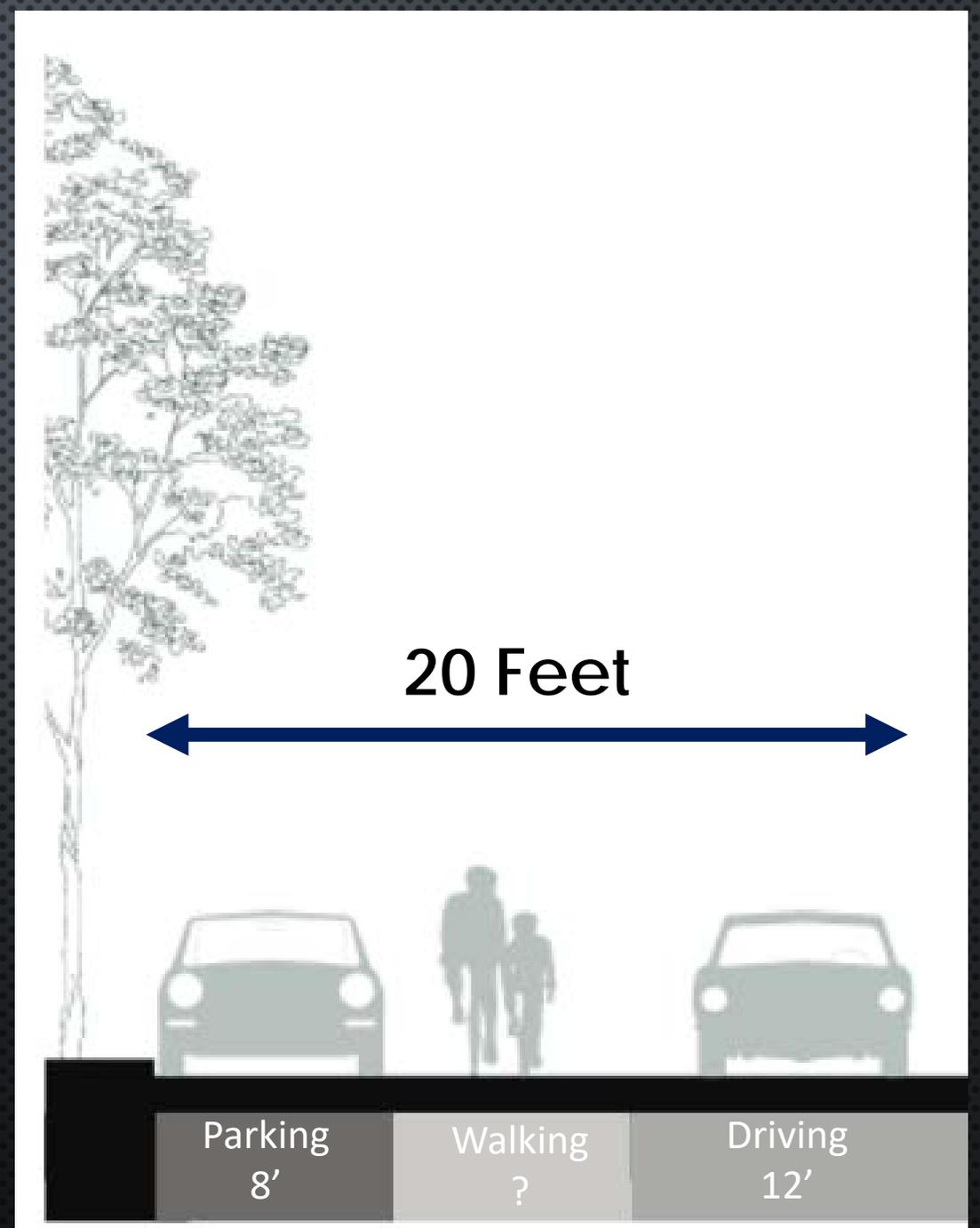


151<sup>st</sup> Ave NE - 20'  
No sidewalks

When cars park legally in the street there is literally no where to walk safely

One must either dodge the cars or they must dodge you

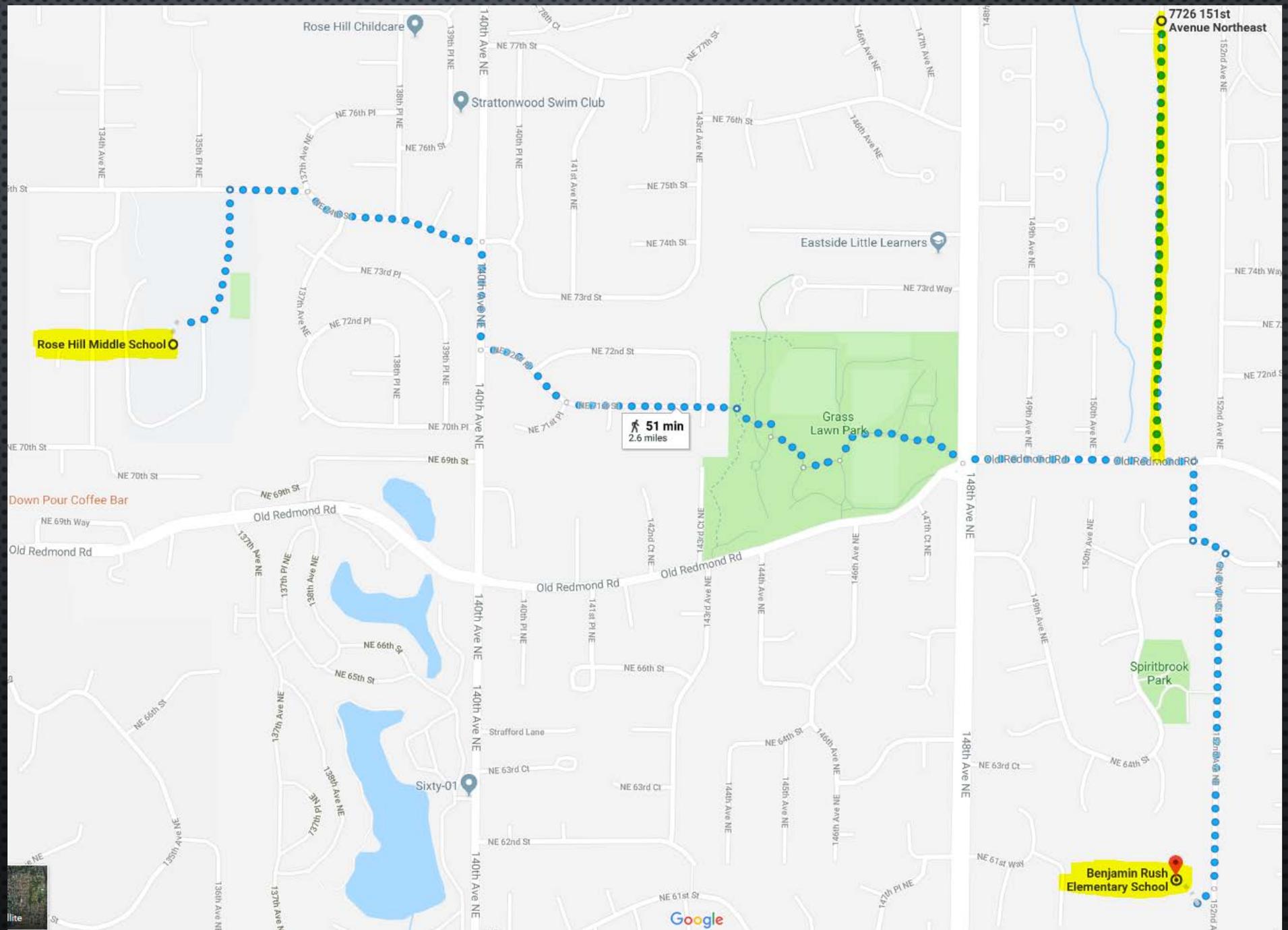
When cars exceed the 25 MPH speed limit – which they do frequently – then it becomes extremely dangerous







# PEDESTRIANS NEED SAFE ACCESS TO SCHOOLS

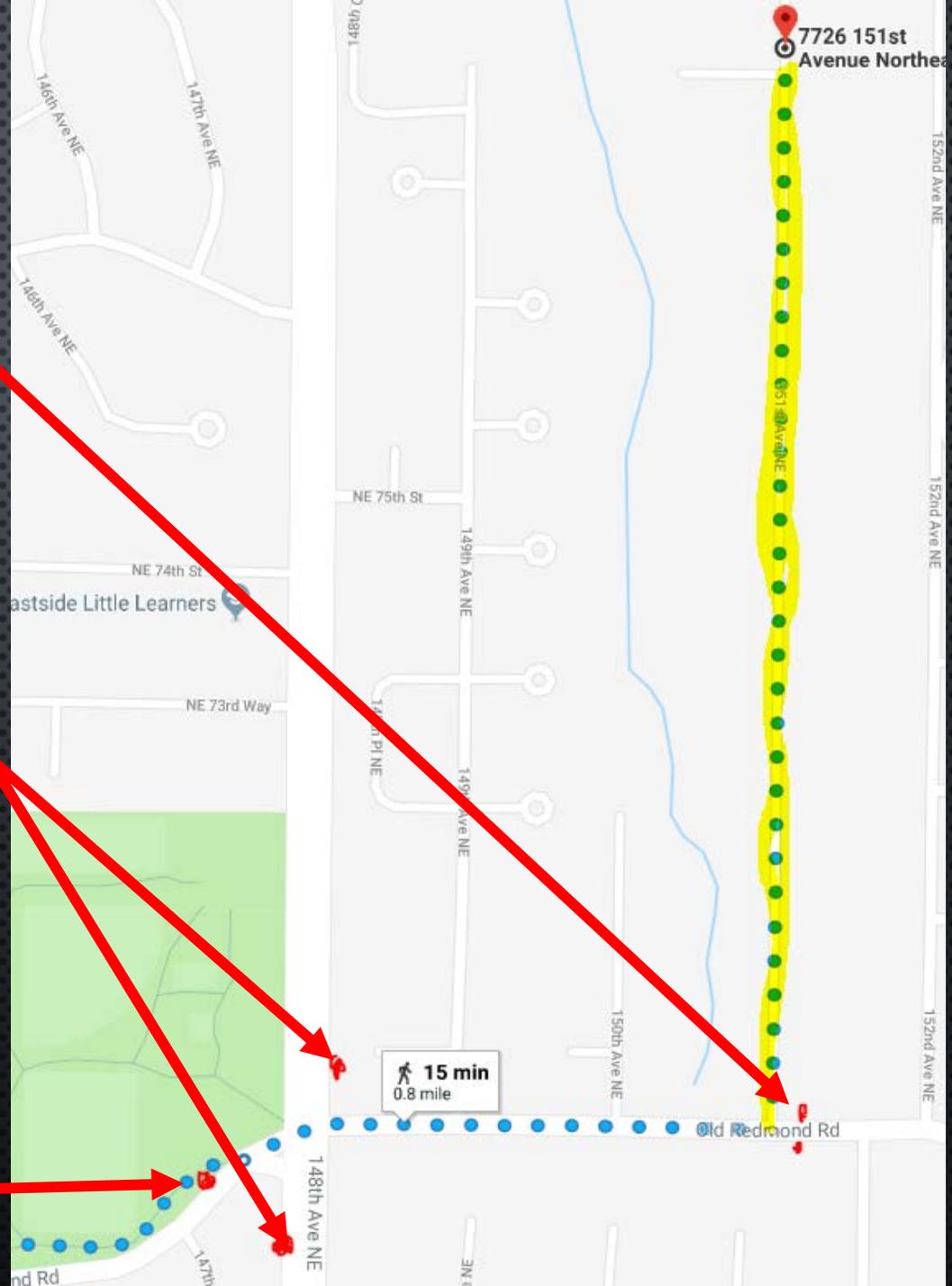


PEDESTRIANS  
NEED  
SAFE ACCESS  
TO TRANSIT

Connectors  
Redmond Transit Ctr  
Sound Transit 520

RAPID RIDE  
LINE B

LW High School



## REQUESTS:

- PLEASE PRIORITIZE **SAFETY** OVER CONVENIENCE
- CONSIDER DOING PROJECT B96/227 MUCH **SOONER THAN 2024**
- PLEASE BUDGET FOR PUTTING SIDEWALKS ON THE FULL LENGTH OF THE STREET
- HELP US GET **SAFE** ACCESS TO **TRANSIT, SCHOOLS AND PARKS**

**THANKS!**

**From:** [Garth Gillespie](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Jim Jernigan](#)  
**Subject:** Sidewalks on 151st Ave NE  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:14:31 PM

---

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

I spoke a couple years ago to the council about getting sidewalks on 151st. I understand there is a council meeting tonight and some of my neighbors will be in virtual attendance once again making the case for our street to enter the 21st century with sidewalks.

I would like to voice my support and sincere request to add sidewalks to 151st Ave NE. Walking on the street is not a fun experience as you must constantly watch for cars. The other factor is economics. There are a few of the '100 year old' homes sitting on their original acre that would love to be subdivided. But with current code, the builder must add a sidewalk out front (that's fine), but also must connect it to the closest sidewalk - in this case Old Redmond Road. For some properties that is half a mile of sidewalk and countless properties and there is no way a developer will take that on.

Making the street safer for pedestrians to walk to the fancy new light rail, and making it safer for our kids to walk to school is the primary concern. Easing the path to subdividing furthers Redmond's goals of increased density closer to the downtown core seems like a good economic argument.

Thanks,  
Garth Gillespie  
Homeowner - 7719 151st Ave NE

**From:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5:23 PM

**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>; BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** Carrie Hite <[chite@redmond.gov](mailto:chite@redmond.gov)>; Gary Smith (City Volunteer) <[garysmith@redmond.gov](mailto:garysmith@redmond.gov)>; Jeff Aken <[jaken@redmond.gov](mailto:jaken@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Public Hearing Comment

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Good Evening Councilmembers -

In lieu of oral remarks at the public hearing tonight, please accept the following comment on the proposed budget:

This reemphasizes my comment in email of November 5th regarding Parks and Trails projects. Impending planning for the park in Overlake's Esterra project adds urgency to early, holistic review of **all** projected parks in the vicinity of Overlake Village. Park/neighborhood planning in the context of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan is out of phase with this near-term, consultant-led effort. (Offer #0247 germane.)

