

# REDMOND 2050

## **Virtual Community Workshop: Accommodating Future Growth November 18, 2020**

### **Transcript of Mayor's Welcoming Remarks**

Welcome all of you this evening. Thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to participate in this.

Thank you joining with your neighbors tonight to talk about the future of our great city. I'm Mayor Angela Birney. I truly value your participation in this conversation, as one of my priorities as Mayor is to engage with the community in a transparent way so that city decision-making is informed by members of our community. Tonight we'll be talking about how Redmond should grow and evolve over the next 30 years. While change is inevitable, you have a role to shape Redmond's vision for the future and ensure that growth over the next 30 years aligns with that vision. Your feedback tonight will inform updates to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan as part of our Redmond 2050 effort. The Comprehensive Plan is the planning document that guides decision making in transportation, housing, the natural environment, economic vitality, and other areas.

Our Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2011. At that time, our focus was creating two urban centers in Downtown and Overlake and advancing sustainability. Now we are starting the conversation around what updates and changes are needed to these policies to help us meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Under a state law known as the Growth Management Act, Redmond and other communities around the state must plan to accommodate growth to reduce sprawl and ensure we can meet the future needs of our communities. Under the law, Redmond can't say "no growth," but we can say, "growth will go here and look like this."

Tonight, I encourage you to talk about what values we hold that we want to be reflected in our policies, what qualities and features of Redmond are important to preserve and maintain and where change is needed to meet future community needs.

The project team will be listening and will follow up to share how we are incorporating your feedback into our Redmond 2050 project and Comprehensive Plan update. So please continue to stay engaged as we move through this update together.

Thank you again for your commitment to the Redmond community and helping plan our future. I'm really looking forward to hearing your thoughts on these important topics.