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Please accept this as a written public comment for tonight's city council meeting.
Thank you.

Shalom Aleichem, and early Shanah Tova - May peace be upon you and may the upcoming new year be good to us all.

My name is David Basior. I am the Rabbi at Kadima Reconstructionist Community, a progressive Jewish community in Seattle with members throughout the region, including in Redmond.

My ancestors, elders, and children all know the experience of hate being directed at them. When such antisemitic rhetoric and action is rehearsed and performed, yes, we must call it out generally. As such, I thank you to the Redmond City Council for condemning anti-Muslim hate last week.

But we must also call out hate specifically. I have enormous gratitude to the 3 council members who are here today who showed bravery to speak out explicitly about the anti-Muslim hate of APPWW. Your vote did not just support our Muslim community

members, but all groups who are specifically targeted by schools of xenophobic racism and hatred.

As long as a person or organization is given a pass for their harmful behavior, we communicate that their violent words and behavior are okay. We tell our young people that it does not matter who communicates and perpetuates hate, that it just matters that the hate exists. Well, as the descendant of people who have been targeted for genocide, let me tell you: it matters who practices hate if we are to be able to confront it. My tradition explores, for love to exist interpersonally and societally, we must both be brave enough and be able to listen thoughtfully enough such that we can call each other in, and, when necessary, call each other out publicly. Without *tochecha*, there is only complicity.

We all know that we are living in a society where unchecked violent words embolden and can lead to violent actions. We have seen it in Charleston, Pittsburgh, Christchurch, and so many more. This was an opportunity to stop such words in their tracks here in our area. May the people of Redmond and the world find the bravery as well as the ability to answer the call of those being targeted by hate, to name those who perpetrate it, spread it, and give it a platform.

To my Muslim neighbors and friends, so many in the Jewish community hear you and will continue to rise up with you against the threat of violence directed at you. We simply ask that anyone and everyone who is in a position of power and leadership does the same.

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L'hayim,
Rabbi David

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Please enter the following comments under **Items From the Audience at the September 15 City Council Meeting.**

This message from the Redmond Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) echoes the urgent need for visionary thinking about an expanded senior center and community center.

The 2017 Community Center Stakeholders Report underlined Redmond residents' need for community centers, not only for seniors but also for residents of all ages. We have an opportunity to further address these needs in the Senior Center rebuild.

Support for a building with a dedicated Senior space with potential for additional stories has drawn support from citizens and from various community groups.

Not only was Redmond's Senior Center visionary but through the years it became what one participant dubbed "the gold standard" for centers in the state. The RSC draws numerous participants not only from Redmond but also from surrounding cities, demonstrating inclusion and diversity.

Redmond's population growth, particularly for the aging population, isn't going to slow down. This only adds to the need for more and flexible shared space than was available in the building to be demolished.

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Francis and Sandy Marion, co-chairs of the Redmond Senior Center Advisory Committee

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I've had the pleasure of experiencing all the Senior Center had to offer. It seemed like it was always full of people using and enjoying the space. Sadly, it seems the current plan is to create a multi function venue.

I think Seniors need a dedicated space designed to fit program needs. Perhaps part of the new building could be designed for Senior use only, and the rest could be multi use, with kitchen overlap for both areas.

(This is for the Audience Comment part of the Agenda.)

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