***I strongly recommend that a modest degree of proactive, integrated review and preliminary scoping of all the Overlake parks, urban pathways and recreation facilities be undertaken as an initial phase to be incorporated in the upcoming PARCC Plan Update. I am not recommending capital investments at the moment, only some emphasis on an early planning process so that investments by others can be properly applied as we weave a fabric within which community building can take place. We should not let such opportunities pass us by due to insufficient guidance to developers.***

Thank you,  
Tom Hinman

**From:** David Morton <[davidwardmorton@yahoo.com](mailto:davidwardmorton@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:43 PM

**To:** Cheryl D. Xanthos <[cdxanthos@redmond.gov](mailto:cdxanthos@redmond.gov)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>; Oneredmond Info <[info@oneredmond.org](mailto:info@oneredmond.org)>; Jenny Lybeck <[jlybeck@redmond.gov](mailto:jlybeck@redmond.gov)>; Amanda Balzer <[ABALZER@redmond.gov](mailto:ABALZER@redmond.gov)>; Andrea Martin <[andream@cascadiaconsulting.com](mailto:andream@cascadiaconsulting.com)>; Cathy Beam <[CBEAM@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:CBEAM@REDMOND.GOV)>; Carol Helland <[chelland@redmond.gov](mailto:chelland@redmond.gov)>; Dave Juarez <[djuarez@redmond.gov](mailto:djuarez@redmond.gov)>; Maxine Whattam <[mwhattam@redmond.gov](mailto:mwhattam@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** "Public Budget Hearing Comment" by David Morton at Redmond City Council's regular business meeting 11/17/2020

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond City Clerk,

I wish to provide verbal public comment for the "2021 - 2022 Biennial Budget Public Hearing" portion of the November 17, 2020, regular business meeting of the Redmond City Council. I intend to read some actions from King County and the K4C's Climate Action Toolkit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with **City government operations**.

During Items from the Audience this evening, I can be reached at 206-909-5680.

My 498-word comment is attached as a Word document and is inserted in the body of this email below.

★★★The Following Is My 498-Word Public Comment★★★

Because the Redmond City Council approved a climate emergency declaration, because it would be good to hear recommendations made by the **Climate Action Toolkit from King County and the K4C**, and because a goal of this hearing is to gather input about City priorities before the budget is adopted, I'll read from the Toolkit some actions that can be taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with **City government operations**.

- 1) Adopt a **business travel policy** to limit unnecessary air travel, inter-city travel, and intra-city travel (utilize teleconferencing instead); explore carbon offsets for remaining necessary travel.

- 2) Create **stewardship plans** for all city-owned or city-managed farmland and forested sites above an appropriate threshold.

From the top of towering Douglas-firs down to the leafy ferns in the understory, forests are an iconic symbol of our home here in King County. These forestlands are important for our everyday lives improving air and water quality, and providing places for us to hike, bike, ride a horse, or just sit and enjoy the view.

**Working forests** provide many social and economic benefits for communities, including jobs and wood products, and provide sites for forestry education.

- 3) Allow multiple teleconferencing options to employees and city stakeholders and offer **virtual options for all meetings by default**.
- 4) Require **permeable pavement** for all new construction & remodels to reduce stormwater runoff and costs. Determine a minimum percent of stormwater that should be managed with **impervious surfaces, Salmon-Safe standards**, and sustainable stormwater strategies by 2030.
- 5) Update the city's **telecommuting policy** to foster increased utilization of this commute option whenever it meets city business needs.
- 6) Identify costs of **landscape maintenance**, such as water and the service crew, work with landscapers to transition to **native, drought-tolerant landscapes**, and use smart infrastructure when needed during first establishment phase. **Smart infrastructure includes drip irrigation and smart controllers that integrate rain sensors**. The intention is to keep valuable partners but educate and transition them to new practices.
- 7) Protect and enhance **local natural resources**, such as water bodies, flood plains, healthy soils, natural areas, vegetated areas and corridors, **that provide multiple benefits** like carbon capture; reducing flood, landslide, stormwater and heat island impacts; cooling and purifying water and air; and improving public health and biodiversity.
- 8) Join **Puget Sound Energy's Green Power Program**, unless you're already signed up for Green Direct.
- 9) Conduct **energy audits** in all city owned and operated buildings; partner with the local utility and private contractors.
- 10) Incorporate **environmental justice criteria** and priorities into zoning, land use planning, permitting policies, and development of new projects. Address disparities in public health impacts using best available data.
- 11) Identify partners that will purchase or receive (as donations) **salvaged materials such as brass fixtures, steel piping, appliances, furniture, and equipment** from renovated buildings or whenever there is furniture turnover.

12) Evaluate the **sequestration potential** of existing public lands and invest in changes and recommendations that enable high sequestration levels or carbon sinks, particularly mature, temperate conifer forest land.

★★★**End of My 498-Word Public Comment**★★★

Thank you,

Dr. David Morton

19934 NE Union Hill Rd.

Redmond, 98053

**From:** Jim Jernigan <[Jim@jimjernigan.com](mailto:Jim@jimjernigan.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:35 AM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>; Joy Jernigan <[Joy@joyjernigan.com](mailto:Joy@joyjernigan.com)>  
**Subject:** 2021-2022 Biennium Budget priorities follow-up

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

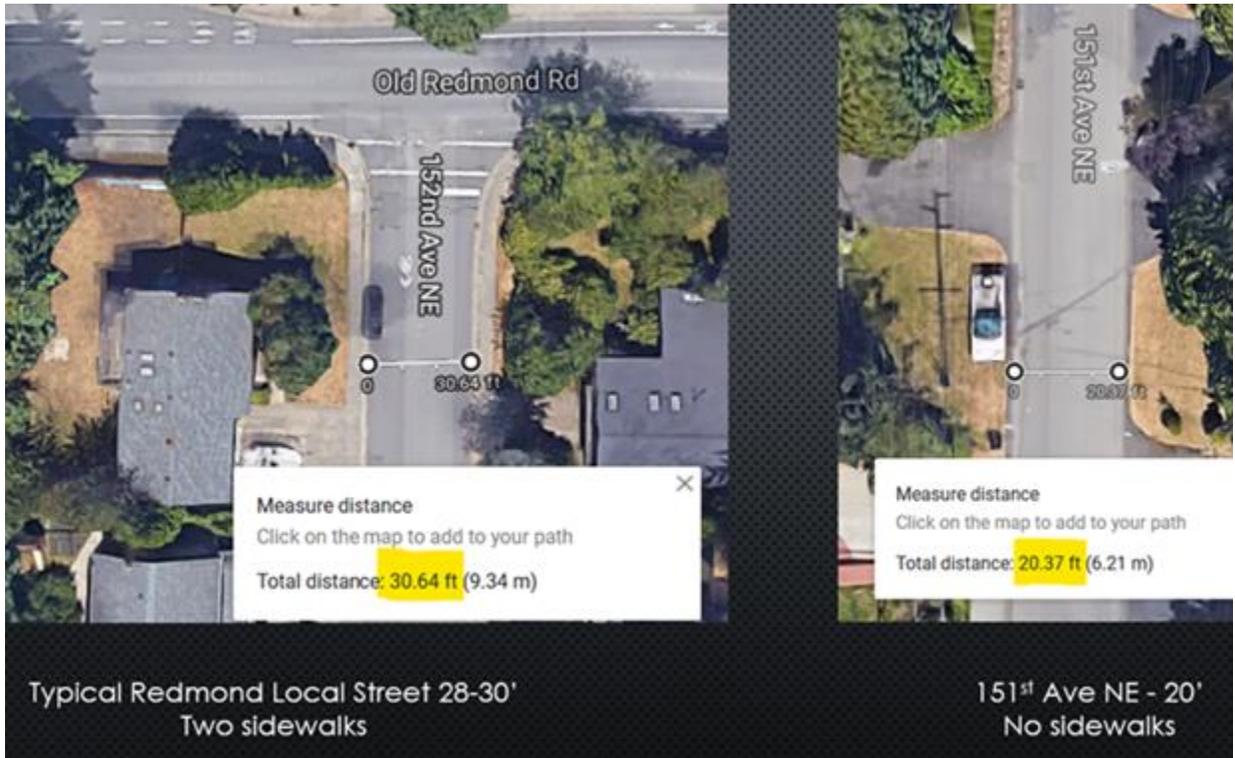
Mayor, Council & Budget Committee,

Since the pandemic has drastically altered the presentation format for citizens, I wanted to provide the additional materials I would have used in an in-person meeting. I hope they help you understand the seriousness of the safety issue we are raising.

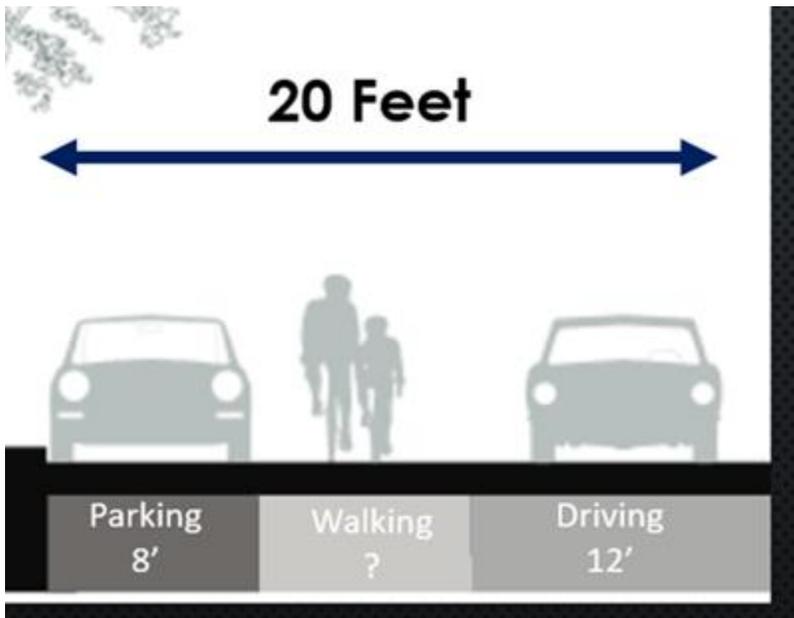
Since both Joy and I took only 2 minutes each for our comments, I think it's not too much to ask you to spend 2 minutes more to understand our situation.

1. 1 minute: Please open the attached PowerPoint and flip through the slides. The references to our project, city code and actual measurements are detailed there.
2. 1 minute (literally): Please watch [this youtube video](#) that shows the street (from ground level and air) and some interactions between cars and pedestrians on our street.

Not only do we not have sidewalks, but our street is far narrower than the 28' required by city zoning. You can see this for yourself with Google Maps' measurement tool and the King County parcel viewer measurement tool.



Using standard allocations for traffic (12') and parking (8'), you can see that all 20' of our street is occupied when a car drives past a parked car. Pedestrians have nowhere to go. This is demonstrated in the video.



Please think about the neighborhood you live in and your street. Are you required to walk ***in traffic*** to walk down your street? We are. We have little option to walk on the shoulders, because most open shoulder space is occupied with parked cars. (you can see this in the YouTube video). And the street that we must walk in is far narrower than standard Redmond neighborhood streets as demonstrated above and in the PPT deck.

Please don't let our project continue to slip into the future indefinitely. Please make a **decision to improve our safety now** and not leave it to future councils to solve. Institutional memory is not strong enough to last that long.

Thanks,

Jim & Joy Jernigan  
7323 151st Ave NE

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY 151<sup>ST</sup> AVE NE

NORTH OF OLD REDMOND ROAD

6-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

**PROJECT B96**

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

**PROJECT 227**

JIM JERNIGAN

19-YEAR HOMEOWNER ON 151<sup>ST</sup> AVE NE

# WHERE IS 151<sup>ST</sup> AVE NE?

3 Blocks East of Grass Lawn Park

North of Old Redmond Road

0.5 mile Dead End Road

All egress @ Old Redmond Rd

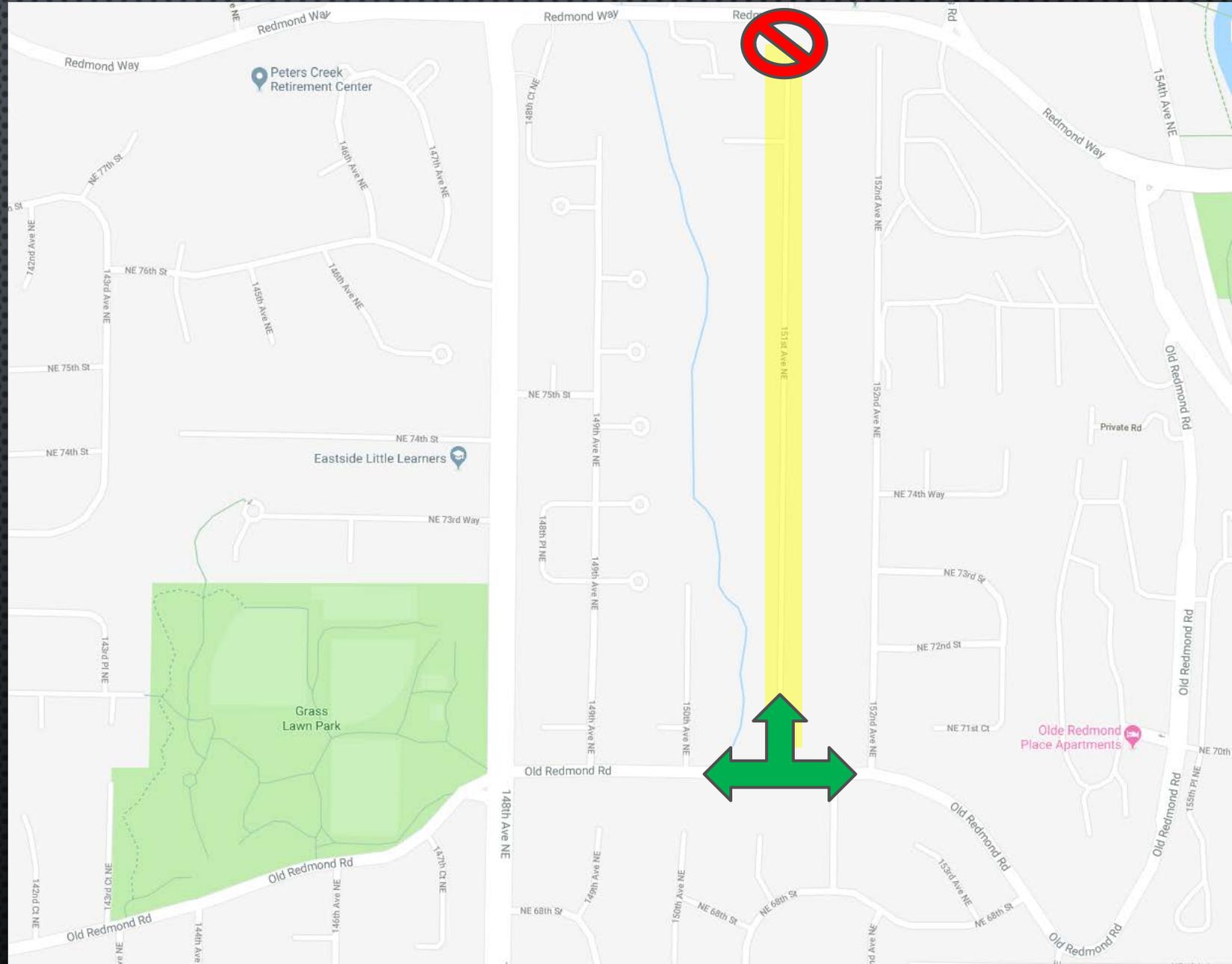
Aka 'Homestead Drive'

