

First, thank you, Mayor Birney, for signing the 2019 version of the K4C Joint Letter of Commitment on May 19, 2020.

I promised to finish describing the specific commitment updates that are new in the 2019 Letter. Here are the remaining updates:

- Adopt code pathways that lead to reduced water consumption, and the use of building materials with low carbon emissions.
- Adopt ordinances for residential energy disclosure at point of sale.
- Support state legislation that advances conversion to clean energy sources in the built environment. Collaborate with stakeholders, including labor and utilities, to develop energy codes that support the transition to highly efficient and low carbon non-residential and multifamily buildings through the conservation of fossil fuels, use of renewable natural gas, and electrification.
- Achieve a 70% recycling rate countywide.
- Develop a regional strategy through the adopted 2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan to reach zero waste of resources by 2030.
- Protect our most valuable and important resource lands as part of the Land Conservation Initiative.
- Collaborate on the development and implementation of goals and strategies informed by the countywide 30-year forest plan.
- Expand our local food economy, for example by supporting urban and community farming, buying locally produced food, and participating in the Local Food Initiative.
- Develop operational greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets that support shared countywide goals and implement actions that reduce each partners' GHG footprint.
- Electrify municipal vehicles.
- Increase community resilience by planning and preparing for the impacts of climate change on K4C communities and the King County region.
- Expand the K4C model for collaboration to include climate preparedness topics and issues.
- Identify shared climate impact concerns and related needs, and opportunities for addressing those concerns. Engage elected officials and the public on local climate impacts and priorities for action. Consider participating in the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative to advance climate preparedness work in the region.

For 2020, K4C's priorities are:

- Support a price on carbon, based on best available science, that reinvests a substantial share of revenues in efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Support policies that establish and use "cost of carbon" methods for analysis and decision-making.
- Strengthen state climate change targets to align with the Department of Ecology's 2016 recommendations which are complementary to K4C and Growth Management Planning Council adopted targets.

- Support protection for and expansion of funding for public transit.
- Support adoption of cleaner fuel standards.
- Support incentives and investments for electrification of public and private fleets.
- Support funding and expansion of the Commute Trip Reduction program.
- Support policies and incentives to support transit friendly development and easy connections.
- Follow through on the Volkswagen Funding Settlement.
- Support a clear pathway for retirement of fossil fuel energy supplies.
- Support changes in the utility Integrated Resource Planning process.
- Support the Energy Independence Act (I-937) that requires increasing percentages of new energy load to be met by renewable sources other than hydropower.
- Protect core provisions of the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
- And more ...

Again, thank you, Mayor Birney, for signing the Letter of Commitment.

To: Mayor Angela Birney and Redmond City Council
Date: 06/01/20

From: India Association of Western Washington (IAWW)

Re: CARES Act Funding

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

As a community based organization, the India Association of Western Washington (IAWW) has been providing direct support services to families, workers and small businesses in East King County since March 2020. Our work includes efforts to provide or connect our small businesses to emergency rent, food or other basic needs on a case by case basis with our limited resources. In the course of the COVID-19 impacted support services, we have found that the most urgent areas of support include –

- Culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate navigation assistance for immigrant owned businesses. Immigrant-refugee and POC -businesses have a working relationship with community-based organizations like IAWW. Communication on challenges and limitations on ability to apply for relief packages or seek support comes easier when its your own community organization that you work with. Language access, cultural taboos and a sense of failure/loss prevent businesses from reaching outside their trusted circles.
- Direct grants for rent assistance and preparation for reopening with remodeling to address social distancing requirements (barriers, tents and heaters for outdoor expansion) are critical at this time. Our small businesses need to adapt to changing business environments and COVID-19 operational limitations.
- The city of Berkeley, CA has closed some of its streets to allow for small restaurants and businesses to expand into the streets. This helps them serve almost the same number of clients but in a bigger space.

It is our sincere hope that the City Council consider the above-mentioned requests, on behalf of the small business communities that once thrived in the city of Redmond. IAWW is willing to participate in any discussions on the subject along with other community-based organizations.

Thank You

Sincerely

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To: Planning Commission, City of Redmond^[1]_[SEP]

From: Shauna Mindt, Owner Always Greener Downtown^[1]_[SEP]

Re: Expanding Zoning for Retail Marijuana; Planning Commission Recommendation

Good Evening Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am submitting my comments in writing this evening as we continue to observe the current Stay Home Stay Healthy order. I hope that you will be able consider these comments prior to your meeting.

I am writing in support of the Planning Commission Recommendation to expand zoning for retail marijuana. That said, Planning has only recommended three of the five zones that we've requested. We agree with those three, which included BP, MP and I. Planning has not recommended the remaining two zones, NC-1 and NC-2.

Below are my thoughts on why those two zones should also be included:

Regarding NC-2:

- PCC and international chain Starbucks are definitely attracting customers (outside of that immediate neighborhood and I would venture to say from neighboring towns. I personally drive 5 miles out of my way to shop at PCC. (
- This zone is not a "gathering space" other than a few seats at the Starbucks. (This zone is characterized as a strip mall and not a community center. (
- I also question what "residential component" these businesses are bringing? (
- I know for a fact that many people in this area need a cannabis store. I know (this because Hashtag was the top selling store in Redmond when they were located on Avondale at the car wash. Since their closing we have seen many of their customers who are now driving all the way across town. (

Regarding NC-1:

- By the very nature of making this change in zoning, we are looking to the (future. Just because this zone is currently an undeveloped property does not mean that six months from now it could house a perfectly suitable building for our business. (
- As mentioned previously, our businesses are in a lease and when that lease is up we will have literally no options unless zoning is expanded as wide as possible. (
- Please do not leave this zone out simply because of the current status. (

Due to the current Federal status of cannabis, it is extremely difficult for stores to lease commercial space. This is the main reason why we are requesting expanding zones as wide as possible. We simply don't have the options that most other retail businesses do.

In closing, I would like to thank the Planning Commission and Council, as well as City Staff, for working with us to ensure that *all* Redmond residents have easy access to safe recreational and medical cannabis for years to come. It is important that stores are able to located throughout Redmond and not only in the downtown/Old Town core.

I have attached my prior letter to Planning Commission.

Thank you again for your consideration,

Shauna Mindt, Owner Always Greener Downtown

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