

Exhibit A: Staff Recommended Changes to Redmond's Comprehensive Plan

Goals, Vision and Framework Policy Element

FW-11 Plan to accommodate a future population of ~~65,700~~ 72,000 people and an employment base of ~~106,000~~ 118,000 jobs in the City of Redmond by the year 2022.

Land Use Element

Table LU-1
Redmond Development
2002 Actual and 2022 Growth Target

	2002	Increase	2022 Growth Target
Dwelling Units	20,660	9,727 12,840	30,387 33,500
Commercial Space (Million GFA)	26.73	8.06 11.31	34.79 38.04
<i>GFA = Square feet of gross floor area</i>			

Economic Vitality Element

Introduction

Economic vitality is essential to the success of a community such as Redmond, which strives to provide a range of employment, retailing, service, and recreational opportunities for its residents. Further, economic vitality is important to Redmond as it will provide for a successful and sustainable community and help achieve the overall goals of the land use plan.

In 1993 the employment within the City was 39,000 but by 2004 employment had doubled to 79,500. This significant growth in jobs places Redmond as the fourth largest employment center within the four county central Puget Sound areas. While much of this growth has been in software and businesses services, there has also been significant growth in the communications and retailing. Redmond has shown a net job increase almost every year since 1993. However, traditional manufacturing has during this same period [1993-2004] shown a decline.

In addition to its central geographic location in King County, the City has many demographic characteristics which support its continued economic vitality. For example, 60 percent of Redmond's 2000 population is between the ages of 25 and 64 which are considered prime earning years by economists and is significantly above the national and regional percentages. Another significant factor is educational attainment and within Redmond 56 percent of women and 65 percent of the men over the age of 25 have either a college degree or professional certificate.

The Puget Sound Regional Council has forecasted that jobs could increase within Redmond to *100,000 in 2020 and 111,000 by 2030*. The City plans to accommodate up to a total of ~~106,000~~ 118,000 jobs by the year 2022, which is consistent with the region's 20-year employment target, for the period 2002 to 2022, for Redmond.

Note – staff will check on potential updates to the italicized text.