Borders Peters Creek

~65 homes

~200 residents

Currently has NO SIDEWALKS  
(that go anywhere)



# 6 YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

## PROJECT LIST SEPTEMBER 2017 – PROJECT B96

City of Redmond											
Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program											Project List
PROPOSED 18-23											
Street or Project	From	To	Proj Start	Proj End	Six-Year Project Funding Information (All Dollars in Thousands)						Total Project Cost *
					Prior Spending	Un Funded	Local Funding	Federal Funding	State Funding	6-Year Funding	
B96 151st Ave NE Sidewalk - Old Redmond Road to 7500 Block	Old Redmond Road	7500 Block	2023	2023		478					478
B97 NE 88th St Sidewalk - 171st Ave NE to 172nd Ave NE	171st Ave NE	172nd Ave NE	2023	2023		119					119
B98 NE 89th St Sidewalk - 166th Ave NE to 168th Ave NE	166th Ave NE	168th Ave NE	2023	2023		193					193
B100 SE Redmond Trail - ELST to Station to Marymoor Connector	ELST	Marymoor Connector via SE Redmond station	2023	2023		7,050					7,050
B101 Bel-Red Rd Bicycle Lanes - West Lake Sammamish Parkway to NE 40th St	West Lake Sammamish Parkway	NE 40th St	2023	2023		355					355
B102 164th Ave NE Sidewalk - NE 95th Street to NE 99th Street	NE 95th St	NE 99th St	2023	2023		316					316
B103 NE 40th St Shared Use Path - 148th Ave NE to SR 520 Trail	148th Ave NE	SR 520 Trail	2023	2023		1,836					1,836

# 6 YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

## PROJECT LIST OCTOBER 2019 – PROJECT B96

City of Redmond

PROPOSED 20-25

### Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Project List

Street or Project	From	To	Proj Start	Proj End	Six-Year Project Funding Information (All Dollars In Thousands)						Total Project Cost *
					Prior Spending	Un Funded	Local Funding	Federal Funding	State Funding	6-Year Funding	
B96 151st Ave NE Sidewalk - Old Redmond Road to 7500 Block	Old Redmond Road	7500 Block	2024	2024			478			478	478
B97 NE 88th St Sidewalk - 171st Ave NE to 172nd Ave NE	171st Ave NE	172nd Ave NE	2024	2024			119			119	119

October 23, 2019 10:28:21AM

Page 2 of 7

\*Total Project Cost represents the total estimated cost of the project. The funding represented in the six-year TIP may be less than the total project funding for two reasons. One, the project is underway and has expended money during years prior to the first year of the TIP. Two, the project is planned for the later years of the TIP and will not be completed by final year in the TIP.

N:\wbapps\TIP\Reports\XI\TIP\_ProjList\_Council\_Funding.rpt

# TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

## MASTER PLAN UPDATED AUGUST 2017 – PROJECT 227 (SIDEWALK) AND PROJECT 189 (STAIRCASE)

Table 21. Neighborhood projects (continued)

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS					
Project ID	Project Title	Location	Project Limits: From	Project Limits: To	Description
223	NE 27th Place Trail Connection	NE 27th Place	175th Avenue NE	176th Place NE	Construct neighborhood sidewalk connection.
225	152nd Ave NE Vertical Curb	152nd Ave NE	NE 60th Street	6400 Block	Replace roll up curb with vertical curb, improve sidewalk and create student load/unload zone that provides convenient access for children walking, biking and taking the bus to school.
227	151st Avenue NE Sidewalk	151st Ave NE	North of Old Redmond Road	End of 151st Ave NE	Construct sidewalk on one side of the street.
228	134th Ave NE Sidewalk	134th Ave NE	NE 75th St	NE 80th St	Construct sidewalk on one side of the street.
229	NE 83rd St Sidewalk	NE 83th St	132nd Ave NE	134th Ave NE	Construct sidewalk on one side of the street.
234	Avondale to Union Hill Rd Sidewalk	Avondale Way	North of Union Hill	Avondale Rd	Complete missing sidewalk on east side of Avondale Way north of Union Hill Rd.
189	151st Avenue NE Staircase	151st Ave NE at Redmond Way			Construct staircase between Redmond Way and 151st Ave. Add bike runnel.



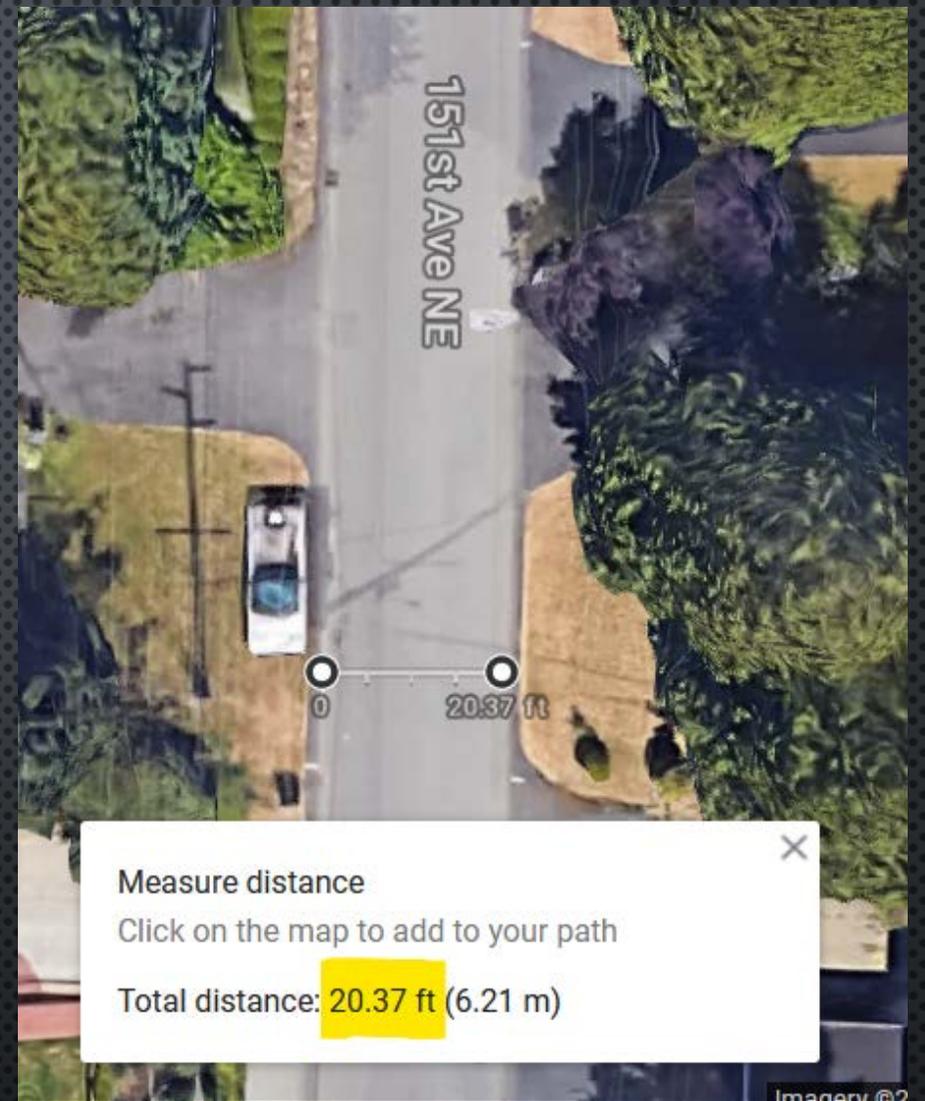
# CRITICAL SAFETY ISSUE: NARROW STREET – NO SIDEWALKS

- REDMOND CITY ZONING DICTATES RESIDENTIAL STREET MINIMUM PAVEMENT WIDTH OF 28' WITH ONE SIDEWALK AND ONE PARKING LANE – [RMC TITLE 21](#)
- 151<sup>ST</sup> AVE NE IS ONLY 20' WIDE WITH NO SIDEWALK
- WHEN CARS ARE LEGALLY PARKED ON ONE SIDE, THAT LEAVES 12' FOR TRAFFIC AND PEOPLE

Table 2. Local Streets.							
Classification	Connector Streets	Local Access Streets					
		Single-Family Residential			Multifamily Residential		Nonresidential
		Private	Public		Private	Public	Public
Dwelling Units/Lots		5 – 9	5 – 9	10 or more			
Corridor Width	60 feet right-of-way	35 feet ingress/egress tract	44 feet right-of-way	50 feet right-of-way	35 feet ingress/egress tract	50 feet (1) right-of-way	60 feet right-of-way
Easement (7)	10 feet/adjacent to ROW	None	10 feet – Adjacent to ROW	10 feet – Adjacent to ROW	None	10 feet – Adjacent to ROW	10 feet – Adjacent to ROW
Pavement Width	36-40 feet 2 through lanes with center turn lane and parking where required	28 feet (9)	28 feet	28 feet	28 feet (9)	28 feet	44 feet thru route 36–40 feet side streets
Sidewalk, Concrete	In Urban Centers, 8-foot minimum both sides with widths as great as 12-16 feet in	One Side (10), 5-foot minimum for detached	One Side (10), 5-foot minimum for detached	Both Sides, 5-foot minimum for detached	One Side (10), 5-foot minimum for detached	Both Sides, 5-foot minimum for detached	Both Sides, 5-foot minimum for detached sidewalks, 6-foot



Typical Redmond Local Street 28-30'  
Two sidewalks

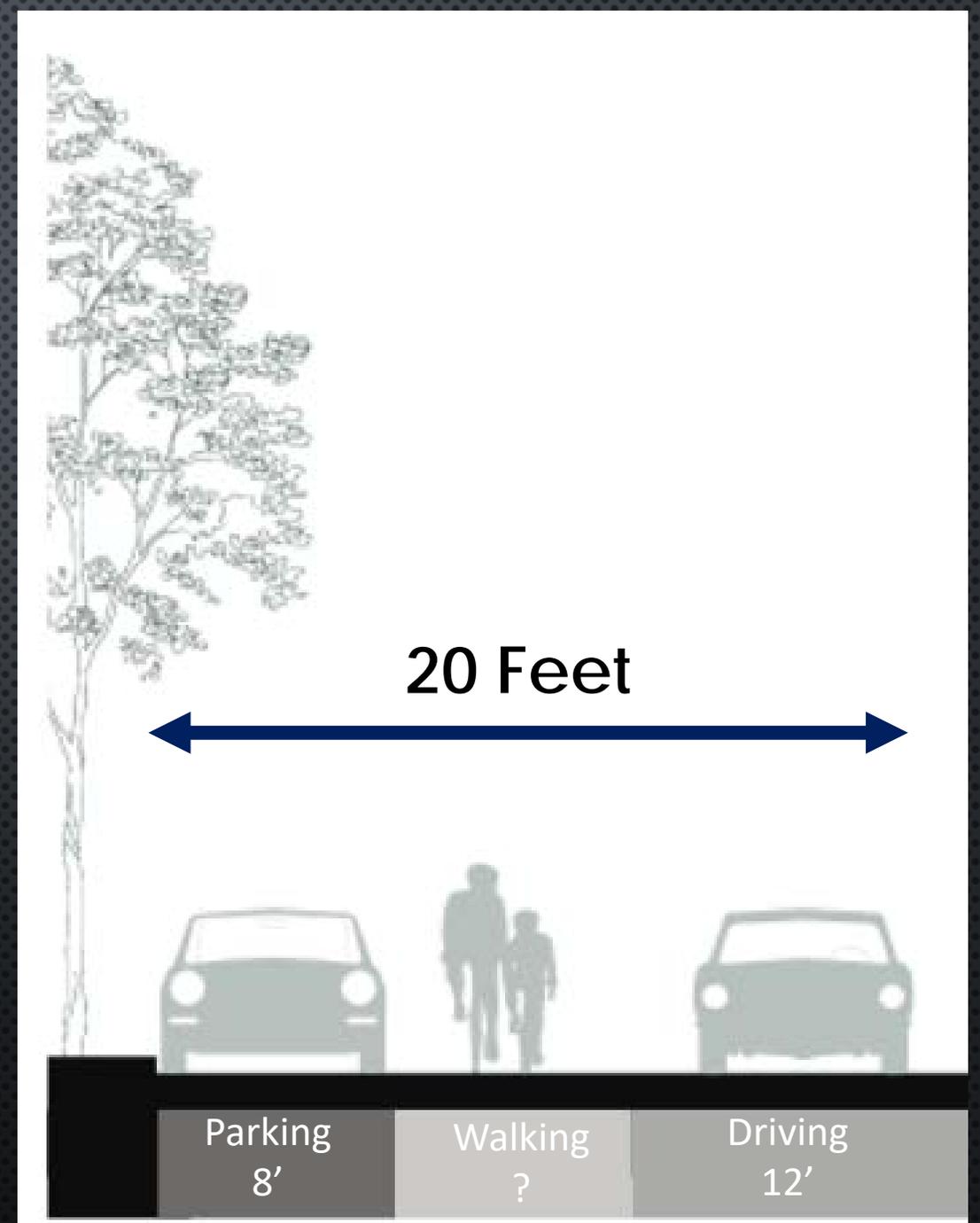


151<sup>st</sup> Ave NE - 20'  
No sidewalks

When cars park legally in the street there is literally no where to walk safely

One must either dodge the cars or they must dodge you

When cars exceed the 25 MPH speed limit – which they do frequently – then it becomes extremely dangerous







