

Dear City Council of Redmond and Mayor of Redmond,

Thank you for this opportunity to share my concerns and ideas with you. **My name is Aparna Varadharajan** living at 15105 NE 67th PL, Redmond, WA 98052. I speak as a long-time resident of Redmond and not in any other capacity.

Redmond is doing well right now and are on track to do more. However, we are growing and, to continue to do well decades from now, we need to plan in a way that both the **residents and the environment are thriving in the long run.**

To this end, **I propose a shift in conceptual approach and a specific proposal** and request that you kindly consider these while making decisions that will impact the upcoming plans for the next thirty years.

We need to see sustainability as a multi-dimensional concept that addresses human well-being with emphasis on poverty; affordability; equitable access to education, healthcare, and economic growth; and environmental well-being with focus on energy and resource consumption; emission reduction; air, soil, and water quality. To this end, we need **goals for each parameter and these goals need to be addressed with a systems approach because they are interconnected.**

What that would look like is a master vision document that explicitly states each parameter with the goals that we are striving for. This information is mostly available as various strategic plans adopted by Council, but they are all approached as silos rather than one unified vision. **The idea is to have a single document that lays out ALL the goals and detailed out in the strategic plans. This document will then inform all long-range plans** including the Comp. Plan which is going to be updated soon.

I have emailed you this proposal along with some details. I really hope that you will give this document some serious thought and consideration before we, as a city, finalize our long-term plans in housing, environmental conservation, and the Comprehensive Plan updates. I would be happy to clarify any questions or concerns you may have, and I look forward to the actions you might take.

Thank you for your consideration,

Aparna Varadharajan

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