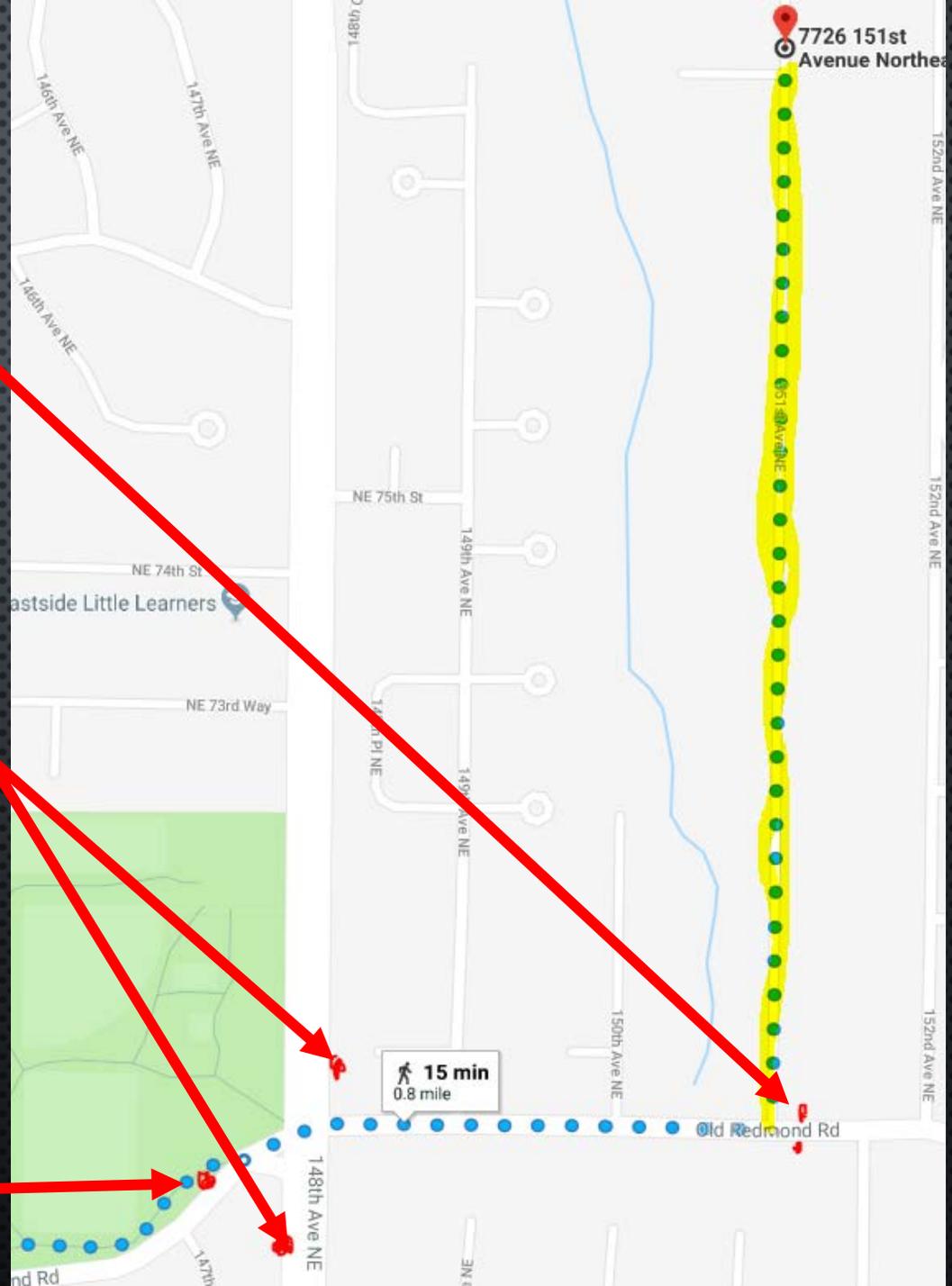


# PEDESTRIANS NEED SAFE ACCESS TO TRANSIT

Connectors  
Redmond Transit Ctr  
Sound Transit 520

RAPID RIDE  
LINE B

LW High School



## REQUESTS:

- PLEASE PRIORITIZE **SAFETY** OVER CONVENIENCE
- CONSIDER DOING PROJECT B96/227 MUCH **SOONER THAN 2024**
- PLEASE BUDGET FOR PUTTING SIDEWALKS ON THE FULL LENGTH OF THE STREET
- HELP US GET **SAFE** ACCESS TO **TRANSIT, SCHOOLS AND PARKS**

**THANKS!**

**From:** Tom Hinman <[tom@thinmanassoc.com](mailto:tom@thinmanassoc.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 11:20 AM

**To:** Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>; Varisha Khan <[vkhan@redmond.gov](mailto:vkhan@redmond.gov)>; Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>; Kelley Cochran <[KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:KCOCHRAN@REDMOND.GOV)>

**Subject:** Budget Feedback

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Greetings -

As you begin final deliberations on the proposed budget, I'd like to provide a compilation of my comments...some of which have been dealt with and some more immediate issues where a response would be appreciated in **bold**.

This attachment need not become part of the public comment matrix and is only intended to assist in final issue resolution. My appreciation to Councilmembers/Ombudspersons Kritzer, Khan and Forsythe for feed back on some of these topics as well as on process improvements for future consideration. My thanks also to Kelley Cochran for her efforts on behalf of the whole community to provide the information needed to make informed decisions going forward.

In this light, some insights into when and how "parking lot" issues or future deliberations will be scheduled or considered -- before or after approval of this budget -- would be appreciated.

Regards,  
Tom Hinman

## HINMAN 2021-22 BUDGET COMMENT COMPILATION

6/13/2020 Email Tom Hinman	Support of adding 2 positions, TDM Assistant and Communications Administrator, to focus on the reduction of greenhouse gas and citywide communications and outreach. See Attachment C for full script of the email.	K. Cochran responded by Email 06/15/2020
10/20/2020 Public Hearing Tom Hinman	Support for: Urban Forestry and carbon reduction and tracking Resilience in emergency preparedness and filling positions Ground and surface water management Communications and public engagement Expanding City Council ombudsman and performance measures See Attachment N for full written comment.	<b>TH Note</b> – added to Parking Lot 11/17 <b>TH Note</b> – added to Parking Lot 11/17
10/23/2020 Email Tom Hinman	<b>Supports Overlake CIP</b> for safe access to light rail and <b>coordinated park planning</b> . See Attachment 22 for full transcript of email	
11/2/2020 Email: Tom Hinman	Supports efficiency in transportation, retention of Green Redmond Partnership \$50,000. See Attachment 58 for full transcript of email.	
11/5/2020 Email: Tom Hinman	<b>Support and comments for Parks 2021-22 budget proposals including details on budget comments regarding the Overlake CIP.</b> See Attachment 62 for full transcript of email	
11/16/2020 Email: Tom Hinman	Comments and suggestion for civic engagement. Support for budget performance metrics. See Attachment 67 for full transcript of email.	<b>TH NOTE</b> – added to Parking Lot 11/17
11/17/2020 Email: Tom Hinman	<b>Comments to support park projects in Overlake, urban pathways and recreation facilities. (offer #247).</b> See Attachment 72 for full transcript of email.	

**From:** [BethKelly@HealthForwardFirst.life](mailto:BethKelly@HealthForwardFirst.life) <[healthforwardfirst@gmail.com](mailto:healthforwardfirst@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 26, 2020 8:26 PM  
**To:** [lcityclerk@redmond.gov](mailto:lcityclerk@redmond.gov); BP Questions <[bpquestions@redmond.gov](mailto:bpquestions@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Joy Jernigan <[Joy@joyjernigan.com](mailto:Joy@joyjernigan.com)>  
**Subject:** 151st Ave NE Redmond residential street not meeting Safety Compliance

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Following up on last weeks city council meeting

Below are pictures from the top of the street off of Old Redmond Road.

As i walked my dog it occurred time, I am literally walking in the street. This is an accurate picture of typical day. At night, several more vehicles.

I had to "pull over" 4 times as cars went up or down the street. I also watched cars stuck waiting for the waste management trucks to move forward and have to pass these trucks.

Tonight, Thanksgiving night, 6pm, pitch black, walking 2 dogs. Again, I had to give way to cars and I'm only 7 houses down from Old Redmond Road.

Our drainage on the street is such that it will add another 2+ feet of unwalkable space as the water sits on the road.

The mailboxes create the need to walk in the street. The cars and landscaping up to the edge of the road do too.

This road needs to be ,brought into compliance at the city's expense, not the homeowners. And, I'd expect to see in the 2021 budget for implimentation as I see several new construction projects in Redmond that must adhere to safety for pedestrians. It should be included to make existing city streets compliant in tandem.

Best  
Beth Kelly  
Resident at 7140 151st Ave NE

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.









**From:** Phil Hutchinson <[phil\\_hutchinson@hotmail.com](mailto:phil_hutchinson@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:49 PM  
**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Comments on proposal to add council staff in 2021-2022 budget

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I am watching the budget deliberations from the December 1st council meeting and would like to comment on the proposal to fund additional council staff in the form of an intern program and a full-time council policy analyst.

In a budget that eliminates several police officers, a large number of Parks employees, and many other city staff members, how in the world can you justify spending \$291K on personal interns and \$410K on a make-work analyst position? Do you have any idea how offensive this proposal is to the average taxpayer? You actually want to reduce citizen safety and services while feathering your own nests. This is unconscionable.

Councilmembers Khan, Forsythe, and Fields, you should feel ashamed for even dreaming up this proposal, let alone wasting valuable council meeting time deliberating it. If you feel overwhelmed by the effort required to perform your city council duties, I strongly suggest you vacate your offices and allow others who are up to the challenge take your place. If anyone remembers this proposal come election time, this problem will likely take care of itself, but why wait?

I extend my sincere thanks to Council President Padhye and Councilmember Carson for speaking against this ridiculous proposal. You, along with Mayor Birney, appear to be the only people who have any grip on reality during these budget deliberations. These budget meetings have been embarrassing to watch and this latest proposal really pushed things over the top.

Sincerely,  
Phil Hutchinson

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Kevin Carder](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#); [Dave Juarez](#); [Aaron Moldver](#); [Jenny Lybeck](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling event  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:56:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

---

Hello Kevin,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** Kevin Carder <KDCarder@msn.com>; Vanessa Kritzer <vkritzer@redmond.gov>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling event

Hello Mr. Carder,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for your phone call and follow-up email about the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program, the potential to add a small fee to maintain the program, and your love for our community.

Have a lovely day,

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond

425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Kevin Carder <[KDCarder@msn.com](mailto:KDCarder@msn.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 2:09 PM

**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Recycling event

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

As a resident and business owner (prior) of Redmond since 1983, I am disappointed to understand that the biannual recycling event may be left off of the budget for the upcoming year. This event has provided an outlet for cleaning up around the home and neighborhood for years, and is well utilized by the citizens. It seems that it would be a disservice to discontinue such a valuable resource. If there is any way to reallocate funds or perhaps charge a nominal fee, I am certain the people of our fair town will be thankful. Thank you for the work you do, I love this city.

Kevin Carder  
425/373-6756

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [kelly.rau@hotmail.com](mailto:kelly.rau@hotmail.com)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: recycle events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:38:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

---

Hello Kelly,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:04 AM  
**To:** Kelly Rau <[kelly.rau@hotmail.com](mailto:kelly.rau@hotmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: recycle events

Hello Kelly,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we will add further consideration of the [community recycling events](#) to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](#) and Facebook Live ([@CityofRedmond](#)), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](#)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Kelly Rau <[kelly.rau@hotmail.com](mailto:kelly.rau@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 7:27 AM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** recycle events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello

Someone has brought it to my attention that the city council is getting rid of the recycle events in the upcoming budget. PLEASE do not do this. I believe it is a valuable use of taxpayer money. I have been patiently waiting for the next one to occur. I see that other cities are holding recycle events. If you want Redmond to be seen as an environmentally friendly city, that is keeping up with

the times, please, please reconsider and keep this program in place.  
Thank you for your time.  
Kelly Rau

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [ccordes@csquaredstrategies.com](mailto:ccordes@csquaredstrategies.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:04:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Christine,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** Christine Cordes <[ccordes@csquaredstrategies.com](mailto:ccordes@csquaredstrategies.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events

Hello Christine,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctvlive) and Facebook Live ([@CityofRedmond](#)), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Christine Cordes <[ccordes@csquaredstrategies.com](mailto:ccordes@csquaredstrategies.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:11 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Redmond Recycling Events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Redmond City Council Members,

Please keep the Redmond Recycling Events. My family relies on these events to get rid of garbage that we would otherwise have to drive to separate locations all over the Puget Sound. We have sorely missed them during the pandemic and have piles of recyclables waiting for the next event. I learned that the city council is planning to discontinue these events. I think it would be a mistake to do so.

Without these events, our only option to get rid of Styrofoam (for instance) is to drive to Kent. Prior to these events it was not uncommon to see trash, bulky garbage, mattresses, bulky furniture, couches, Etc. strewn along the sides of the road. I don't think we want our town to look like Seattle with all the garbage everywhere. This is a community event that helps members of our community and also keeps our community looking fantastic. It also helps us keep our property values up.

The Redmond Recycling Events are a good use of our tax dollars and I strongly prefer that we keep this item in our city budget.

Thank you,  
Christine Cordes

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Paula palkon](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#); [Dave Juarez](#); [Aaron Moldver](#); [Jenny Lybeck](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling event  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:59:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Paula,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** Paula palkon <paulapgordon@gmail.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling event

Hello Paula,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctvlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Paula palkon <[paulapgordon@gmail.com](mailto:paulapgordon@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 7:07 AM

**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Recycling event

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi,

It was brought to my attention that the recycling event will be cancelled for good. I read the goals for the city of Redmond and the second goal addresses the environment.

This event has been well attended with lines around the block. This shows that Redmond residents care about the environment.

I am asking as a long term resident who cares about Redmond to keep this event and keep our goals

in Redmond to take care of the environment.

Thank you for listening.

Paula Palkon  
10920 156th pl ne, Redmond, WA 98052

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [mimijohn@uw.edu](mailto:mimijohn@uw.edu)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Don't get rid of the recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:40:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

---

Hello Miriam,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:02 AM  
**To:** Miriam D. Johnson <[mimijohn@uw.edu](mailto:mimijohn@uw.edu)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Don't get rid of the recycling events

Hello Miriam,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair @Vanessa Kritzer that we add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctvlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85th St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Miriam D. Johnson <[mimijohn@uw.edu](mailto:mimijohn@uw.edu)>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:47 PM  
To: Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
Subject: Don't get rid of the recycling events

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I've just heard that you are planning to permanently cancel the recycling events. For an area of the country that takes pride in being progressive from a sustainability perspective, that would be a huge step backwards. The recycling events offer citizens an easy and affordable way to be sustainable. I hope you will reconsider this decision.

Miriam

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [liz.luecker@gmail.com](mailto:liz.luecker@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed cancelation of Recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:05:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:00 AM  
**To:** Liz Luecker <[liz.luecker@gmail.com](mailto:liz.luecker@gmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed cancelation of Recycling events

Hello Liz,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Liz Luecker <[liz.luecker@gmail.com](mailto:liz.luecker@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:24 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Proposed cancelation of Recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Based on a Next Door post, I understand that the City is considering stopping city-sponsored recycling events. One of the reasons given is that the community has found "alternatives to city-sponsored events". For example, I have been trying to find some place to recycle Styrofoam. The closest locations are Shoreline and Kent. We are also planning to replace two sinks. If Redmond doesn't have the recycling events, then these sinks and the Styrofoam blocks will be taken to the transfer station for landfill disposal.

Please do not stop recycling events.

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [pbosman@comcast.net](mailto:pbosman@comcast.net)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: City-sponsored recycling event  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:30:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

---

Hello Bette & Pete,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:54 AM  
**To:** Bette Osman <[pbosman@comcast.net](mailto:pbosman@comcast.net)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: City-sponsored recycling event

Hello Bette,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair @Vanessa Kritzer that we will add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe  
Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85th St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bette Osman <[pbosman@comcast.net](mailto:pbosman@comcast.net)>  
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:52 AM  
To: Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
Subject: City-sponsored recycling event

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Redmond City Council Members,

My husband and I have lived in Redmond since 2005. We have attended the Recycling Event several times over the years and find it to be a great community program. Recently someone suggested that the city was considering discontinuing it. We hope that you will all vote to keep this program. It is a benefit to all the citizens of Redmond. Thank you.

Bette & Pete Osman

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [jan.mcc@frontier.com](mailto:jan.mcc@frontier.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycle Bi-Annual Events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:42:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Jan,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** Jan McClurg <jan.mcc@frontier.com>; Council <Council@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycle Bi-Annual Events

Hello Jan,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of the [community recycling events](#) to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](#) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](#)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jan McClurg <[jan.mcc@frontier.com](mailto:jan.mcc@frontier.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:39 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Redmond Recycle Bi-Annual Events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I am a 22 year resident of Redmond WA in Willow Grove just off Avondale. As long as Redmond Recycle Events have been held near me I have dropped of many items to be recycled. This has not only been a wonderful and convenient way for me to recycle everything from paint to plastic to electronics to household and yard recyclables, but also a way to help the environment and our planet. It is a service that is appreciated and valued, the alternative either means waste/land fill or expense and time to locate another service provider. Especially during the pandemic, any extra costs are difficult if not impossible to absorb. Please continue to provide the Redmond Recycle Events for our residents! Thank you, Jan McClurg

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [sniping.kingdra@gmail.com](mailto:sniping.kingdra@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Save the recycling event  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:32:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

---

Hello Alan,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:35 AM  
**To:** Alan Chen <[alankchen@gmail.com](mailto:alankchen@gmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Save the recycling event

Hello Alan,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we will add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctv/live](http://Redmond.gov/rctv/live) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** [sniping.kingdra@gmail.com](mailto:sniping.kingdra@gmail.com) <[sniping.kingdra@gmail.com](mailto:sniping.kingdra@gmail.com)> **On Behalf Of** Alan Chen

**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:21 AM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Save the recycling event

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi Redmond city council,

I heard that there were plans to axe the recycling event. I understand the temporary removal during the pandemic, but please do not make this permanently gone. This is a key part of engaging city residents in proper disposal of items that are otherwise hard to dispose of, by providing a central location that is accessible and can scale.

Many residents like me love the city's commitment to protecting the environment, and I would appreciate the city continuing to uphold this commitment by preserving the recycling events.

While I'm at it, I would even request an expansion on recycling locations! Maybe make composting mandatory at grocery stores and restaurants, maybe clean styrofoam dropoffs can get set up at the library or city hall, and other ideas!

Thank you,

- Alan

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [peter@gamereport.com](mailto:peter@gamereport.com)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:03:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

---

Hello Peter,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** Peter Sarrett <[peter@gamereport.com](mailto:peter@gamereport.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling events

Hello Peter,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctvlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Peter Sarrett <[peter@gamereport.com](mailto:peter@gamereport.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:33 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Please do not cancel Redmond's recycling events. We use them throughout the year, every year, and there is always a long line of cars waiting to do the same. This is a great use of tax dollars that helps keep our community clean.

Thank you.

- Peter Sarrett  
11739 172<sup>nd</sup> Ct. NE

Redmond

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [polletts@msn.com](mailto:polletts@msn.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling Events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:13:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Jodi,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:00 AM  
**To:** Jodi Seitz <[polletts@msn.com](mailto:polletts@msn.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling Events

Hello Jodi,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair @Vanessa Kritzer that we add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctvlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85th St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jodi Seitz <[polletts@msn.com](mailto:polletts@msn.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:09 PM  
To: Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
Subject: Recycling Events

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello,

I am writing to ask that you reconsider discontinuing the Redmond recycling events. These are so valuable to our community. I for one save many items to take to the events and feel so good about not just throwing them out in the trash. The fact that these events are so well attended should tell you how much they are appreciated by the community. I'm sure there are many cuts that need to be made for next year's budget, but I implore you to keep the recycling events that are used by so many to help our environment and keep items out of the landfills.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Jodi Seitz

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [erohr@w-link.net](mailto:erohr@w-link.net)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Please keep city recycling events.  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:25:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Eric,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 8:52 AM  
**To:** Eric Rohrbach <[erohr@w-link.net](mailto:erohr@w-link.net)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Please keep city recycling events.

Hello Eric,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Eric Rohrbach <[erohr@w-link.net](mailto:erohr@w-link.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Please keep city recycling events.

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond Council-

I encourage you to continue to keep the semi-annual recycling events. Our family has found those useful over the years and participate at least once a year, often twice.

Eric Rohrbach  
12043 184<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Redmond

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [victory-hope@outlook.com](mailto:victory-hope@outlook.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Please do not cancel future Redmond recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:38:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Mehta's,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:16 PM  
**To:** LR MB <[victory-hope@outlook.com](mailto:victory-hope@outlook.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Please do not cancel future Redmond recycling events

Hello Mehta's,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** LR MB <[victory-hope@outlook.com](mailto:victory-hope@outlook.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:12 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** LR MB <[Victory-Hope@outlook.com](mailto:Victory-Hope@outlook.com)>

**Subject:** Please do not cancel future Redmond recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond Council,

We have been Redmond residents since 2009. We love the Redmond recycling events where we have been recycling Styrofoam, donating to Hopelink food banks, etc. .

*Please do not cancel the recycling events.*

With regards to recycling, we are aware of the Cascade recycling partnership with Waste Management and Redmond city. However, there are restrictions on the type of plastics residents

can recycle.

For example we cannot recycle coffee cup plastic lids, certain plastic containers, plastic take out containers (food)

With this pandemic-beverage customers are only allowed to take out and therefore cannot use their reusable mugs for obvious reasons of cross-contamination.

Over the course of the next few months there's going to be an increase in plastic pollution ( there already is ) because of takeout orders only.

Is there a conversation happening with cascade recycling where residents are able to expand their contribution to recycle the plastic lids, plastic caps, metal screw top caps less than 3 inches.

I tried to reach out to cascade recycling but received no response.

Please can you give me comprehensive advice on the above topic and my questions.

Thank you,  
The Mehta's

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [mikah@outofband.org](mailto:mikah@outofband.org)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Continue the Recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:44:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Mikah,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:14 PM  
**To:** Mikah Mathews <[mikah@outofband.org](mailto:mikah@outofband.org)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Continue the Recycling events

Hello Mikah,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair @Vanessa Kritzer that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | Redmond.gov  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85th St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mikah Mathews <[mikah@outofband.org](mailto:mikah@outofband.org)>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 3:37 PM  
To: Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
Subject: Continue the Recycling events

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello Redmond City Council,

I am a resident of Education Hill and have been one for over 12 years now. The recycling events hosted a few times every year have been very helpful for my family when we were growing up – allowing us to safely recycle electronics, batteries, and other things around the house that would have otherwise been thrown in a landfill or continue wasting space. I would like to continue seeing the recycling events being hosted, with better advertising and awareness of how it can help. The cost of a mattress disposal at an event was \$15, to do the same via street garbage disposal would cost over \$80. With the COVID-19 pandemic, many families are dealing with limited income due to lack of government support and job shortages. The less money you have, the more each dollar counts. Those \$65 saved dollars could buy groceries, gas, or other essentials that people need rather than paying a fee that could have been spared if there was a publicized recycling event.

Thank you for reading my input,  
Mikah Mathews

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [jacduffy@gmail.com](mailto:jacduffy@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events - Cancel????  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:14:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Jackie,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 8:54 AM  
**To:** Jackie Duffy <[jacduffy@gmail.com](mailto:jacduffy@gmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events - Cancel????

Hello Jackie,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of the [community recycling events](#) to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctlive](#) and Facebook Live ([@CityofRedmond](#)), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](#)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jackie Duffy <[jacduffy@gmail.com](mailto:jacduffy@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:45 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Redmond Recycling Events - Cancel????

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond City Council,

We ask that you please **do not cancel** these events in our community. We have been utilizing the hazardous waste for several years so not to put these in the landfill which is very dangerous.

We have been saving Styrofoam and paper to be shredded safely since November, 2019. I just

CANNOT place Styrofoam in our garbage, it will **never** breakdown and we live in this beautiful community and state that we should continue to protect.

I also have saved all of these items that I take for my elderly boss and other elderly friends who have difficulty managing the trip to recycle them.

I am trying to do my part for Redmond, please do your part and continue to offer the recycling events by **voting YES** on Friday!

Thank you,  
Jackie Duffy

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [MetteClarke@live.com](mailto:MetteClarke@live.com)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:40:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Mette,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:15 PM  
**To:** Mette Clarke <[MetteClarke@live.com](mailto:MetteClarke@live.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling events

Hello Mette,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond

425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Mette Clarke <[MetteClarke@live.com](mailto:MetteClarke@live.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:10 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Redmond Recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

We are hearing a rumor that Redmond is likely going to cancel the quarterly recycling events due to budget constraints. I really feel this would be a mistake. This is an event that hundreds of us Redmond residents count on every quarter to get rid of "awkward"/ recyclable /batteries/ Styrofoam/ bicycles / concrete / paint cans / etc. materials that store up around our houses. And the "dump" in Kirkland is getting more and more difficult to accept items that we need to dispose of. Since the dump won't take a bunch of

stuff, and if Redmond Recycle event goes away, this will just force people to “dump” their garbage in the woods as they can’t find solutions that are affordable or acceptable.

A suggestion for the Redmond Recycling event would be to charge every car coming in a nominal fee of \$15 for getting rid of their goods. That way the city can recoup some of the costs, and it’s not too expensive for families to afford to get rid of items in the proper manner. If people are donating bicycles, then they would not pay a fee.

I would certainly implore Redmond to continue with the Recycling event... if not every quarter, then perhaps every 6 months and charge a nominal fee for every car coming in.

Mette Clarke

32 year Redmond resident.

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [cedarsnsalal@frontier.com](mailto:cedarsnsalal@frontier.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: In regard to the City Recycling Program  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:30:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Suzann,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** cedarsnsalal <[cedarsnsalal@frontier.com](mailto:cedarsnsalal@frontier.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 8:55 PM  
**To:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: In regard to the City Recycling Program

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Thank you, Jessica, for this response to my letter of this afternoon. I have done a cursory look at possible alternatives via King County where communities may provide alternatives to recycling events. I found no leads within our locale-Redmond. There are styrofoam opportunities in Federal Way. It will not be convenient for me to go to Federal Way. The all-in-one, well-organized, well-managed, well-known, and well-utilized years-long program has been honed to an easy drive-through happy experience that I have been proud to pay for and to join. Every representative of the City has been friendly, patient, supportive and enthusiastic when I've taken my turn in the drive-through.

I see not one reason why, in this City of Redmond, there should be any reduction in this program, nor the dismissal of Mr. Jin. We can afford to maintain and sustain this service. We cannot afford to eliminate it altogether. Raise my taxes, please.

Sincerely,  
Suzann Wilson

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>

Date: 12/2/20 5:12 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: cedarsnsalal <[cedarsnsalal@frontier.com](mailto:cedarsnsalal@frontier.com)>, Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>, Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

Subject: RE: In regard to the City Recycling Program

Hello Suzann,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond

425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

From: cedarsnsalal <[cedarsnsalal@frontier.com](mailto:cedarsnsalal@frontier.com)>

Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 3:48 PM  
To: Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
Subject: In regard to the City Recycling Program

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

December second, 2020

Dear Council Members,

The recycling program offered by Redmond over the past many years has become a rich and valuable resource for my family and neighbors. Thanks to my son's environmental science class at Redmond High School in 2002, I was made more aware of the vital necessity for everyone to work at reusing or recycling all things.

When we bring home dinner from Apple Teriyaki, Taco Time and Dairy Queen we soon have empty styrofoam containers which I wash, dry and stack until the next recycling event. My stack is really two stacks, currently, with a third under construction.

Today my phone call to Mr. Jerome Jin, the gentleman who has operated this program, has stunned and shocked me. I had hoped to hear a tentative or certain date for a recycling event in the coming year at which time the covid-19 will allow for a return to a more normal life for many of us, including getting rid of my styrofoam stacks.

He said, however, the program of recycling is going away, and he said he has been terminated. As rich a community as Redmond is, there should be no such things happening. It is a program that is admired by outside communities, too, and is a model for others to follow. Abiding by your laws and stipulations, there are well-off citizens aplenty who will happily fund the continuation of this service. RAISE MY TAXES if that will bring back this reliable, enjoyable, future-enabling opportunity. My family has high expectations of me. I want to do my best for them. People need to be supported in this way by their city council members and by their Mayor.

Respectfully,  
Suzann Wilson

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

This message has been scanned for malware by Websense. [www.websense.com](http://www.websense.com)

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [leopaul57@hotmail.com](mailto:leopaul57@hotmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Concerns about the city-sponsored recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:36:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Lei,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:21 PM  
**To:** 蕾张 <[leopaul57@hotmail.com](mailto:leopaul57@hotmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Conerns about the city-sponsored recycling events

Hello Lei,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** 蕾张 <[leopaul57@hotmail.com](mailto:leopaul57@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** Jeralee Anderson <[janderson@redmond.gov](mailto:janderson@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Conerns about the city-sponsored recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Jeralee,

I am writing to express my concerns about the canceled city-sponsored recycling events, to be determined in the upcoming budget deliberation.

As a long-time resident of the city, I welcome and celebrate the city recycling events. The significance of such events goes way beyond the few times of

collection and recycling efforts from the city.

Understandably, the pandemic has brought in unprecedented hardship to our city budget and many items are forced to be cut. It is my hope that our city government does not neglect one of our main focuses as an environmentally conscious and active community and strives to support our environment during this difficult time. Thank you for your consideration!

Lei

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [maryannpowers@live.com](mailto:maryannpowers@live.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:18:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Mary Ann,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 8:54 AM  
**To:** Mary Ann Powers <[maryannpowers@live.com](mailto:maryannpowers@live.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events

Hello Mary Ann,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctvlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Mary Ann Powers <[maryannpowers@live.com](mailto:maryannpowers@live.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:35 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Redmond Recycling Events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Council,

Upon hearing of your vote on your 2011-2022 budget that might eliminate the Redmond Recycling Events, I thought I would drop you a line and plead to keep the Events on the venue. During these times when money is scarce, recycling items that would be a hardship to recycle and may not be recycled at all if these events were not in operation. Please try to keep them alive.

Thanking you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Powers

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [spurgeon68@gmail.com](mailto:spurgeon68@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling Event  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:46:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Cristi,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** Cristi Spurgeon <[spurgeon68@gmail.com](mailto:spurgeon68@gmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Recycling Event

Hello Cristi,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Cristi Spurgeon <[spurgeon68@gmail.com](mailto:spurgeon68@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 4:05 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Recycling Event

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I certainly hope you continue the quarterly recycling events. This is a much better use of taxpayer money than say.....overpriced parks. Not everyone can afford private disposal of things like paint, mattresses, batteries, etc.... I believe it is also an incentive to recycle, rather than just throwing recyclables in the trash.

Thank you,  
Cristi Spurgeon

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [sdmtexas@gmail.com](mailto:sdmtexas@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:43:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Sandra,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:15 PM  
**To:** Sandra Merhej <[sdmtexas@gmail.com](mailto:sdmtexas@gmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Recycling events

Hello Sandra,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair @Vanessa Kritzer that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe  
Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | Redmond.gov  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85th St | Redmond, WA 98052  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandra Merhej <[sdmtexas@gmail.com](mailto:sdmtexas@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 4:52 PM  
To: Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
Subject: Recycling events

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear City Council:

The recycling events in Redmond are well attended and provide a place for people to recycle or dispose of items that may otherwise end up in the wrong place. I know we all care about our environment, and I really appreciated the recycling events that included Styrofoam disposal. Many of us save our Styrofoam until the recycling event.

For the sake of our environment, please do not cancel these events. If you want to make them two times a year instead of four times a year, I can understand that. But please do not cancel them all together!

Sincerely,  
Sandra Merhej

10928 178th Court, NE.  
Redmond, WA 98052

425-885-0105

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Amanda Karim](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:52:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Amanda,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:34 AM  
**To:** Amanda Karim <AmandaDKarim@hotmail.com>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events

Hello Amanda,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we will add further consideration of the [community recycling events](#) to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctlive](#) and Facebook Live ([@CityofRedmond](#)), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](#)  
MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Amanda Karim <[AmandaDKarim@hotmail.com](mailto:AmandaDKarim@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:33 AM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Redmond Recycling Events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond City Council,

I understand the need to stop Redmond Recycles Events due to Covid. However, I am deeply opposed to ending these events long-term. I use this service each time it is offered and often drop off materials for my neighbors who don't have a large vehicle. I consider Redmond Recycles events an essential city service and cancelling them indefinitely would negatively impact me and my community. I urge you to rethink this budget decision and continue to fund this program.

Sincerely,

Amanda Karim  
Education Hill Resident

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Sucheta Karoor](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:43:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Sucheta,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:36 PM  
To: Sucheta Karoor <skaroor@gmail.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
Subject: RE: Redmond recycling events

Hello Sucheta,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair @Vanessa Kritzer that we will add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight (12/3) as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond

425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | Redmond.gov

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85th St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sucheta Karoor <[skaroor@gmail.com](mailto:skaroor@gmail.com)>

Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:20 PM

To: Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

Subject: Redmond recycling events

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello

I was recently made aware that the City council is considering cutting funding and cancelling the Redmond recycling events. I would urge you not to cancel them. It is a wonderful resource for the residents of Redmond and allows us to recycle things in one place and helps our environment and also helps keep unwanted items especially large items from being left out on the street.

Hope that you all will consider this & not cancel these events.  
Thank you  
Sucheta Karoor

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Mauro Rizzi](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:18:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Mauro,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** Mauro Rizzi <mauro\_rizzi@hotmail.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events

Hello Mauro,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday night but we ran out of time.

We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair @Vanessa Kritzer that we will add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight (12/3) as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond

425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Mauro Rizzi <[mauro\\_rizzi@hotmail.com](mailto:mauro_rizzi@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 3:42 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Redmond Recycling Events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Greetings to all!

I was reading about a possible budget meeting that the Council will soon have that will likely discuss budget with the consequent removal of the Redmond Recycling Event.

As a Redmond resident, I avail of this event for any of my recycling and I therefore would like to urge

you to consider budget cuts in other areas and keep this event so that Redmond can become more “greener and eco-friendly” city.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for any questions you may have. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mauro Rizzi

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [paprika04@gmail.com](mailto:paprika04@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Concerns about recycling events cancellation  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:47:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Sophie,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** Sophie K. <[paprika04@gmail.com](mailto:paprika04@gmail.com)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Concerns about recycling events cancellation

Hello Sophie,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Sophie K. <[paprika04@gmail.com](mailto:paprika04@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 2:43 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Concerns about recycling events cancellation

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

To Redmond City Council,

I am writing to express my concerns about the canceled city-sponsored recycling events, to be determined in the upcoming budget deliberation.

As a long-time resident of the city, I, along with many in my neighborhood, welcome and celebrate the city recycling events. The significance of such events goes way beyond the few times of collection and recycling efforts from the city. It sends a strong message from the city to its residents that our community values recycling as an integral part of our nationwide environmental protection movement. Equivalently, cancellation of these events indicates that our city no longer wishes to participate at the grassroots

level to preserve our land and our resources. This message comes at odds with many other beneficial endeavors our city government has implemented over the years and it risks neutralizing or reversing many progresses our city has made in the area of environmental preservation. I am genuinely saddened by this sudden setback and feel distressed enough to write to all of you urging you to reconsider this decision.

Last, but not least, we shall not overlook the foreseeable burden this might create on our community members, especially those low-income households. Recycling events, sponsored by the city, provide economical means for community members to participate in recycling efforts. When such assistance is pulled back, community members will be required to seek such services elsewhere, which, almost always, means higher costs and subsequently lower usage. Families in the low-income category will especially suffer from their lack of resources to participate in recycling. Take the mattress recycling for instance. The typical cost of taking back a mattress at our city recycling events is around \$15, while it costs over \$80 to have it picked up by a garbage collection agency (like Waste Management).

Understandably, the pandemic has brought in unprecedented hardship to our city budget and many items are forced to be cut. It is my hope that our city government does not neglect one of our main focuses as an environmentally conscious and active community and strives to support our environment during this difficult time. Thank you for your consideration!

Sophie Kong

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Ann Daaga](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: RECYCLING EVENTS  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:56:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Phillip,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 12:48 PM  
**To:** Ann Daaga <daagapa@gmail.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RECYCLING EVENTS

Hello Ann,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we will add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight (12/3) as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Ann Daaga <[daagapa@gmail.com](mailto:daagapa@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 12:03 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RECYCLING EVENTS

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hi, I have lived in Redmond for over 40 years and am proud of the city and the way the city has handled growth management and the improvements to the city including the park downtown. I have heard that the council is considering stopping the recycling events and that would be a loss to me. At the present time I have quite a few things I have been storing up waiting for the events to resume. I hope the council decides to restart the events as soon as possible.

Thank you, Phillip Daaga

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.



**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [madwiley@gmail.com](mailto:madwiley@gmail.com); [reputnam@gmail.com](mailto:reputnam@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Quarterly recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 3:08:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Madeleine and Rick,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Madeleine Wiley <[madwiley@gmail.com](mailto:madwiley@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>; Richard Putnam <[reputnam@gmail.com](mailto:reputnam@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Redmond Quarterly recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Thank you for your incredibly quick response and for listening! I agree on the sustainability point you bring up and am grateful to you for giving this topic another chance

Thank you also for sending the information on how to listen!

Gratefully,

Madeleine

On Thu, Dec 3, 2020 at 12:48 PM Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)> wrote:

Hello Madeleine,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we will add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight (12/3) as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctvlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond

425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: [4NEX](#) | [15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St](#) | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Madeleine Wiley <[madwiley@gmail.com](mailto:madwiley@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 12:07 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Richard Putnam <[reputnam@gmail.com](mailto:reputnam@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Redmond Quarterly recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I heard through Nextdoor Neighbor, that Redmond is considering cancelling these wonderful events that we have so appreciated. My husband, Rick Putnam, and I take full advantage of these events and participate almost every quarter.

Not only are these events wonderful for us in that they save us time in figuring out where to take all the recycling things like toilets, sinks, mattresses, styrofoam, etc., we feel we are doing the right thing to reduce the impact on climate change.

It is a lot of work to figure out how to take things like light bulbs, or hot water heaters to the Factoria site.

I am so grateful to Redmond for these events and hope that you will NOT cancel them. You save us time and money and I believe you are doing the right thing for the environment.

Thank you for listening.

Madeleine Wiley and Rick Putnam  
[20401 NE 108th St, Redmond, WA 98053](https://www.google.com/maps/place/20401+NE+108th+St,+Redmond,+WA+98053)  
425 260-7229  
[madwiley@gmail.com](mailto:madwiley@gmail.com)  
[reputnam@gmail.com](mailto:reputnam@gmail.com)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

This message has been scanned for malware by Websense. [www.websense.com](http://www.websense.com)

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [amy.myoraku](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling Event  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:20:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Amy,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☐ 425-556-2101 ☐ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☐ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** amy myoraku <ahmyoraku@yahoo.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling Event

Hello Amy,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday night but we ran out of time.

You are correct, we do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair @Vanessa Kritzer that we will add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight (12/3) as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at Redmond.gov/rctvlive and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** amy myoraku <[ahmyoraku@yahoo.com](mailto:ahmyoraku@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 4:24 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Recycling Event

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear City council members;

I understand you are meeting friday evening to consider the budget for 2021. I urge you to continue to hold the Redmond recycling events at least biannually as they promote a cleaner city and provide opportunity for residents to recycle items that someone else can use and might otherwise end up in our landfills.

Yours truly,  
Amy Myoraku

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [danaz06p@gmail.com](mailto:danaz06p@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond should keep the recycling and collection events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:48:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Dana,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 2:15 PM  
**To:** Dana Z <[danaz06p@gmail.com](mailto:danaz06p@gmail.com)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Redmond should keep the recycling and collection events

Dana,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it from my view goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tomorrow and I am requesting through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we add further consideration of budget offer #216 to our final night of discussions.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Dana Z <[danaz06p@gmail.com](mailto:danaz06p@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 11:52 AM

**To:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Redmond should keep the recycling and collection events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Hello Jessica,

As Redmond residents have been benefited from the recycling and collection events for so many years, I'm writing to urge the city to keep the events for our residents.

The recycling and collection events are so useful to protect our

environment and reduce the dumping and waste. We can handle multiple items at one recycling and collection event so that it encourages our residents to participate these events and to protect our earth in action.

Also, the cost on the events are much more affordable than other resources, and that helps our low income families to save money. For example, the mattress cost is \$15 at this event and about \$35 to request Waste Management for pickup. DTG charges \$29 per mattress.

We understand due to the COVID these events have been canceled for 2020. However, many of our neighbors are expecting to participate the events in 2021.

The COVID has been affected so many families both emotionally and economically. As a city council member, would you like to help our low income families and encourage people to protect environment?

I urge you can speak for us and to keep the recycling and collection events working smoothly.

Thanks,  
Dana Z

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Edwin Musch](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:56:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Ed,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 12:50 PM  
**To:** Edwin Musch <umbau98052@gmail.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling events

Hello Edwin,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday last night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair [@Vanessa Kritzer](#) that we will add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight (12/3) as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Edwin Musch <[umbau98052@gmail.com](mailto:umbau98052@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 12:32 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear City Council,

I've heard that you are currently looking into discontinuing the precious recycling events and I hope you reconsider. We collect a lot of items throughout the year to recycle at those events and whenever I go there, the lines are out the door and super long. So there is a huge demand for that and it would be much more eco friendly keeping those in place. I was hoping they would actually be held 4 times per year and not discontinued. People will not drive to 5 different places to get rid of their recycling, this will all end up in the dumpster which is so bad for the environment. I know we can go to Houghton and do a dump run, but really, nothing gets sorted there and disposed of

properly. We have at least half a garage bay full of styrofoam alone and who is going to drive down to Kent 2-3 times to get rid of it? (it won't fit in one car anymore due to all the cancelled events this year)

Please reconsider, those events are very much appreciated by all of us!

Thank you

Ed

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Monica Hinman](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Budget Comment (Recycling)  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:17:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Monica,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** Monica Hinman <hinman\_m@yahoo.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Budget Comment (Recycling)

Hello Monica,

I am responding as the Ombudsperson for the month of December. Thank you for reaching out on the topic of the Community Recycling events. The Mayor's proposed budget offer #216 cuts the recycling program stating "King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out the City-sponsored recycling events" and that "the community has found alternatives to City-sponsored events."

Speaking on a personal note, this reduction has been on my mind for the past week as it, from my view, goes against Council's core tenant of Sustainability. I was hoping to bring it up at our deliberations Tuesday night but we ran out of time. We do have one more night of Council budget talks tonight and have confirmed through our Finance Chair @Vanessa Kritzer that we will add further consideration of the community recycling events to our discussion. I invite you to listen in to the conversation starting at 7pm tonight (12/3) as using any of the following methods: listen live by dialing 1-510-335-7371 or watch live on RCTV at [Redmond.gov/rctvlive](http://Redmond.gov/rctvlive) and Facebook Live (@CityofRedmond), and on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 34.

Thank you so much for reaching out sharing your concerns about the program and your care for protecting the environment.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Monica Hinman <[hinman\\_m@yahoo.com](mailto:hinman_m@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 3:38 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Budget Comment (Recycling)

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Greetings Council Members:

Thank you for the work that you do on behalf of the Redmond Community.

My comment is initiated by a string on the Next Door Cascadia

site that reported the mayor is planning to permanently eliminate the bi-annual recycling events to reduce budget costs.

Please record my concern for the elimination of the community public service events in the spring and fall that are consistent with city goals regarding environmental sustainability.

Thank you for your reconsideration of the recycling program.

Sincerely,  
Monica R. Hinman

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [yatesbrown@aol.com](mailto:yatesbrown@aol.com)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:22:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Kim,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** [yatesbrown@aol.com](mailto:yatesbrown@aol.com) <[yatesbrown@aol.com](mailto:yatesbrown@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Recycling events

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Council Members,

These recycling events are one of the best uses of our tax dollars! They are so popular the line is two lanes and long!

It is somewhat political suicide to take such a popular and supported event and cut it completely! Think this one through.

While there are many projects and many programs that are questioned by the constituents, this is welcomed by all. In fact, those outside of Redmond point to our Recycle event as a model to be followed. So if we are in leadership with this program, why are you even considering eliminating it?

There are even people who wish they lived in 98052, (instead of 98053) just so they could participate fully!

Part of this event is Waste Management taking bulky garbage. We know Waste Management doesn't do this for free! No, it's built into our garbage rates. So we're paying for this budget or no budget.

In addition to helping people recycle, it also allows many of us to help others in the community such as seniors who can't get items to the dump. I know that we take two or three truckloads (usually one for us and multiple runs for others -- we have the truck) to each event and we have quite a bit currently waiting to go to the next recycle event, from both ourselves and our neighbors.

There is a reason for these events! Prior to these events it was not uncommon to see trash, bulky garbage, mattresses, bulky furniture, couches, etc. strewn along the sides of the road. I don't think we want our town to look like Seattle with all the garbage everywhere.

Speaking of Seattle... I understand that we are now paying an additional portion of sales tax and this is going to Seattle to clean up the garbage and trash caused by the homeless encampments... as part of their homelessness management. I suggest we use this additional sales tax in OUR community! For homelessness and low income support and to keep our own community clean. A part of which can be this recycling event. I would suggest this is a much better use of OUR money.

Of course King County is encouraging the closure of these events... they will be the recipients of dump fees. (People are not going to drive all over to recycle plastics here, metal there, wood over here, batteries over there ... nope all will go into the landfill.

If you think otherwise, you are deluded.)

The recycling events (which started with 4 times and are now 3 times a year, pre covid) are community events that help members of our community and also keeps our community looking fantastic. It also keeps our property values up.

To compromise, maybe look at holding these events 2 times a year (instead of the current three times).

Like I said one of the best uses of our tax dollars.

Let's hope the City Council doesn't get this one wrong!

Thank you.

Kim Yates

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Greg McNaghten](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Dump day  
**Date:** Friday, December 4, 2020 10:39:43 AM

---

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Please let the council know I oppose ending our recycle events - Greg McNaghten  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Carol McNaghten](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Recycling Evers  
**Date:** Friday, December 4, 2020 10:38:37 AM

---

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I've recently read that you are considering stopping the four recycling events for Redmond residents. I urge you not to do this. These are very beneficial events and we look forward to them. If budget is a concern, decrease the number of events but do not eliminate them completely.

Please forward this email to the city council.

Thank you.

Carol McNaghten

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Don Estberg](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** To City Council: I support continuing the Redmond Recycling Events  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:07:55 PM

---

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Thanks you,  
Don Estberg, Redmond resident

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** Rosemarie <[ivesredmond@aol.com](mailto:ivesredmond@aol.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, December 6, 2020 7:42 PM

**To:** Mayor (Internet) <[Mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:Mayor@redmond.gov)>

**Cc:** Malisa Files <[mfiles@REDMOND.GOV](mailto:mfiles@REDMOND.GOV)>; Dave Juarez <[djuarez@redmond.gov](mailto:djuarez@redmond.gov)>; Vanessa Kritzer <[vkritzer@redmond.gov](mailto:vkritzer@redmond.gov)>; Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** McKinstry Report, 2018 and the 2021-22 Budget

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Mayor Birney,

Because of the nature of my inquiry and request for information, I am writing to you because I am uncertain as to whom on your staff can respond quickly...whether it is the Finance Director or the Public Works Director who during my tenure had responsibility for all city facilities. I am also including Councilmember Kritzer, council Finance chair, who is facilitating council budget deliberations as well as including the rest of the council.

The budget process has been very difficult to follow even for someone like myself. It has been impossible to know what and when the council would be discussing or had discussed many issues that are related to the budget. So it prevented the opportunity for the public to submit questions or concerns in a timely manner to the council.

With the abrupt closure of the Senior Center in September of 2019 and now upon my return to Redmond after several months away the reality of the center's demolition, the McKinstry Report of December, 2018 is ever present in my mind. I read the report two years ago. It very clearly stated that 20 out of 27 city buildings were in "poor or worse than poor" condition. I cannot think of any other Capital Improvement Project of more importance and urgency than assuring that city buildings are safe for employees and for the public.

I have read through the 2021-22 budget. I cannot find any specific information about the McKinstry Report, nor an updated analysis of the remaining 19 buildings in "poor or worse than poor" condition. nor planned expenditures within the next two years of the proposed budget as well as what expenditures are planned for the following four years, consistent with the City's six year horizon for its capital improvement plan.

It appears that the council has been discussing many different and often disparate issues and are nearing a final vote on the budget...though it's only the beginning of the second week of December with lots of time to complete the final approval of a budget before the end of the month. These issues are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, each issue having its own identity and associated costs. And now the pieces are coming together so that each councilmember can assess what the "big" picture is and whether or not it best addresses the priorities of the community.

So I hope, Mayor Birney, that you will see to it that the appropriate staff will get back to me with the information. It would be helpful also to know if/when staff briefed the council on the McKinstry Report in this 2021-22 budget process. Though I understand that the public hearing has been closed, I intend to email all of them with my opinion on the single most important capital need.

Thank you in advance.

Rosemarie Ives

I

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** Retired Golfer <[tim.nappen@gmail.com](mailto:tim.nappen@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 10:26 AM

**To:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** New Financial Policy approved at 12/3/20 Council Meeting affecting Senior/Community Center

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Redmond Mayor and City Council:

Was extremely disappointed on City Council's action at latest 12/3/20 meeting regarding the passing of a new financial policy limiting future CIP projects to a debt-to-equity ratio of 1 to 1.

Your passing of this new policy puts the recommended 42-million-dollar expenditure by Redmond Senior Center Stakeholders and Redmond Parks and Recreation at risk.

Making this change in 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the budget approval without community input makes the Council look less than transparent and makes Stakeholders think you have a different view of what the Senior/Community Center should be. Am hoping that was not your intent.

As I understand it, your new financial policy would limit the City from issuing debt for the rebuild of the Redmond Senior/Community Center to a 30 million expenditure unless we seek a levy vote or get significant "outside contributions" from other sources (e.g., State of Washington or an outside partnership).

If this is not your intended action, please explain and give Stakeholders guidance so we can feel assured we still are on track for a projected 42-million-dollar expenditure to replace the Senior/Community Center.

**But if our assumptions are correct..., your action is not suitable and ask you to rethink your decision.**

May I remind you, those "outside contributions" mentioned above are uncertain and the Senior/Community Center needs to move forward with assumption..., the City well need to fully fund the 42-million-dollar amount.

While I support Councils view to have financial policies to maintain reasonable controls, such as a prudent debt to equity ratio, I would point out this should be an overall measurement and NOT a strict standard applied on a project-by-project basis. By doing so, it really limits Redmond's flexibility of using it debt to fund projects.

Please let me explain.

Historically would expect that CIP projects have required various levels of debt. Some higher than the 1 to 1 ratio and some less. Some projects have an income producing side to them and as result need adjustment for higher equity value based on value of future income streams to justify additional debt. Others will have outside funding sources to support higher debt levels it. And last, some may have an emergency or urgency to replace infrastructure or damaged assets for essential community needs (i.e., Senior/Community Center) and need flexibility to fund higher debt levels to serve deemed essential needs.

As a result, using this new financial policy as a main qualifying factor (by project) could be short sided and would leaving priority projects only partially funded. Furthermore, this new policy could lead to more projects to seek needed funding via tax levies which is uncertain at best. This will burden City (Staff) resources to administer and may lead to increased voter fatigue for other levies affecting schools, fire districts, etc., creating negative outcomes.

Finally, I remind you, the City and Council asked for our community input, study & recommendation. After many surveys, meetings, and review, your Stakeholder's gave thoughtful analysis and proposals with consideration for City's finances. Obviously, the Stakeholders have a personal stake in making sure this Senior/Community Center gets completed. Having said that, we also care about our community and its needs and hope the Council has a similar vision as it relates to this project. Am sure you all agree that Redmond is a special place. This proposed Redmond Senior/Community Center once completed, will be a cornerstone to the City's footprint and have widespread use by ALL residents. Please don't put its outcome at risk with inflexible internal policies.

**Again, please reconsider the financial policy you passed and amend it such that a special project like the Senior/Community Center can move forward without the cloud of a future levy needed to fund the 42-million-dollar project.**

Respectfully,

Tim Nappen  
Redmond Senior Center Stakeholder

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Jenny Lybeck](#)  
**To:** [Jessica Forsythe](#); [Patty Estes](#); [City Clerk](#); [Mayor \(Internet\)](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycle Events  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 12:28:07 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Patty and Darryl,

Thank you for your email and I apologize for the missing page. We're *right* in the middle of an upgrade to the Environmental Sustainability section of the website and the page was accidentally removed as we update the format and content. The page should be back up within the next few days and I'll be sure to follow up with you directly when it's live. In the meantime you can access the [full Plan](#) as well as the background work to develop the Plan on our [Let'sConnect page](#).

To your second question, Redmond community members can bring their materials to the Factoria Transfer Station for more comprehensive recycling options. If you scroll about halfway down the page on the [Factoria Transfer Station website](#), they've outlined a list of accepted materials. You can also explore our "[What Goes Where](#)" tool for other tough to recycle items you may have.

Don't hesitate to reach out directly to me if you have any questions on the Sustainability Plan, or to our [Solid Waste team](#) for any waste and recycling questions.

Thanks-  
Jenny

**Jenny Lybeck** (she/her)  
Environmental Sustainability Program Manager  
City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2121 ☎ [jlybeck@redmond.gov](mailto:jlybeck@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** Patty Estes <[dpc.estes@gmail.com](mailto:dpc.estes@gmail.com)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>; Mayor (Internet) <[Mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:Mayor@redmond.gov)>; Jenny Lybeck <[jlybeck@redmond.gov](mailto:jlybeck@redmond.gov)>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycle Events

Hello Darryl & Patty,

Thank you for the heads up about the missing Environmental Sustainability Action Plan. I did some further digging and came up with the same results. I have copied our [@City Clerk](#) who might be able to get you a copy or lead us to whomever can resolve the issue.

Thank you also for pointing out the problems with diverting folks to the Houghton Transfer Station. I am coping [@Mayor \(Internet\)](#) Birney and [@Jenny Lybeck](#) in case they would like to further elaborate on recycling options.

Thank you for being passionate about protecting the environment and an engaged resident. Stay safe, stay healthy.

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Patty Estes <[dpc.estes@gmail.com](mailto:dpc.estes@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 6, 2020 7:40 PM  
**To:** Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycle Events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Councilmember Jessica,

Thank you Jessica for your response. We appreciate you and our fellow council members who voted in favor of maintaining the annual recycling events.

After listening to the Council meeting, we were interested in learning more about the new Environmental Sustainability Action Plan mentioned by Mayor Birney. And, we wanted to learn more about the new voucher programs that will be introduced in 2021. However, it appears the plan is not available on the City website.

<https://www.redmond.gov/1461/2020-Environmental-Sustainability-Action>

Also, Mayor Birney referred to the Houghton Transfer Station several times as a facility that accepts many recyclable items. This facility only accepts items for recycling that are currently available for curbside pickup through our garbage service plan with Waste Management.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Darryl & Patty Estes

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe [<mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 05, 2020 1:41 PM  
**To:** [dpc.estes@gmail.com](mailto:dpc.estes@gmail.com); MayorCouncil  
**Subject:** RE: Recycle Events

Hello Darryl & Patty,

Thank you for your email and concern for the Recycling Events. I am responding as the ombuds person for the month of December.

After much public input this week about the Recycling Events, the Council took up the conversation again on Thursday night. You can watch that conversation here: [City of Redmond, Washington - Government - City Council Special Meeting -December 4, 2020 | Facebook](#)

A brief recap would be: The program is identified as costing the city \$125,479 and proposed as a reduction. The Mayor and staff elaborated that the City has been working on alternatives to the Recycling Events. A motion was made by Council Member Fields to host one more Recycling Event at the cost of \$50,000 to the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Forsythe. The motion failed 3 to 4 with Council Members Fields, Forsythe, Khan, voting in support of the Motion.

Personally, I share your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to contact City Council to share your concerns.

Thank you,

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** [dpc.estes@gmail.com](mailto:dpc.estes@gmail.com) <[dpc.estes@gmail.com](mailto:dpc.estes@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 10:02 AM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Recycle Events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Council,

Please do not cancel these important events in our city. With the increase of residents to our city,

the trash will most definitely build up in homeowner's yards, along the Sammamish Trail (already a problem), and other open space areas in the city. If recycling is not made easy for the consumer, it is our opinion that it will not happen. People will find it 'too much work and time' to bother taking it to a recycle facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Darryl & Patty Estes

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

This message has been scanned for malware by Websense. [www.websense.com](http://www.websense.com)

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Julia Goldstein](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 1:21:32 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 5, 2020 1:51 PM  
**To:** Julia Goldstein <julia@jlfgoldstein.com>; Council <Council@redmond.gov>; Mayor (Internet) <Mayor@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond Recycling Events

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your email and concern for the Recycling Events. I am responding as the ombuds person for the month of December.

Thank you for sharing the information on your upcoming online workshop with Council. I respectfully request the [@Mayor \(Internet\)](#) follow up on your questions regarding the future of the programs, alternatively you can watch the full conversation to see if any of your questions were addressed. You can watch that conversation here: [City of Redmond, Washington -Government - City Council Special Meeting -December 4, 2020 | Facebook](#)

A brief recap would be: The program is identified as costing the city \$125,479 and proposed as a reduction. The Mayor and staff elaborated that the City has been working on alternatives to the Recycling Events. A motion was made by Council Member Fields to host one more Recycling Event at the cost of \$50,000 to the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Forsythe. The motion failed 3 to 4 with Council Members Fields, Forsythe, Khan, voting in support of the Motion.

Personally, I share your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to contact City Council to share your concerns.

Thank you,

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Julia Goldstein <[julia@jlfgoldstein.com](mailto:julia@jlfgoldstein.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:06 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Redmond Recycling Events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Council members,

I happened to see the discussion about canceling the twice-yearly Redmond recycling events in my feed on NextDoor just after I posted a notice for my online recycling workshop on December 13th: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/131622718093>

As others have mentioned, the semiannual recycling events are well-attended and offer the convenience of one-stop drop-off for many types of items. It sounds as though the council has already decided to discontinue them, which is unfortunate.

What exactly are you planning to offer in place of the events? Alternatives like Terracycle are quite expensive. I subscribe to Ridwell, but even that service is beyond the budget of many Redmond families. Driving around to multiple locations to drop off light bulbs, batteries, Styrofoam, and other items that don't belong in curbside recycling wastes time and energy.

People need solutions that are convenient and free (or covered by the price they already pay to Waste Management).

I am happy to get involved and help expand options for Redmond residents. People want to do the right thing but need clear guidelines that make it easy to reduce waste and recycle correctly.

Thanks,  
Julia Goldstein

**JLFG Communications**

[jifgoldstein.com](http://jifgoldstein.com) (corporate content writing)

[juliagoldsteinauthor.com](http://juliagoldsteinauthor.com) (books and blog)

Have you read *Material Value*? Please [write a review](#) to help other readers discover it. Want to up your recycling game? [Rethink the Bins](#) is available now.

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Helen Bodkin](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond recycling events  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 1:42:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

---

Hello Helen,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
Sent: Saturday, December 5, 2020 1:41 PM  
To: Helen Bodkin <bodkhj1@gmail.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
Subject: RE: Redmond recycling events

Hello Helen,

Thank you for your email and concern for the Recycling Events. I am responding as the ombuds person for the month of December.

After much public input this week about the Recycling Events, the Council took up the conversation again on Thursday night. You can watch that conversation here: [City of Redmond, Washington - Government - City Council Special Meeting -December 4, 2020 | Facebook](#)

A brief recap would be: The program is identified as costing the city \$125,479 and proposed as a reduction. The Mayor and staff elaborated that the City has been working on alternatives to the Recycling Events. A motion was made by Council Member Fields to host one more Recycling Event at the cost of \$50,000 to the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Forsythe. The motion failed 3 to 4 with Council Members Fields, Forsythe, Khan, voting in support of the Motion.

Personally, I share your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to contact City Council to share your concerns.

Thank you,

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond

425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85th St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Helen Bodkin <[bodkhj1@gmail.com](mailto:bodkhj1@gmail.com)>

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:16 PM

To: Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

Subject: Redmond recycling events

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I really appreciate the Redmond recycling events and am hoping that this is just a temporary cancellation due to Covid. Please reconsider restoring the recycling events. Maybe we could cancel some other less environmentally friendly event like fireworks. Thanks Helen Bodkin 40 yr resident of Redmond

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [neumeierv@msn.com](mailto:neumeierv@msn.com)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: recycling events  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 2:30:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

---

Hello Vicki,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the following resources are available:

- Redmond community members can bring their materials to the Factoria Transfer Station for more comprehensive recycling options. If you scroll about halfway down the page on the [Factoria Transfer Station website](#), they've outlined a list of accepted materials.
- The City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home.
- The King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally.
- The state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well.

With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)

Mayor, City of Redmond

---

☐ 425-556-2101 ☐ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☐ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 5, 2020 1:44 PM  
**To:** Victoria Neumeier <neumeierv@msn.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: recycling events

Hello Victoria,

Thank you for your email and concern for the Recycling Events. I am responding as the ombuds person for the month of December.

After much public input this week about the Recycling Events, the Council took up the conversation again on Thursday night. You can watch that conversation here: [City of Redmond, Washington - Government - City Council Special Meeting -December 4, 2020 | Facebook](#)

A brief recap would be: The program is identified as costing the city \$125,479 and proposed as a reduction. The Mayor and staff elaborated that the City has been working on alternatives to the Recycling Events. A motion was made by Council Member Fields to host one more Recycling Event at the cost of \$50,000 to the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Forsythe. The motion failed 3 to 4 with Council Members Fields, Forsythe, Khan, voting in support of the Motion.

Personally, I share your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to contact City Council to share your concerns.

Thank you,

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Victoria Neumeier <[neumeierv@msn.com](mailto:neumeierv@msn.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 8:06 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Please do not stop the recycling events. It is very useful for all of us.

Thank-you,

Vicki Neumeier  
14111 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Ct  
Redmond, WA 98052  
425-336-1525

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Greg McNaghten](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor/Council](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Dump day  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 3:47:27 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Greg,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the following resources are available:

- Redmond community members can bring their materials to the Factoria Transfer Station for more comprehensive recycling options. If you scroll about halfway down the page on the [Factoria Transfer Station website](#), they've outlined a list of accepted materials.
- The City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home.
- The King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally.
- The state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well.

With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)

Mayor, City of Redmond

---

☐ 425-556-2101 ☐ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☐ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Greg McNaghten <gsmcn1977@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 10:40 AM

To: City Clerk <CityClerk@redmond.gov>

Subject: Dump day

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Please let the council know I oppose ending our recycle events - Greg McNaghten  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Angela Birney <abirney@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 3:50 PM  
**To:** Carol McNaghten <carolmcfirst@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling Evers

Hello Carol,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the following resources are available:

- Redmond community members can bring their materials to the Factoria Transfer Station for more comprehensive recycling options. If you scroll about halfway down the page on the [Factoria Transfer Station website](#), they've outlined a list of accepted materials.
- The City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home.
- The King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally.
- The state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well.

With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

---

☎ 425-556-2101 ✉ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) 🖱 [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:4NEX • 15670 NE 85th St • PO Box 97010 • Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessica Forsythe <[jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov)>

Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 10:54 AM

To: Carol McNaghten <[carolmcfirst@gmail.com](mailto:carolmcfirst@gmail.com)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>

Cc: MayorCouncil <[MayorCouncil@redmond.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@redmond.gov)>

Subject: RE: Recycling Evers

Hello Carol,

Thank you for your email and concern for the Recycling Events. I am responding as the ombuds person for the month of December.

Thank you for sharing your concern for the Recycling programs. Council recently took up the topic in our 12/3 deliberations and you can watch that conversation here:

[https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fredmond.granicus.com%2Fplayer%2Fclip%2F1797%3Fview\\_id%3D2%26redirect%3Dtrue&data=04%7C01%7CMayorCouncilSharedMailbox%40redmond.gov%7C12e2b946a23546fcc1ac08d89ae16a80%7Ccb894d07355f495fb9c1a2a6d84a7468%7C0%7C0%7C637429640233917879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VZDEgo94nj77wk5HWavooq%2Fa8owYnRKW2t3cnWQYbSs%3D&reserved=0](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fredmond.granicus.com%2Fplayer%2Fclip%2F1797%3Fview_id%3D2%26redirect%3Dtrue&data=04%7C01%7CMayorCouncilSharedMailbox%40redmond.gov%7C12e2b946a23546fcc1ac08d89ae16a80%7Ccb894d07355f495fb9c1a2a6d84a7468%7C0%7C0%7C637429640233917879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VZDEgo94nj77wk5HWavooq%2Fa8owYnRKW2t3cnWQYbSs%3D&reserved=0)

A brief recap would be: The program is identified as costing the city \$125,479 and proposed as a reduction. The Mayor and staff elaborated that the City has been working on alternatives to the Recycling Events. A motion was made by Council Member Fields to host one more Recycling Event at the cost of \$50,000 to the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Forsythe. The motion failed 3 to 4 with Council Members Fields, Forsythe, Khan, voting in support of the Motion.

Personally, I share your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to contact City Council to share your concerns.

Thank you,

Jessica Forsythe

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond

425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85th St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol McNaghten <[carolmcfirst@gmail.com](mailto:carolmcfirst@gmail.com)>

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 10:39 AM

To: City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>

Subject: Recycling Evers

External Email Warning! Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

I've recently read that you are considering stopping the four recycling events for Redmond residents. I urge you not to do this. These are very beneficial events and we look forward to them. If budget is a concern, decrease the number of events but do not eliminate them completely.

Please forward this email to the city council.

Thank you.

Carol McNaghten

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Maffeo](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recycle Events Cancellation  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 1:31:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Sandra,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 5, 2020 1:42 PM  
**To:** Sandra Maffeo <smaffeo@hotmail.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Recycle Events Cancellation

Hello Sandra,

Thank you for your email and concern for the Recycling Events. I am responding as the ombuds person for the month of December.

After much public input this week about the Recycling Events, the Council took up the conversation again on Thursday night. You can watch that conversation here: [City of Redmond, Washington - Government - City Council Special Meeting -December 4, 2020 | Facebook](#)

A brief recap would be: The program is identified as costing the city \$125,479 and proposed as a reduction. The Mayor and staff elaborated that the City has been working on alternatives to the Recycling Events. A motion was made by Council Member Fields to host one more Recycling Event at the cost of \$50,000 to the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Forsythe. The motion failed 3 to 4 with Council Members Fields, Forsythe, Khan, voting in support of the Motion.

Personally, I share your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to contact City Council to share your concerns.

Thank you,

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond

425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Sandra Maffeo <[smaffeo@hotmail.com](mailto:smaffeo@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:06 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Recycle Events Cancellation

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Dear Councilmembers,

I read today in Nextdoor Neighbor that you were considering cancelling recycling events permanently. I am strongly opposed to this. I feel that this is a good use of taxpayer money and should be included in the budget.

Sincerely,

Sandra Maffeo

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Nancy L](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Keep Redmond recycling events  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 1:54:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

---

Hello Nancy,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home. Similarly, the King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally, and the state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well. With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)  
Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 5, 2020 1:44 PM  
**To:** Nancy L <nancytudorof@gmail.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Keep Redmond recycling events

Hello Nancy,

Thank you for your email and concern for the Recycling Events. I am responding as the ombuds person for the month of December.

After much public input this week about the Recycling Events, the Council took up the conversation again on Thursday night. You can watch that conversation here: [City of Redmond, Washington - Government - City Council Special Meeting -December 4, 2020 | Facebook](#)

A brief recap would be: The program is identified as costing the city \$125,479 and proposed as a reduction. The Mayor and staff elaborated that the City has been working on alternatives to the Recycling Events. A motion was made by Council Member Fields to host one more Recycling Event at the cost of \$50,000 to the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Forsythe. The motion failed 3 to 4 with Council Members Fields, Forsythe, Khan, voting in support of the Motion.

Personally, I share your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to contact City Council to share your concerns.

Thank you,

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Nancy L <[nancytudorof@gmail.com](mailto:nancytudorof@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 7:38 PM

**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>

**Subject:** Keep Redmond recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Please do not cut redmond recycling events. They are important for the city. They are important for residents and businesses. Much more will likely end up in the trash or illegally dumped if these events cease to be sponsored by the city.

Please don't cut these events.

Sincerely,

Nancy Logan

8980 Redmond-Woodinville Rd NE #303, Redmond, WA 98052

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Amol Agarwal](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond city recycling events  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 2:40:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Amol,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the following resources are available:

- Redmond community members can bring their materials to the Factoria Transfer Station for more comprehensive recycling options. If you scroll about halfway down the page on the [Factoria Transfer Station website](#), they've outlined a list of accepted materials.
- The City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home.
- The King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally.
- The state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well.

With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)

Mayor, City of Redmond

---

☎ 425-556-2101 ☎ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☎ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 5, 2020 1:46 PM  
**To:** Amol Agarwal <amol.agarwal1@gmail.com>; MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Redmond city recycling events

Hello Amol,

Thank you for your email and concern for the Recycling Events. I am responding as the ombuds person for the month of December.

After much public input this week about the Recycling Events, the Council took up the conversation again on Thursday night. You can watch that conversation here: [City of Redmond, Washington - Government - City Council Special Meeting -December 4, 2020 | Facebook](#)

A brief recap would be: The program is identified as costing the city \$125,479 and proposed as a reduction. The Mayor and staff elaborated that the City has been working on alternatives to the Recycling Events. A motion was made by Council Member Fields to host one more Recycling Event at the cost of \$50,000 to the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Forsythe. The motion failed 3 to 4 with Council Members Fields, Forsythe, Khan, voting in support of the Motion.

Personally, I share your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to contact City Council to share your concerns.

Thank you,

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Amol Agarwal <[amol.agarwal1@gmail.com](mailto:amol.agarwal1@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 3:48 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@redmond.gov](mailto:Council@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** Redmond city recycling events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Please keep redmond recycling events. They are helpful for the community.

I live in grass lawn park Redmond.

Amol

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.

**From:** [Angela Birney](#)  
**To:** [Don Estberg](#)  
**Cc:** [MayorCouncil](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: To City Council: I support continuing the Redmond Recycling Events  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 3:48:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

---

Hello Don,

Thank you for your email and concern. The 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan encourages cities to phase out city-sponsored recycling events, and instead use the available grant funds to support other waste reduction and recycling efforts. Similarly, in our evaluation of the recycling events, we found that only about 4% of Redmond households take advantage of the program and half of the materials disposed of at the events are actually non-recyclable materials. In response to these factors, staff are developing new programs that will be more effective at increasing Redmond's recycling rates as we work towards aggressive waste diversion targets in support of our climate and sustainability programming.

Do note that while we won't have the biannual events moving forward, the following resources are available:

- Redmond community members can bring their materials to the Factoria Transfer Station for more comprehensive recycling options. If you scroll about halfway down the page on the [Factoria Transfer Station website](#), they've outlined a list of accepted materials.
- The City of Redmond website includes a helpful "[What Goes Where](#)" tool that outlines where and how to recycle materials you may have at home.
- The King County [Wastemobile](#) will continue to run events locally.
- The state's new [PaintCare program](#) will increase ongoing paint recycling opportunities locally as well.

With these efforts, along with new partnerships we're cultivating, we are confident Redmond community members will have better, ongoing access to recycle their materials.

Thank you again for your email, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our [Solid Waste staff](#) if you have any waste or recycling questions.

Mayor Birney

**Angela Birney** (she/her/hers)

Mayor, City of Redmond

-----  
☐ 425-556-2101 ☐ [mayor@redmond.gov](mailto:mayor@redmond.gov) ☐ [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov)

MS:4NEX · 15670 NE 85th St · PO Box 97010 · Redmond, WA 98073-9710

Notice of Public Disclosure: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Jessica Forsythe <jforsythe@redmond.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 10:46 AM  
**To:** Don Estberg <donestberg@gmail.com>; City Clerk <CityClerk@redmond.gov>  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil <MayorCouncil@redmond.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: To City Council: I support continuing the Redmond Recycling Events

Hello Don,

Thank you for your email and concern for the Recycling Events. I am responding as the ombuds person for the month of December.

Thank you for sharing the information on your upcoming online workshop with Council. I respectfully request the [@Mayor \(Internet\)](#) follow up on your questions regarding the future of the programs, alternatively you can watch the full conversation to see if any of your questions were addressed. You can watch that conversation here: [City of Redmond, Washington -Government - City Council Special Meeting -December 4, 2020 | Facebook](#)

A brief recap would be: The program is identified as costing the city \$125,479 and proposed as a reduction. The Mayor and staff elaborated that the City has been working on alternatives to the Recycling Events. A motion was made by Council Member Fields to host one more Recycling Event at the cost of \$50,000 to the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Forsythe. The motion failed 3 to 4 with Council Members Fields, Forsythe, Khan, voting in support of the Motion.

Personally, I share your concerns and appreciate you taking the time to contact City Council to share your concerns.

Thank you,

**Jessica Forsythe**

Councilmember | She/Her | City of Redmond  
425.305.7206 | [jforsythe@redmond.gov](mailto:jforsythe@redmond.gov) | [Redmond.gov](http://Redmond.gov)

MS: 4NEX | 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St | Redmond, WA 98052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account is a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

---

**From:** Don Estberg <[donestberg@gmail.com](mailto:donestberg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@redmond.gov](mailto:CityClerk@redmond.gov)>  
**Subject:** To City Council: I support continuing the Redmond Recycling Events

**External Email Warning!** Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments.

Thanks you,  
Don Estberg, Redmond resident

Click [here](#) to report this email as spam.